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1- Reminder: Second external review of the IPBES transformative change assessment now closing Friday, 2 February 2024.

2- Save-the-date: Additional Government review of the summary for policymakers of the IPBES transformative change assessment

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

1- Reminder

With reference to notification [EM/2023/34](#) (20 September 2023), I would like to remind you that the second external review of the assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment), focusing on the second draft of the chapters and the first draft of the summary for policymakers, will close shortly. The deadline has been extended from 31 January to **2 February 2024**.

If you would like to participate as an expert reviewer for the **second external review of the transformative change assessment**, please follow these steps:

1. Register as a user of the IPBES website (<https://ipbes.net/user/register>) if you have not already done so;
2. Register to review the draft assessment at <https://www.ipbes.net/registration/transformative-change/sod>;
3. Once registered, you will receive an email providing confidential access to the draft chapters, summary for policymakers, and glossary of the assessment;
4. Comments must be submitted in English using the Excel comment template available on the same webpage as the draft documents;
5. Comments must be submitted electronically via the IPBES website; when you are ready to submit your comments, please upload your completed Excel template no later than **2 February 2024** using the “Add Review” button on the same page as the draft documents (you must be logged in to upload your template);
6. If you encounter any technical issues uploading your comments template, please contact mea-ipbes-registration@un.org.

2- Save-the-date

In addition, in decision IPBES-10/1, the Plenary decided to enable Governments to undertake an additional review of the summary for policymakers of the transformative change assessment, if

considered feasible by the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and co-chairs of the assessments within the time constraints of the assessment.

I am pleased to announce that the additional Government review of the summary for policymakers of the transformative change assessment will be open from **27 May to 16 June 2024 (3 weeks)**. Further information will be shared in due course.

I thank you for your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,



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