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Dear Nomination Committee,
IPBES.

I am writing this letter to nominate Ismael Ocen as Focal point to IPBES. Ismael work as Programs Manager and he is a fabulous employee, a huge asset to our department of social research and is so worthy of this appointment. Due to his strong work ethic and professionalism, I feel confident in nominating him. I have known Mr. Ismael Ocen for 6 years and been supervising him and found that he is a good programmer, planner and game changer. Ismael has conducted research and implemented projects with excellent outcomes and he is an expert in Indigenous and Local Knowledge System, Climate Change, environment management, Integrated Risk Management.

I was particularly impressed by his strong communication skills, quality engagement with stakeholders, Private sectors and government on matters of environmental crime while bringing communities to take lead. Something that might be of interest to you is, Ismael currently is a stakeholder facilitator with Open Ended Network (ONET) an IPBES affiliate which makes him a perfect choice for Focal Person as he has been engaging with members from different stakeholders with succuss. He is also conducting research on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) LAB Project supervised by Institute for Future Initiatives the University of Tokyo 7-3-1, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. This makes him an individual social scientist and knowledge holders facilitating or rather promoting biodiversity and ecosystems services that can help in underwriting the actions of your work programmes because of his experience, expertise, and knowledge. I don't know of anyone else more qualified to lend his expertise than Ismael.

I can be reach on email <u>achaopeace@yahoo.com</u> +256392961466. I therefore have no reservation nominating Ismael Ocen for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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