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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to Parties to nominate early-career professionals and practitioners to participate in the IPBES Youth Workshop

Dear Madam, Sir,

The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) capacity-building task force will hold a Youth Workshop from 27 to 28 June 2019 in São Pedro, Brazil. The workshop is organized in collaboration with the IPBES expert group on scenarios and models, the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), the Norwegian Environment Agency, the Brazilian Platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (BPBES), the São Paulo Research Foundation's Research programme on Biodiversity, Characterisation, Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use (BIOTA-FAPESP) and the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS). The workshop is funded by the Norwegian Environment Agency.

The objectives of the workshop are: 1) Familiarize participants with the work of IPBES and explore how participants and their networks can contribute; and, 2) explore future scenarios and biodiversity and ecosystem services from the perspective of early-career professionals and thus contributing to IPBES' work on scenarios and models.

IAI Parties are invited to nominate early-career scientists and professionals to this workshop. The nominated candidates should be:

- In the early stages of their careers, indicatively not older than 30 years of age and active voices in their communities on issues related to biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Willing to actively share the experience and knowledge gained within their communities and become active ambassadors of IPBES and its work on capacity-building; and
- Strong communicators and proficient in English.

Please use the attach form to send the IAI Directorate your candidates. The completed form should be sent to the IAI Directorate at email lavla@dir.iai.int at your earliest convenience but no later than 1 May 2019. We regret the inconvenience that this short deadline may cause but note that the calendar for the selection of participants has been defined by IPBES workshop organizers.

The nomination process will be developed according to the following stages:

- The IAI Directorate will receive the nominations from the IAI Parties, research networks and other collaborators. IPBES has asked the IAI Directorate to serve as the Nominating Institution and recommend a list of 10 early-career professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean. Participants nominated by the IAI Directorate will receive travel support from IPBES to participate in the workshop.
- The nominated candidates are required to complete a registration form, including a letter of interest. The registration form can be found [HERE](#).
- Nominators and Nominees will receive confirmation by email once the nomination letter and registration has been received.
- The workshop organizers will finalize the list of participants from all regions (Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and Africa) in order to send official invitation letters and logistical information for travel arrangements in May 2019.

More information about the workshop can be found on the website: <https://www.ipbes.net/ipbes-youth-workshop>

Thank you for your support for this important opportunity for early-career scientists from our region.

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

Yours sincerely,



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