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Subject: **Letter of support for Dr Marije Schaafsma**

Dear Dr Anne Larigauderie,

It is my great pleasure to support the nomination of Dr Marije Schaafsma as IPBES Institutional Focal Point for Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, in my capacity as Director of the Amsterdam Sustainability Institute.

The Amsterdam Sustainability Institute is a university-wide Institute that provides an inclusive umbrella for sustainability-related research at VU Amsterdam. It builds bridges among VU researchers and with the wider community to increase our scientific and societal impact. We actively promote collaboration across disciplines and within our wide network of researchers and societal partners.

The mandate and activities of IPBES fit extremely well within our remit. Biodiversity is featured as one of our research highlights. We therefore strongly support the nomination as official IPBES focal point of Dr Marije Schaafsma, and we will enable her to make use of our network to ensure that relevant experts throughout VU Amsterdam can engage with IPBES deliverables and activities, in particular nomination opportunities and procedures.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions or clarifications.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Philipp Pattberg
Director of the Amsterdam Sustainability Institute