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**Call for nominations for an alternate member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel from the
African region**

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To the attention of the IPBES Member and Observer States from the African region
cc: IPBES national focal points

Dear IPBES Member and Observer States from the African region

I would like to inform you that one of the members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel from the African region, Ms. Voahangy Raharimalala, from Madagascar, resigned from the Panel in the beginning of 2019. The Plenary, at its seventh session that will be held from 28 April to 4 May 2019 in Paris, will therefore be invited to select, in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure as amended in decision IPBES-2/1, an alternate member nominated by the region, to serve until the end of the mandate of the member being replaced, that is until the end of the ninth session of the Plenary.

I would like to invite you to submit your nominations for an alternate member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel by completing **no later than 4 April 2019**, the online form and uploading curricula vitae at <https://www.ipbes.net/mepnominationform>

The guidance document available [here](#) provides all necessary information on the nomination and selection process. I would like to draw your attention to:

- a) The importance of a strong scientific expertise of the nominees in biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- b) The necessity to pay attention to a good balance between social and natural sciences on the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, as well as to gender balance; and
- c) The necessity for members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to commit at least 20% of their time, and quite a bit more at times, which translates to roughly 10 weeks a year, with significant international travel.

All nominations received will be made available on-line: <https://www.ipbes.net/nominations/mep/ipbes7>
The African region will be invited to nominate, at the seventh session of the Plenary, a candidate selected from the pool of nominations received.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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