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Notification: Survey on the process of reviewing IPBES at the conclusion of its first work programme

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

I would like to invite you to respond to a questionnaire to seek your opinion on the process of reviewing the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) conducted at the conclusion of its first work programme.

As you know, the Plenary mandated, as part of the first work programme, a review of the effectiveness of the administrative and scientific functions of IPBES. An internal review, led by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau, was undertaken in the intersessional period between IPBES 5 and IPBES 6. An external review by a review panel comprising 10 members was completed in time for IPBES 7 which considered its report.

In decision IPBES-7/1, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary to seek the views of members of IPBES and other stakeholders on the process of reviewing IPBES at the closure of its first work programme.

In the same decision, the Plenary requested the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to review the process of reviewing IPBES at the closure of its first work programme (2014-2018), taking into account the views expressed by members and stakeholders and to prepare draft terms of reference for a midterm review of IPBES during its work programme up to 2030, for consideration by the Plenary at its ninth session.

In this context, I would like to invite you to complete the questionnaire available [here](#) by **7 February 2022**.

I would like to encourage you to support IPBES in this endeavor to continuously improve its effectiveness.

I thank you for your continued support to IPBES.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anne Larigaudou'.

Dr. Anne Larigauderie | Executive Secretary
Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)