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Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)  
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Dear Madam

## RE: NOMINATION OF IPBES STAKEHOLDER FOCAL POINT

Your email memo Ref. EM/2021/33 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 refers.

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) is a national and African regional center of excellence in forestry research. At your request, I hereby nominate a focal point on behalf of the Institute to coordinate future IPBES nominations and other administrative procedures involving stakeholders, as follows:

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Dr. Gichora is available to take up this position with immediate effect. In the past, she has been associated with IPBES processes since 2014 when she worked as a National Forest Coordination Expert, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. She has a good grasp of IPBES programmes and assessments and is currently involved in the implementation of BESNet Solution Fund (Component 1) in Kenya with support of UNDP. She represents KEFRI in organizing National Dialogues which bring together communities of science, policy and practice for implementation of IPBES Assessment Report recommendations.

Any future changes in the focal point will be communicated promptly to IPBES.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joshua K. Cheboiwo', is written over a blue line.

**Joshua K. Cheboiwo, (PhD)**  
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