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Notification: Save the date: External review of the IPBES biodiversity and pandemics workshop report

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

You will recall that, considering the extraordinary situation caused by the novel Coronavirus and given the role that IPBES can play in strengthening the knowledge base on biodiversity links of current and future pandemics such as COVID-19 and in reaching a wide public, IPBES had organized a virtual Platform workshop on the link between biodiversity and pandemics, from 27-31 July 2020 (see notification [EM/2020/09](#) for further information). The list of participants in the workshop is available on the IPBES website [here](#).

I am pleased to announce that the workshop report will be open for external review starting mid-September for two weeks.

The aim of this review is to ensure the scientific quality and credibility while increasing the policy relevance of this workshop report by engaging the widest-possible participation through review comments of interested and qualified experts, including scientists, decision-makers, practitioners and other knowledge holders.

Information on how to register as a reviewer and access the documents will be shared in the beginning of the review period starting mid-September.

The workshop report will mainly support the scoping of the nexus assessment, while other ongoing scoping processes and assessments may be informed by the workshop report where relevant and appropriate.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anne Larigauderie'.

Dr Anne Larigauderie | Executive Secretary
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