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Geneva, 3 August 2026

Subject: *2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers*

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI), Takeshi Enoki and Mazhar Hayat, I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the Government and Expert Review of the Second Order Draft (SOD) of the Methodology Report titled “2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers”.

The Panel at its Forty-ninth Session (Kyoto, Japan, 8–12 May 2019) in its Decision IPCC-XLIX-7, decided that the TFI would produce an IPCC Methodology Report on Short-lived Climate Forcers following the Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC work. The outline of the Methodology report was agreed by the Panel at its Sixty-first Session (Sofia, Bulgaria, 27 July – 2 August 2024) in its Decision IPCC-LXI-7. Following an IPCC call for nominations in August 2024, Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors were selected in December 2024 from the nominations received, in accordance with IPCC procedures.

The First Order Draft (FOD) of the “2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers” was available for expert review from 5 January 2026 to 27 February 2026. The report has now been revised by the authors in response to comments received, and the Second Order Draft (SOD) will undergo simultaneous review by governments and experts.

All experts who contributed comments on the FOD will be notified separately by the TFI Technical Support Unit about the review of the SOD, soliciting their participation again in the review process.

Governments and observer organizations are invited again to encourage additional experts to participate in the Government and Expert Review of the SOD of the 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers.

The Government and Expert Review of the 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers SOD is a key element of the IPCC assessment process. The purpose of this 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 review process should 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.

To this end, your review comments will be most helpful if they:

- Address specific text, tables, figures, etc. in the draft and provide clear suggestions for changes in wording or content where appropriate. Please provide full references for any additional literature cited in a review comment.
- Ensure that any suggested changes to the Overview Chapter of the report are fully consistent with material in the chapters of the report and provide cross references to that material.
- Editorial comments can be provided, but please note that text styles including standardized spelling, use of units, etc., will be corrected as necessary in subsequent proof reading steps. Detailed comments on typographical errors are not generally of use at this stage.

The review process will follow standard IPCC procedures¹. These procedures advise that governments should send one integrated set of comments to the Task Force Bureau Co-Chairs through their Government Focal Points. An expert reviewer may also be asked to participate in the government review organized within his or her own country. In such a case, he/she should submit comments either as an individual or as part of the government review, but not both. Additional information on the role of Expert Reviewer is available in Annex 1 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work.

The government and expert review of the 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers SOD will take place from 31 August to 25 October 2026, 23:59 (GMT+1).

Expert Review

An online registration process is open for prospective expert reviewers via the SOD Review webpage: <https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/slcf/> and will close on **18 October 2026, 23:59 (GMT+2)**, one week before the end of the review period.

Government Review

Please note that IPCC Focal Points have already been registered using their designated Focal Point email address.

I kindly invite you to submit your government comments by **25 October 2026, 23:59 (GMT+1)**. Given the tight timeline for the preparation of the 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers, we regret that delays to the schedule cannot be accommodated. The review comments will be compiled immediately, and thus it will not be possible to submit comments after the deadline.

The draft report is accessible to governments from 31 August 2026, using their registered Focal Point email address, via the link:

<https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/slcf/>

Please note that this is a confidential document which must not be distributed, cited or quoted. We therefore kindly request that you not share the access details to the draft report.

This review webpage contains the drafts themselves, supporting materials, the comments spreadsheet, and instructions.

¹ <https://www.ipcc.ch/documentation/procedures/>

Please contact the TFI Technical Support Unit <nggip-tsu@iges.or.jp> if you don't have the credentials or if you have any questions about the process.

The Lead Authors will consider the review comments on their volumes and chapters at a meeting to be held in December 2026 and Review Editors for each volume will ensure that all substantive comments receive appropriate consideration. A final draft of the Overview Chapter and the underlying report will be made available to Governments in the first half of 2027 for their review, and a Plenary Session of the IPCC to adopt the Overview Chapter and accept the full underlying report will take place in the second half of 2027.

Please note that **all government comments will be attributable by country and made publicly available on the IPCC website following** the final approval and publication of the report.

All review comments must be submitted by means of the SOD review site by **Sunday, 25 October 2026, 23:59 (GMT+1)**.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Ko Barrett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(Ko Barrett)
Interim Secretary of the IPCC