



5 Sep 2016

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Dear Governments and Stakeholders,

In decision IPBES-4/1, the Plenary requested the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, in consultation with the Bureau, to undertake a further scoping of the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of biodiversity initiated pursuant to decision IPBES-3/1, by: 1) organizing a workshop of experts to produce a revised draft, 2) organizing an open review of this draft, and 3) preparing a revised scoping report for consideration by the Plenary at its fifth session.

To follow up on this decision, a group of experts, selected according to the IPBES rules of procedure and following a call for nominations from the IPBES Chair, met in Bonn on 2-4 August 2016. This group produced a revised draft scoping report for this thematic assessment, which you can find [here](#).

We would now like to invite you to take part in an open review of this revised draft scoping report, in order to seek your views on the proposed approach, in particular from the point of view of users of this future assessment. This open review will take place for four weeks from 5 September 2016 until 2 October 2016.

Following this open review, the document will be revised by the experts and submitted for consideration by the Plenary at its fifth session. Please provide your comments in the dedicated [template](#) and send it back to felice.vanderplaat@ipbes.net no later than 2 October 2016. Thank you for providing your comments only on the given template and in no other form.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'A. Larigauderie'.

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