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Dear IPBES Member States and Observers,

As part of the open, transparent and collaborative process in the development of IPBES assessment reports, we would like to inform you that the external **First Order Draft review by experts** of the IPBES thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration (Deliverable 3bi) and of the four regional assessments (Africa, Asia Pacific, Americas, Europe and Central Asia) on biodiversity and ecosystem services (Deliverable 2b) will run for 6 weeks (**30 May-11 July 2016**).

The secretariat invites all prospective expert reviewers with relevant knowledge and/or experience to fill the registration form that will be made available on 30 May. More information on the registration process will be circulated by email and posted on the website (www.ipbes.net) 30 May 2016.

All names of expert reviewers who provide comments will be published on the IPBES website and acknowledged in the Annex of the respective report.

I take this opportunity to remind you of the letter from the IPBES Chair of 11 March 2016 ([EM 2016 22](#)) regarding the ongoing nomination process for experts for the Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (Deliverable 2c), scoping experts for the thematic assessment of the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity (Deliverable 3biii) and fellows to participate in the IPBES Fellowship Pilot Programme of Deliverable 2c. Interested experts (nominees) are requested to fill out their application form no later than **05 May 2016**. Nominators (governments or organisations) should submit approved applications by **15 May 2016** at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

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