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Dear IPBES Members,

We would like, in line with decisions IPBES-6/1 and 2, to invite you to a consultation and capacity building workshop which will take place 4-6 June 2018, in Bonn, Germany. The aims of this workshop are: a) to facilitate greater engagement of governments in the review of the global assessment; b) to allow for further discussion on the use of the concept of “nature’s contributions to people” within the global assessment; and c) to hold consultations regarding the strategic framework of a rolling work programme of the Platform.

The second order draft of the chapters of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services and the first order draft of its summary for policymakers (SPM) will be available for peer-review and review by governments from 30 April to 29 June 2018. During the first part of the meeting, some of the co-chairs and authors of the global assessment will provide a brief overview of the status of their work and address questions on the global assessment. The secretariat will also present a range of experiences and best practices of how governments have undertaken review processes in the past. The overall goal is to receive comments from more governments for this review of the global assessment, in order to increase its policy relevance and future use by governments.

To further assist governments in their review of the draft global assessment, the workshop will also include a discussion on the lessons learned from the ways in which the concept of “nature’s contributions to people” has been introduced and used in the regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services and in the assessment of land degradation and restoration, and how it has been received.

Review comments, in order to be taken into account in the further development of the global assessment, will have to be submitted in writing through the regular review mechanism.

The second part of the workshop will be dedicated to consultations regarding the strategic framework of the rolling work programme of the Platform. The intention of these consultations is to allow for a more in-depth reflection of key aspects of the strategic framework – such as the further strengthening and better integration of the functions of the Platform and of the institutional arrangements established to implement them – and to help the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau to develop a first draft of the strategic framework of a rolling work programme up to 2030.

To allow for broader input and to further enrich the discussions during the workshop, the secretariat will call for further considerations regarding key aspects of the strategic framework in writing from governments, observers and stakeholders, in the coming weeks.

We will soon share with you a more detailed agenda of this event. In the meantime, we kindly ask you to register your national focal point, or a representative of your choice, following [this link to the online registration form](#). Please register no later than 30 April 2018. Financial support for the participation to this meeting will be provided according to the IPBES rules.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Bonn at the beginning of June, and to rich discussions on all these major topics which are key to the continued success of IPBES

Yours sincerely,



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