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Dear IPBES Members and Observers,

Summaries for policymakers and chapters of the four IPBES regional assessments and of the land degradation & restoration assessment now online for final review

We are pleased to announce that the summaries for policymakers, as well as the chapters, of the regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific and Europe and Central Asia, as well as of the land degradation and restoration assessment are now all posted on the following webpage: <https://www.ipbes.net/chapters-summaries-policymakers-four-regional-land-degradation-restoration-assessments>. This webpage is only accessible by people who are registered for #IPBES6, and logged in the IPBES website. The five summaries for policymakers are available in all UN languages at the above-mentioned website. The chapters will not be translated.

Governments are invited to download at this same link a review template for comments on the summaries for policymakers and the chapters for each assessment, and to submit their comments **by no later than Friday 2 March 2018**. These comments will not be presented to the Plenary, but only shared with the experts of the respective assessments, for their information, in preparation for #IPBES6. Comments will only be formally taken into account if they are made orally by IPBES Members at the sixth session of the Plenary.

Please note that the content of the summaries for policymakers and of the chapters is confidential until approved by Plenary. Therefore, the text cannot be cited, quoted nor distributed. We thank you in advance for adhering to those restrictions.

We look forward to seeing you at #IPBES6 in Medellín, Colombia!

Yours sincerely,



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