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**Subject: Input to the thematic review of the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)**

Excellency,


It is my great honour to submit to the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) the following completed assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) as an input to the HLPF's review of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 17, 4, 8, 10 and 16 and in particular SDG 13 on climate change:

- The Assessment Report on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production, available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/assessment-reports/pollinators>
- The Assessment Report on Land Degradation and Restoration, available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/assessment-reports/ldr>
- The Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Europe and Central Asia, available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/assessment-reports/eca>
- The Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Asia and the Pacific available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/assessment-reports/asia-pacific>
- The Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Africa available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/assessment-reports/africa>
- The Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Americas available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/assessment-reports/americas>
- The Assessment Report on Scenarios and Models of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/assessment-reports/scenarios>

The IPBES Plenary, at its seventh session, will consider a global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, which explicitly addresses climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals. We will make the assessment report available to you in the beginning of May 2019.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention the key messages from a workshop on “Biodiversity and climate change: integrated science for coherent policy”, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in cooperation with IPBES and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The key messages from the workshop, key findings from the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C that most specifically relate to the climate-biodiversity interlinkages and the key findings from the IPBES regional assessments and the thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration that most specifically relate to the climate-biodiversity interlinkages that were collated in the context of the workshop are available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/c429/2df7/dc8cc589bbf1f5b58f8a1d63/cop-14-inf-22-en.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Larigauderie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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