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Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
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Geneva, 30 May 2018

Subject: *IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land*

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the Expert Review of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land: *An IPCC Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems*.

At the 43rd Session of the IPCC (Nairobi, Kenya, 11-13 April 2016), the Panel agreed to prepare a Special Report on Climate Change and Land. Following an IPCC call for nominations in April 2017 to member governments and observer organizations for experts to participate in the Special Report on Climate Change and Land, Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors were selected by the Working Group I, II and III Bureaux from the large number of nominations received. The authors are now working on a first draft report [First Order Draft (FOD)] of the Special Report on Climate Change and Land, which will be available for expert review from **11 June 2018 to 5 August 2018, 23:59 (CEST)**.

The expert review of the FOD is a key element of the IPCC assessment process. The purpose of this expert review is to help ensure that the report provides a balanced and comprehensive assessment of the latest scientific findings. The IPCC Procedures state that the expert review process shall be objective, open and transparent, with a wide circulation that aims to involve as many independent experts as possible in the IPCC process, seeking a range of views, expertise, and geographical representation. In addition, the review shall be undertaken by experts nominated by governments and observer organizations.

All those previously nominated for any role in the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land, by governments and observer organizations, but not selected will be informed separately about the expert review and invited to participate. Governments and observer organizations are now asked to encourage additional experts to participate in the expert review of the Special Report FOD.

An online registration process has been developed and is now open for prospective expert reviewers via the IPCC web site. Registration will close on **29 July 2018, 23:59 (CEST)**:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/srccl/fod/register.php>

Additional information on the role of Expert Reviewers is available in Annex 1 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work. Please also see here an information note explaining the Expert Review process: http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr2/pdf/SRCCL_FOD_ExpertReviewer.pdf

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group III TSU at [<tsu@ipcc-wg3.ac.uk>](mailto:tsu@ipcc-wg3.ac.uk).

As a reminder, the expert review of the FOD starts on 11 June 2018, and ends on 5 August 2018, 23:59 (CEST), and is an expert review only. The government and expert review of the Second Order Draft of the Special Report on Climate Change and Land will follow in November 2018 (19 November 2018 to 13 January 2019).

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 and to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Abdalah Mokssit', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC