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

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Geneva, 17 September 2025

Subject: IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the Expert Review of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.

The Panel at its Forty-third Session (Nairobi, Kenya, 11–13 April 2016) in its decision on the products of the sixth assessment cycle, decided that the seventh assessment cycle would include a Special Report on Climate Change and Cities. Following an IPCC call for nominations in August 2024 to member governments and observer organizations for experts to participate in the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors were selected by the Working Group I, II and III Bureau in December 2024 from the large number of nominations received. The authors are now working on a first draft report [First Order Draft (FOD)] of the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, which will be available for expert review from **17 October 2025 to 12 December 2025 midnight (GMT +1)**.

The expert review of the FOD is a key element of the IPCC assessment process. The purpose of this expert 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 expert review process shall 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. In addition, the review shall be undertaken by experts nominated by governments and observer organizations.

All those previously nominated for any role in the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, by governments and observer organizations but not selected will be informed separately about the expert review and invited to register. Governments and observer organizations are now asked to encourage additional experts to register to participate in the expert review of the FOD of the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.

An online registration process has been developed and is open for prospective expert reviewers via the IPCC web site, registration will close on **30 November 2025 midnight (GMT +1)**:

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

Additional information on the role of Expert Reviewer is available in Annex 1 of [Appendix A](#) to the Principles Governing IPCC Work. Please also see here an [information note](#) explaining the Expert Review process.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group II TSU at [<tsu@ipccwg2.org>](mailto:tsu@ipccwg2.org).

As a reminder, the expert review of the FOD starts on Friday 17 October 2025, and ends on Friday 12 December 2025 midnight (GMT +1), and is an expert review only. The government and expert review of the Second Order Draft of the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities will follow in May 2026 (8 May to 3 July 2026).

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 'C' followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC