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## NOTIFICATION

### **Scoping meeting for the IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to a call by the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the nomination of experts to participate in the scoping meeting for the IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. The scoping meeting, to be held at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 to 17 August 2016, will prepare a draft scoping paper describing the objectives and an annotated outline of the special report as well as the process and timeline for its preparation.

The twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties (COP-21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in its decision on the adoption of the Paris Agreement, explicitly invited the IPCC to provide a Special Report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. At the 43rd Session of the IPCC, the Panel accepted the UNFCCC's invitation to provide the Special Report on 1.5 °C in 2018 in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty. More information on the IPCC special report is available at: <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>.

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), at its twentieth meeting (25-30 April 2016, Montreal, Canada), invited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, when elaborating its special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, to include consideration of the impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, and of the contribution of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and of ecosystem restoration, to efforts to keep global warming within a limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius (recommendation XX/10, <https://www.cbd.int/doc/recommendations/sbstta-20/sbstta-20-rec-10-en.doc>).

The proposed special report will integrate information and perspectives across the domains of all the three Working Groups of the IPCC. Participants in the scoping meeting should collectively have expertise in a range of areas. In order to ensure the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems in the elaboration of the special report, I would like to encourage CBD Focal Points to identify relevant experts and submit their names for nomination through existing IPCC channels at national level. In identifying experts, I encourage you to consider, in particular, expertise related to the impacts of climate change on biodiversity and the impacts of climate change response measures on biodiversity, as well as the

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contribution of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and of ecosystem restoration, to efforts to keep global warming within a limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Nominations should be submitted no later than Friday, 20 May 2016, via IPCC national focal points. Instructions on how to submit nominations are available at: <http://www.ipcc.ch/apps/nominations/scoping/sr15/public/>.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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