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Dear IPBES Members,

I am pleased to invite you to a **virtual dialogue meeting for national focal points from 6 to 10 July 2020**.

As you have seen, we have recently issued notification [EM/2020/14](#), on the review of the draft scoping report for the nexus assessment (thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health in the context of climate change), with information on how to access the draft scoping report and provide comments, which can be submitted between 5 June and 31 July 2020.

The review of the draft scoping report of the transformative change assessment (thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity) will follow shortly: from 3 July to 28 August 2020; a notification with further information will be issued closer to the date.

The virtual dialogue meeting will be organized in the context of the capacity-building work of IPBES and aims to facilitate increased engagement of Governments in the review of the draft scoping reports.

Participants in the dialogue meeting are invited to take part in three sessions:

- **Monday 6 July:** Introductory session, organized twice to accommodate different time zones, during which experts assisting with the scoping of the nexus and transformative change assessments will present the draft scoping reports;
- **Wednesday 8 July and Thursday 9 July:** Regional dialogues with facilitated discussions among national focal points and scoping experts with an opportunity to reflect on experiences in the preparation of review comments. A session open to all regions is held on 8 July to accommodate different time zones;
- **Friday 10 July:** Concluding session, organized twice to accommodate different time zones, summarising the discussions and providing information on the process towards IPBES 8.

National focal points are invited to register for the meeting, and to also nominate a small number of colleagues to participate in the meeting through this link: <https://ipbes.net/user/login?destination=register-nfp-dialogue-2020> by **30 June 2020**. Nominated colleagues could include scientific experts or colleagues from other parts of the Government that support the focal point in the review of the scoping reports.

IMPORTANT: All participants are required to also have registered as reviewers of the draft scoping reports for the nexus and transformative change assessments:

- For the nexus assessment draft scoping report:
<https://ipbes.net/user/login?destination=nexus/scoping-document-registration>
- For the transformative change assessment draft scoping report:
<https://ipbes.net/user/login?destination=transformative-change/scoping-document-registration>

For any questions on how to register as a reviewer, please contact the IPBES secretariat at registration@ipbes.net. For any questions concerning the national focal point dialogue meeting, please contact the technical support unit on capacity-building at tsu.capacitybuilding@ipbes.net.

Documents and information on the meeting will be posted on the meeting webpage:
<https://ipbes.net/dialogue-NFP-IPBES>

I look forward to engage with you on these important topics in July.

Yours sincerely,

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Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Annex:

Schedule of the dialogue meeting for IPBES national focal points

July 6-10, 2020					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00-11.00 CEST Time Zone Converter	Introductory session (Option 1)		Open dialogue session All regions	Regional dialogues Asia-Pacific region	Concluding session (Option 1)
13.00-15.00 CEST Time Zone Converter			Regional dialogues Eastern European region	Regional dialogues Africa region	
16.00-18.00 CEST Time Zone Converter	Introductory session (Option 2)		Regional dialogues Latin America Caribbean region	Regional dialogues WEOG region	Concluding session (Option 2)