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

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Geneva, 18 October 2019

Subject: IPCC Working Group II contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

Dear Sir/Madam,

You may recall that at the 41st Session of the IPCC (Nairobi, Kenya, 24-27 February 2015), the Panel agreed to prepare a Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). Following a Scoping meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May 2017, the [outline](#) of the Working Group II contribution to the AR6 was approved at the 11th Session of Working Group II and adopted at the 46th Session of the IPCC, both meetings took place in Montreal, Canada, in September 2017. The Panel also decided that the Working Group II contribution to the AR6 would be completed in October 2021, with the completion of the Working Group I and Working Group III contribution to the AR6 in 2021 as well, and the Synthesis Report following in the course of 2022.

I have the honour to inform you of the availability of the First Order Draft (FOD) of this report. According to IPCC procedures for preparing IPCC reports, "the first draft reports should be sent to Government Focal Points, for information". The IPCC issued an open call for registration to join the Expert Review on 11 October 2019. In addition, the announcement was sent directly to all nominees for the preparation of the WG II contribution to the AR6 who were not selected as authors or review editors. The report page on the IPCC website provides information on the level of participation by country and region as well as the number and origin of experts registered:

<https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg2/fod/public/>

The draft report is accessible via the IPCC web site at:

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Governments are asked to encourage experts to participate in the Expert Review. Prospective reviewers should register online, registration will close on **6 December 2019, 23:59 (GMT +1)**:

<https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg2/fod/register.php>

The Expert Review period starts on **Friday, 18 October 2019, and ends on Friday 13 December 2019, 23:59 (GMT + 1).**

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group II TSU at **<tsu@ipcc-wg2.awi.de>**.

The Government and Expert Review of the Second Order Draft of the Working Group II contribution to the AR6 will follow in August 2020 (7 August – 2 October 2020).

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, consisting of a large, stylized 'O' followed by a smaller 'M' and a checkmark-like flourish.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC