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Dear IPBES Members and Observers

This letter relates to the submission of comments on the Africa assessment as part of the external review of the IPBES regional assessments.

As mentioned in my letter dated 1 May 2017, we are asking all reviewers to submit their comments in English.

We would like to inform you that we also give the opportunity, on an experimental basis, to those unable to submit their comments on the Africa assessment in English, to do so in French, on the same template.

This is made possible thanks to an in-kind contribution from France, offered to IPBES on 4 May 2017, of a francophone staff to support the technical support unit of the Africa assessment. This person will translate the comments received from French into English, and make them available to the experts of the Africa assessment.

We look forward to receiving many comments for the Africa assessment.

Yours sincerely,

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

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