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Dear IPBES Member States and Observers,

We would like to invite you to provide your views on the draft terms of reference for the review of the effectiveness of the administrative and scientific functions of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, contained in annex VII to decision IPBES-4/1.

You will recall that in its decision IPBES-2/5, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services requested the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in consultation with the Bureau to develop a procedure for the review of the effectiveness of administrative and scientific functions of the Platform (deliverable 4 (e)).

Draft terms of reference for the review were provided in document IPBES/4/16, and further developed during the fourth meeting of the Plenary. In its decision IPBES-4/1, the Plenary invited governments and stakeholders to provide views on the draft (contained in annex VII to decision IPBES-4/1), taking into account the need to integrate the internal and external elements of the review.

The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, in consultation with the Bureau, will further refine the scope and terms of reference of the review in light of your comments for consideration by the Plenary at its fifth session.

The draft terms of reference (annex VII to decision IPBES-4/1) are available [here](#).

Thank you very much for using the [template for comments](#), and for sending it to secretariat@ipbes.net no later than 24 June 2016.

With very best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Larigauderie'.

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