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Dear IPBES Member and Observer States of Africa

I would like to inform you that one of the members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel from the African region, Ms. Charlotte Karibuhoye, from Senegal, resigned from the MEP mid-October 2016.

The attached guidance provides information on the process to follow to nominate and select an alternate to a MEP member having resigned or otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office.

I would therefore like to invite you to submit your nominations for an alternate to the secretariat by 2 December 2016, for consideration by the 5th session of the Plenary. Nominations should be made by filling out the on line form and upload curriculum vitae at this address: <http://www.ipbes.net/eform/submit/nomination-form>

The alternate will serve until the end of the mandate of the member being replaced, that is until the 6th session of the Plenary.

I would also like to draw your attention to:

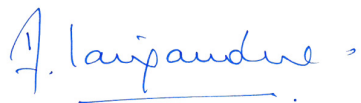
- a) the importance of a strong scientific expertise in biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- b) the necessity to pay attention to a good balance between social and natural sciences on the MEP, as well as to gender equity; and
- c) the necessity for MEP members to commit 20% of their time, which translates to roughly 10 weeks a year, with significant international travel.

All nominations received will be made available on-line.

The African region will be invited to inform the Plenary, at its 5th session, about its provisional candidate, selected from the pool of nominations received, for consideration by the Plenary.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary