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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, 12 February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

The IPCC has consistently highlighted the urgent funding needs of the IPCC Data Distribution Centre (DDC), emphasizing the importance of sustained finance for its operations. Despite efforts dating back several years, including calls during the 47th Session of the IPCC in 2018¹ for more robust and sustainable resourcing options, challenges persist in securing adequate funding for the DDC's activities.

The Panel at its 60th Session (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16 – 19 January 2024) allocated CHF 200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Swiss Francs) for DDC activities towards the completion of remaining tasks associated with the Sixth Assessment Cycle. As contingencies, CHF 400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Swiss Francs) and CHF 700,000 (Seven Hundred Swiss Francs) were included in the forecast budgets for 2025 and 2026, respectively.

Over the past years, the institutions that formed part of the DDC include the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN; United States of America), MetaDataWorks (United Kingdom), Centre for Environmental Data Analysis (CEDA; United Kingdom), Deutsches Klimarechenzentrum (DKRZ; Germany) and the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC; Spain). An exception being the DKRZ that has formally withdrawn its services from the DDC, all the other institutions have indicated their availability and willingness to continue providing DDC services, contingent on the availability of resources.

In light of the above, Member countries and observer organizations are kindly urged to consider supporting the work of the DDC in the Seventh Assessment Cycle. The solicited support could take the form of:

- funds transmitted to the IPCC Trust Fund, earmarked for DDC activities. Alternatively, funds could be disbursed directly to the DDC nodes without transiting the IPCC Trust Fund, which is the most preferred option; and
- in-kind contributions in support of DDC work, including through the Expression of Interest to provide the services of archiving climate model data used for climate simulations and projections assessed by the IPCC, particularly the output from the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP) and Coordinated Regional Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX). This is part of the role that was played by the DKRZ.

¹ Paragraph 5 of [Decision IPCC-XLVII-9](#)

All financial support and in-kind contributions will be gratefully acknowledged and reported to the Panel accordingly.

Please communicate your response to ipcc-sec@wmo.int at your earliest convenience.

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 'A' followed by a smaller 'm' and a checkmark-like flourish.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC