INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

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Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
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Geneva, 25 September 2026

Subject: Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report and the Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Including Indicators, Metrics and Methodologies

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the Expert Review of the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report and the Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Including Indicators, Metrics and Methodologies.

At its Sixtieth Session (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16–19 January 2024), the Panel agreed to continue to prepare comprehensive assessment reports and to maintain the existing three Working Group structure. The Panel also agreed on a distinct product revising and updating the 1994 IPCC Technical Guidelines on Impacts and Adaptation, including Indicators, Metrics and Methodologies, to be scoped, developed, reviewed and considered for approval and acceptance in conjunction with the Working Group II Contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report and published as a separate product.

Following the March 2025 call for nominations to Member Governments, Observer Organizations and Bureau members, the Working Group II Bureau selected Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors in July 2025 to contribute to the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report and the Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Including Indicators, Metrics and Methodologies.

The selected experts have prepared a First Order Draft (FOD), which will be available for expert review from **9 October 2026 until 4 December 2026 at 23:59 (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. The names of all Expert Reviewers will be acknowledged in the final version of the report.

All experts previously nominated by Member Governments, Observer Organizations or Bureau members for any role in the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report or the Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation, Including

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Indicators, Metrics and Methodologies, but not selected, will be informed separately of the expert review and invited to participate.

Governments and Observer Organizations are encouraged to nominate additional experts to participate in the review.

An online registration process has been developed and is open for prospective Expert Reviewers via the IPCC web site, registration will close on **20 November 2026, 23:59 (GMT +1)**:

https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar7wg2/

Additional information on the role of Expert Reviewer is available in Annex 1 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group II Technical Support Unit at <tsu@ipccwg2.org>.

As a reminder, the Expert Review of the FOD starts on Friday, 9 October 2026, and ends on Friday, 4 December 2026, 23:59 (GMT +1), and is an expert review only. The Government and Expert Review of the Second Order Draft of the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report and the Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Including Indicators, Metrics and Methodologies will follow in mid-2027 (tbc).

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,



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