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Dear IPBES members, observers and stakeholders,

I am pleased to announce that IPBES will be organizing a **webinar for stakeholders on the draft scoping reports for the IPBES nexus and transformative change assessments on 14 July 2020 and an indigenous and local knowledge dialogue workshop on these drafts on 16 July 2020.**

As you may have seen, 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) is currently ongoing between 5 June and 31 July 2020 ([EM/2020/14](#)). 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 virtual dialogue meeting for national focal points to support them in reviewing the drafts will be held from 6 to 10 July 2020, as announced in notification EM/2020/17.

In addition, all **interested stakeholders** are invited to participate in a **webinar**, during which scoping experts will present the draft scoping reports and discuss clarifications on the reports in response to questions from participants. **The webinar will be held on 14 July 2020, 15:00 – 16:45 CEST** in the context of IPBES' work on capacity-building and stakeholder engagement (objectives 2 and 5 of the IPBES work programme up to 2030).

Furthermore, IPBES is organizing a **virtual dialogue meeting on recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge in the nexus and transformative change assessments. The dialogue meeting will be held on 16 July 2020, 14.00 – 16.00 CEST** in the context of the implementation of the IPBES approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge adopted by the IPBES Plenary in decision IPBES-5/1. All interested experts on indigenous and local knowledge and members of indigenous peoples and local communities are invited to attend the virtual dialogue meeting and exchange with the scoping experts.

Both the webinar and the virtual dialogue meeting will be held in English. To register for the webinar and/or virtual dialogue meeting, please click on the links below:

- **Webinar on the draft scoping reports**
Date: 14 July 2020
Time: 15:00 – 16:45 CEST
Please click here to register: <https://bit.ly/2YaxWiE>
- **Virtual dialogue meeting on indigenous and local knowledge**
Date: 16 July 2020
Time: 14.00 – 16.00 CEST
Please click here to register: <https://ipbes.net/ilk-nexus-transformative-meeting>

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> (available after July 3)

For questions on how to register as a reviewer, please contact the IPBES secretariat at registration@ipbes.net. For questions concerning the webinar contact the IPBES technical support unit on capacity-building at tsu.capacitybuilding@ipbes.net. For questions related to the virtual dialogue meeting contact the IPBES technical support unit on indigenous and local knowledge (ilk.tsu.ipbes@unesco.org).

I thank you in advance for your participation in the reviews and your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Larigauderie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Anne Larigauderie | Executive Secretary

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