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Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
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Geneva, 9 November 2026

Subject: IPCC Working Group III Contribution to the Seventh Assessment Report

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the Expert Review of the Working Group III Contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report.

The Panel at its Sixtieth Session (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16–19 January 2024) decided to prepare a comprehensive Seventh Assessment Report (AR7), inclusive of a contribution of Working Group III (WGIII) on the Mitigation of Climate Change. Following a scoping meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in December 2024, the outline of the WGIII contribution to the AR7 was approved at the Fifteenth Session of Working Group III and adopted at the Sixty-Second Session of the IPCC, both of which took place in Hangzhou, China, in February 2025.

Following an IPCC call for nominations in March 2025, Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors were selected in July 2025 from the nominations received, in accordance with IPCC procedures. The authors are now working on the First Order Draft (FOD) of the WGIII contribution to the AR7, which will be available for Expert Review from **16 November 2026 to 2 February 2027, 23:59 (GMT+2)**.

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 those previously nominated for any role in the Working Group III contribution to the AR7, by Member Governments, Observer Organizations and Bureau members, but not selected, will be informed separately about the Expert Review by the Working Group III Technical Support Unit and invited to register. Governments and Observer Organizations are now asked to encourage additional Experts to participate in the Expert Review of the AR7 Working Group III FOD.

An online registration process has been developed and is open for prospective Expert Reviewers via the IPCC website, and registration will close on **26 January 2027, 23:59 (GMT+2)**:

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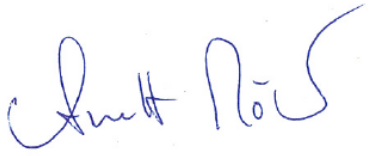
Additional information on the role of Expert Reviewer is available in Annex 1 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work. Please also refer to the Q&A for Expert Reviewers, available here.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group III Technical Support Unit at tsu_operations@ipccwg3.org.

As a reminder, the Expert Review of the FOD starts on 16 November 2026, and ends on 2 February 2027, 23:59 (GMT+2). This review is open to registered Expert Reviewers only.

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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