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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, 17 October 2025

Subject: IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

Sir/Madam,

You may recall that 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.

I have the honour to inform you of the availability of the First Order Draft (FOD) of this report. The draft report is accessible via the IPCC website at: *[Part of the text removed here]*. Please login using your IPCC credentials. **Please note that this is a confidential document which must not be distributed, cited or quoted.** We therefore kindly request you not to share the access code to the draft report.

According to IPCC procedures for preparing IPCC reports, "the first draft reports should be sent to Government Focal Points, for information along with a list of those to whom the Report has been sent for review in that country".

The IPCC issued an open call for registration to join the Expert Review on 17 September 2025. In addition, the announcement was sent directly to all nominees for the preparation of the Special Report 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/srcities/public/>

Governments are asked to encourage experts to participate in the Expert Review. Prospective reviewers should register online, registration will close on **30 November 2025 midnight (GMT +1)**:

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

The Expert Review period starts on **Friday, 17 October 2025, and ends on Friday 12 December 2025 midnight (GMT +1)**.

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

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 'A' followed by a smaller 'M' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC