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

Geneva, 27 October 2016

**Subject:** IPCC Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems

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Sir/Madam,

The IPCC agreed at its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session (Nairobi, Kenya, 11-13 April 2016) to prepare a Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems.

To develop a proposal for the outline of this report a Scoping Meeting will be held in Dublin from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The Dublin meeting will result in a decision document which will include an annotated proposed outline, a detailed plan for developing the report, and a timeline for approval and publication.

The Panel will review this decision document at the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC, to be held in April 2017, and decide on further IPCC work.

On behalf of Dr Youba Sokona, Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee for the scoping of this Special Report, I have the honour of inviting you to respond to a questionnaire that aims to identify policy relevant questions and scientific and technical topics to be addressed in the Special Report.

In providing your responses, we would encourage you to consult as widely as possible with relevant stakeholders and experts. The responses received will be synthesized and made available to the participants at the Dublin Scoping Meeting.

Please complete the attached questionnaire. Save it as a PDF and submit it by e-mail directly to: [tsu@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:tsu@imperial.ac.uk) by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (23:59 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,



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Secretary of the IPCC