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Dear IPBES Members and Observers

The IPBES Plenary, at its fifth session, approved the terms of reference for the review of IPBES at the end of its first work programme (decision IPBES-5/2). It also approved the execution of an internal review by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau. The conclusions of the internal review will be transmitted to the external reviewers as part of the overall review process.

According to the terms of reference, a questionnaire will be used for both the internal and external parts of the review process. A draft of the questionnaire was presented to the Plenary at its fifth session. In line with decision IPBES-5/2, the Bureau, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, has revised the draft questionnaire, taking into account comments received at the fifth session of the Plenary.

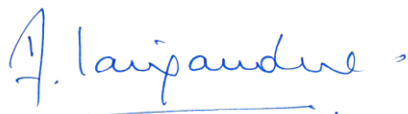
We would like to invite you to provide your views on the [revised draft questionnaire](#), including its structure, topics covered and the phrasing of its questions, during the period 28 April to 12 May 2017. Following the review period, the Bureau, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, will consider the comments received, and finalize the structure and questions of the questionnaire.

We would like to underline the fact that we are not asking you at this point, to respond to the questions, but to provide comments on the questionnaire.

The revised draft questionnaire for the review of the Platform is available [here](#), together with the [template for comments](#).

Thank you very much for responding only via this template, and for sending it to [secretariat@ipbes.net](mailto:secretariat@ipbes.net) no later than 12 May 2017, close of business.

Yours sincerely,



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