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To designated IPCC Focal Points and
Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
(if no focal point has been designated)

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Geneva, 24 June 2016

Sir/Madam,

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 (11 to 13 April 2016, Nairobi, Kenya), 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.

To develop the scope and outline of the Special Report on 1.5 °C, a Scoping Meeting will be held at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), in Geneva, Switzerland from 15 to 18 August 2016. The Scoping Meeting would result in 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 Panel at its 44th Session to be held in October 2016 will review the draft Scoping Paper and will decide on further IPCC work on this Special Report.

On behalf of Ms Thelma Krug, Chair of the Steering Committee for the scoping of this Special Report I have the honour of inviting you to respond to a questionnaire aiming at identifying policy relevant questions and scientific and technical topics to be addressed in 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 responses received will be synthesized and made available to the Scoping Meeting participants.

Please complete the attached questionnaire and submit it by e-mail directly to: tsu@ipcc-wg1.universite-paris-saclay.fr by **Friday 15 July 2016 (midnight CEST)**.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

A copy of this letter is being sent for information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Permanent Representatives from your country to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Yours sincerely,



(Mannava Sivakumar)
Acting Secretary of IPCC

1. In your vision, which are the main, relevant elements that could be addressed in the Special Report? *(clear and specific topics/questions, maximum 600 characters)*

2a. Please provide your suggestions for the format of the Special Report

- i. Number of chapters:
- ii. Number of pages¹ *(excluding references):*
- iii. Appendices *(suggestions maximum 300 characters):*
- iv. Technical Summary *(suggestions maximum 300 characters):*
- v. Summary for Policymakers² *(suggestions maximum 300 characters)*

¹ IPCC pages of approximately 800 words

² Summaries for Policymakers will start with a highly accessible Executive Summary or storyline, focusing on the most policy-relevant messages, and include headline statements.

vi. Online material *(suggestions maximum 300 characters)*

vii. Frequently Asked Questions *(suggestions maximum 300 characters)*

viii. Other recommendations? *(please specify, maximum 300 characters)*

2b. The Special Report will be communicated to non-specialists. In this respect, in your view, how could this be best served by the report structure, presentation and supporting materials?
(maximum 300 characters)

3. Please highlight emerging knowledge (including scientific, technological, policy) that you consider highly relevant for this Special Report. Are there any potential overlaps with assessment reports from other bodies?
(maximum 600 characters, also list a maximum of 3 examples, include references if appropriate)

4. In your view, which sectors would you deem relevant to be addressed in the report? Please prioritize your choices.
(maximum 300 characters)

5. Which stakeholder challenges or decision contexts is this Special Report relevant for?

Please rate (low, lower, medium, high priority) each of the following key words:

Disaster risk management

Economic and sustainable development policies

Adaptation planning

Impact of response measures

Mitigation policies

Increasing resilience

Other (please specify, 300 characters maximum)

6. How do you expect this special report be used and what is its expected impact for your institution and/or field of expertise? (maximum 600 characters)

7. Which field of expertise or sector do you represent?

Please select:

Physical climate science

Agriculture and food security

Water

Health

Urban

Coastal

Infrastructure

Economic

Technology

Engineering

Energy

Health

Natural resources

Conservation

Other (please specify, maximum 60 characters)

8. Which type of institution do you represent?

Please select:

National government

Local authority

Academia

Research institution

International institution

NGO

Industry

Other (*please specify, maximum 60 characters*)

9. Does your response represent your own expert opinion or is this response on behalf of your institution or affiliation?

Please select:

Individual response

Institutional response

10. The responses to the questions will be treated as anonymous. To help evaluate the coverage of the results, please indicate:

Your name:

Your email:

The country in which you work:

11. In future pre-scoping exercises for IPCC reports, would you be interested in participating in a more detailed consultation?

Please select yes/no for each of the following:

Phone interview

Round table

Workshop

Other suggestions (*maximum 100 characters*)

12. Any other suggestions?

(50 words maximum)