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Geneva, 9 October 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,

You may recall that the Panel, at its Sixtieth Session of the IPCC (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16–19 January 2024), decided to prepare a Seventh Assessment Report (AR7).

Following a Scoping meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in December 2024, the outline 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, was approved at the Thirteenth Session of Working Group II and adopted at the Sixty-Second Session of the IPCC, both of which took place in Hangzhou, China, in February 2025.

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. **This draft is provided on a confidential basis in accordance with IPCC procedures and must not be distributed, cited or quoted.** Access credentials must not be shared. Access to the draft is provided for information purposes in line with IPCC procedures and does not in itself constitute participation in the expert review. Participation in the review requires separate registration through the IPCC review system.

According to IPCC procedures for preparing IPCC reports, "the first draft reports should be sent to Government Focal Points, for information". The IPCC issued an open call for registration to join the Expert Review on Friday, 25 September 2026. In addition, the announcement was sent directly to all nominees for the preparation 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, 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:

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Governments are asked to encourage experts to participate in the Expert Review through the open registration process. Prospective reviewers should register online, registration will close on **20 November 2026, 23:59 (GMT +1)**:

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The Expert Review period starts on **Friday, 9 October 2026, and ends on Friday, 4 December 2026, 23:59 (GMT +1).**

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

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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