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Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
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Sir/Madam,

At the 43rd Session of the IPCC (11 to 13 April 2016, Nairobi, Kenya), the Panel agreed to prepare a Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems.

With the letter Ref. 5223-16/IPCC/SR and Ref. 5224-16/IPCC/SR of 5 September 2016, governments and organizations were invited to nominate experts to participate in the Scoping Meeting for the IPCC Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems, which will be held from Monday 13 February to Thursday 16 February 2017 at the Ballsbridge hotel in Dublin, Ireland.

Please kindly note that 456 experts were nominated and in accordance with the Principles Governing IPCC Work, the Bureaux of Working Groups I, II and III of the IPCC selected the participants for this Scoping Meeting taking into account the following criteria: scientific, technical and socio-economic expertise; geographical representation; a mixture of experts with and without previous experience in IPCC; gender balance; experts with a background from various stakeholder and user groups. The Working Group I, II and III Bureaux were supported by a Scientific Steering Committee established by the Chair of the IPCC.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the list of selected experts to participate in the Scoping Meeting is available on the IPCC website at:

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr2/pdf/sr2_scoping_participant_list.pdf

Information about the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems is available at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr2/>.

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,



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Secretary of the IPCC