

5 Jan 2022

To: Dr. Anne Larigauderie

Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Subject: Nomination of a focal point to IPBES

Dear Dr. Larigauderie,

In responding to the call for nomination of the focal point for IPBES, I would like to nominate Dr. Masatoshi Funabashi, a senior researcher as the focal point at Sony Computer Science Laboratories, Inc.

Dr. Funabashi has joined several times CBD-COP and has been actively working in the field of biodiversity and augmented ecosystems as a leading scientist. He is organizing the Synecoculture project as a way of mainstreaming biodiversity in the next generation food system and promoting social implementation with active engagement in science-policy interface.

I believe that he has all necessary skills and qualifications to present this position.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hiroaki Kitano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Hiroaki Kitano

President and CEO

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