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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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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate experts to participate in two upcoming co-located IPCC workshops: (1) Workshop on **engaging diverse knowledge systems** and (2) Workshop on **methods of assessment**.

These workshops were approved¹ by the IPCC Panel at its Sixty-second Session held from 24 to 28 February 2025 in Hangzhou, China. Discussions are under way for these three-day workshops to be held in collocation in the first quarter of 2026 at a venue yet to be determined.

The scope of the workshops is:

- to consider what systems of knowledge — including scientific, Indigenous Knowledge systems, local knowledge systems — can be accessed and assessed by the IPCC within the framework of existing principles and procedures (workshop 1 on engaging diverse knowledge systems);
- to consider the means by which such knowledge systems can be assessed — such as artificial intelligence techniques, systematic review techniques, assessment methods for *ex-post* evaluation evidence, and participation of Indigenous Knowledge holders (workshop 2 on methods of assessment);
- to consider the extent to which such means of synthesis and assessment may be conducted by the IPCC itself or by the knowledge holders and research communities who generate the literature on which the IPCC relies (workshops 1 and 2).

Specific aims of each workshop as well as expertise sought after from participants are presented in Annex I and Annex II to this letter. The full description of the workshops, as agreed by the IPCC Panel, is available on the IPCC website².

¹ <https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2025/03/IPCC-62-Decisions.pdf> (Decision IPCC-LXII-4)

² <https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2025/03/Doc.-7-Rev-1-Proposals-for-EM-Workshops-engaging-and-methods-of-assessment.pdf> (IPCC-LXII/Doc. 7, Rev. 1)

In line with our ongoing commitment to the implementation of the Gender Policy and Action Plan within IPCC, we would like to invite you to consider gender balance in the process of nomination of the workshop participants.

Nominations will be accepted from IPCC Member countries, Observer Organizations through their Focal Points, and from IPCC Bureau members. Participants to the workshops will be selected by the IPCC Chair, with advice from the Scientific Steering Committee (see membership in Annex III).

You are now invited to submit nominations of experts to either workshop through the online nominations tool at: https://apps.ipcc.ch/nominations/workshop/edks_ma/

The deadline for uploading all nominations is **Wednesday, 16 July 2025** (midnight CEST).

Please use your unique IPCC credentials to access the nomination portal. In case of difficulty, please contact the Secretariat at ipcc-sec@wmo.int. Should there be a recent change of the Focal Point, please inform the Secretariat.

It is expected that Member countries and Observer Organizations that are in a position to do so provide travel and subsistence support for the participants to attend the workshops. Where one may not be in a position to provide such support, the IPCC Trust Fund will endeavour to provide travel and subsistence support for participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. However, it should be noted that due to major financial constraints of the IPCC this type of support may be restricted to a limited number of individuals and that the ongoing provision of this support cannot be guaranteed.

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, and to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Yours sincerely,



(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC

Annex I — Aims of the workshops

Specific aims of the **workshop 1 on engaging wider knowledge systems** are:

- to address how Indigenous Knowledge systems could be accessed and assessed by the IPCC, in particular considering effective and equitable engagement of Indigenous Knowledge holders and building on experience built up in other fora as appropriate;
- to address how local knowledge could be assessed by the IPCC, building on experience built up in other fora as appropriate;
- to make recommendations for funding agencies as to how to support the engagement of knowledge holders in the IPCC programme of work.

The specific aims of the **workshop 2 on methods of assessment** are:

- to make recommendations as to how systematic review methods could be applied within and outside IPCC assessments and how they could contribute to strengthening established assessment practices including uncertainty assessments;
- to make recommendations to the IPCC, the Bureau and authors as to how new and extended methods of assessment such as artificial intelligence might be built into the IPCC programme of work;
- to address how *ex-post* evaluation evidence could be assessed by the IPCC, building on experience built up in other fora as appropriate;
- to identify precautionary measures or limitations that might be necessary to ensure adherence to IPCC's principles and procedures for the preparation of reports; and
- to make recommendations for scientific communities as to how new and extended methods could be used to develop literature which can more easily be assessed by the IPCC.

An aim cutting across **both workshops** is to make recommendations as to how new and extended methods of assessment could be applied to different types of knowledge system (such as scientific, Indigenous, local, practitioner).

Annex II — Participation to the workshops (including sought expertise)

Individuals participating in either workshop would be selected with regard to:

- the relevant range of scientific, technical and socio-economic views and expertise;
- regional and intra-regional balance;
- a mixture of experts with and without previous experience of IPCC; and
- gender balance.

Nominations for the workshops are welcome from knowledge holders, practitioners, and scientists with the relevant expertise.

For the workshop on *Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems*, this would be expertise on the application and interpretation of diverse forms of knowledge, including:

- Indigenous Knowledge systems, especially from those who are members of Indigenous Peoples communities;
- local knowledge (the understandings and skills developed by individuals and populations, specific to the places where they live³);
- practitioner knowledge (e.g. policymakers, NGO staff and community leaders who have experience of formulating strategies, implementing and/or evaluating policies and other climate actions);
- scientific knowledge (including social sciences and the humanities).

For the workshop on *Methods of Assessment*, expertise would include:

- artificial intelligence to support assessment processes (including large language models, machine-learning tools and data for literature review);
- systematic review of scientific and grey literature, and other forms of knowledge;
- *ex-post* evaluation of climate action or other actions/policies/interventions relevant for climate change.

Nominations are particularly encouraged from Indigenous Peoples representatives, those whose expertise bridges the two workshops, and those with relevant experience from other global environmental assessments.

³ Local knowledge informs decision-making about fundamental aspects of life, from day-to-day activities to longer-term actions; it is a key element of the social and cultural systems which influence observations of and responses to climate change; it also informs governance decisions.

Annex III — Membership of the scientific steering committee

Names listed in alphabetical order of last names. Countries are of citizenship.

Jim Skea (IPCC Chair, United Kingdom) — *Chair of scientific steering committee*

Ramón Pichs Madruga (IPCC Vice-chair, Cuba) — *Chair of subcommittee on engaging diverse knowledge systems*

Diana Ürge-Vorsatz (IPCC Vice-chair, Hungary) — *Chair of subcommittee on methods of assessment*

Edvin Aldrian (WGI Vice-chair, Indonesia)

Grace Balawag (Philippines)

Rosario Carmona (Chile)

Ladislau Chang'a (IPCC Vice-chair, Tanzania)

Hélène Costa de Beauregard (France)

Oliver Geden (WGIII Vice-chair, Germany)

Cicilia Wangari Githaiga (Kenya)

Sherilee Harper (WGI Vice-chair, Canada)

Mazhar Hayat (TFI Co-chair, Pakistan)

Nicholas King (South Africa)

Kata Kuhnert (Canada)

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