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POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT

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Object: **Nomination of a focal point to IPBES**

Dear Dr. Anne Larigauderie,

I, the undersigned, Elisabeth Clavierie de Saint-Martin, Director General for Research and Strategy of the French Agricultural Research Center for International Development (CIRAD), working for the sustainable development of tropical and Mediterranean regions, which is accredited as an observer for the IPBES meetings, would like to nominate our focal point to IPBES.

Biodiversity is the source of all agricultural production. Enhancing the sustainability of agricultural systems, reassessing production strategies, broadening the range of crop species and varieties and rethinking landscape organization are the challenges facing an alternative type of ecologically oriented agricultural intensification that could benefit developing new solutions.

As such, CIRAD appointed M. Didier Bazile ([didier.bazile@cirad.fr](mailto:didier.bazile@cirad.fr)), Cirad Biodiversity Advisor, as our Focal Point to IPBES. He is also our representative in the IPBES French Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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