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Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
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Geneva, 1st December 2025

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), Mazhar Hayat and Takeshi Enoki, I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the Expert Review of the First Order Draft (FOD) 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 to member governments and observer organizations for experts to participate in the production of the 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers, Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors were selected by the Task Force 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 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers, which will be available for expert review from **5 January 2026 to 27 February 2026 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 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers, 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 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers.

An online registration process has been developed and is open for prospective expert reviewers via the IPCC web site, registration will close on **13 February 2026 midnight (GMT +1)**:

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

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 TFI Technical Support Unit at <nggip-tsu@iges.or.jp>.

As a reminder, the expert review of the FOD starts on **Monday, 5 January 2026** and ends on **Friday, 27 February 2026 midnight (GMT +1)**, and is an expert review only. The government and expert review of the Second Order Draft of the 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forcers will follow in the second-half of 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,



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Secretary of the IPCC