

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN IPCC PROCESSES AND PRODUCTS

Helpful IPCC website links

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PUBLICATION

- The **approved outlines** of the three Working Groups (WGI-III, WGII and WGIII) contributions to the current 6th IPCC Assessment Cycle. Consider cut-off dates for literature to be included in assessment.
 - o WGI – The Physical Science Basis
(https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/11/AR6_WGI_outlines_P46.pdf)
 - Submitted, accepted or published by 31 December 2019
 - Accepted or published by 30 September 2020
 - o WGII – Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability
(https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/11/AR6_WGII_outlines_P46.pdf)
 - Submitted, accepted or published by 26 June 2020
 - Accepted or published by 14 May 2021
 - o WGIII – Mitigation of Climate Change
(https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/11/AR6_WGIII_outlines_P46.pdf)
 - Submitted, accepted or published by 15 June 2020
 - Accepted or published by 19 January 2021
- Check for mention of **knowledge gaps** reported in previous assessments, such as
 - o various reports from the previous 5th Assessment Cycle
 - o The *Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C* (SR15) from the current 6th Assessment Cycle.
 - o The Special Reports on *The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate* (SROCC) and *Climate Change and Land* (SRCCL) when they come out in August and September 2019 respectively.
 - o Find reports at <https://www.ipcc.ch/reports/>
- Please see webinar details at the end of the document for further guidance.

IPCC AUTHORSHIP (see Nomination Process)

You can get directly involved in the production of the IPCC reports. To find out more about how reports are prepared, please see <https://www.ipcc.ch/about/preparingreports/>

- **Chapter teams** consist of Coordinating Lead Authors (CLA), Lead Authors (LA), Review Editors (RE), Contributing Authors (CA), Chapter Scientists (CS).
- **Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors** are
 - o **nominated** by IPCC focal Points from governments, observer organisations, and the IPCC Bureau, and
 - o **selected** by the IPCC Bureau of the relevant IPCC Working Group or Task Force
 - o **balancing** expertise, region and gender

- **Contributing Authors and Chapter Scientists are invited** to contribute by LA, also with balance for expertise, region and gender in mind.

EXPERT MEETINGS (see Nomination Process)

- You can also get involved in the IPCC through:
 - Co-sponsored workshops
 - Expert meetings
 - Scoping meetings
 - Each IPCC report starts with a scoping meeting where nominated experts prepare a draft outline of the report. See <https://www.ipcc.ch/about/preparingreports/>
 - Public lectures by IPCC authors
- Meetings are announced on the IPCC website and social media, see <http://ipcc.ch/>
 - Check News (<https://www.ipcc.ch/news/>), Activities (<https://www.ipcc.ch/activities/>) and Calendar (<https://www.ipcc.ch/calendar/>) for updates.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- To be considered for Lead Authorship or for expert IPCC meetings and workshops, you need to be nominated by either:
 - **IPCC national Focal Points**
<https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/contact/interface/focalpoints.php>
 - **IPCC observer organizations**
<https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/contact/interface/organizationall.php>
 - The **Admission policy for observer organizations** is published at <https://archive.ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles-observer-org.pdf>
- **Calls for nominations** are advertised on various IPCC channels:
 - For instance, the News page on the IPCC website <https://www.ipcc.ch/news/>
 - A call for nominations for the **Scoping Meeting of AR6 Synthesis Report** is currently open (deadline is 2 June 2019):
 - <https://www.ipcc.ch/2019/05/01/ipcc-calls-for-nomination-of-experts-to-scoping-meeting-for-synthesis-report-of-sixth-assessment-report/>
 - Details at <https://apps.ipcc.ch/nominations/scoping/syr2/public/>
 - Focal points and observer organizations also receive **letters of invitation** for nominations.
- If you as an individual are interested to take part in expert meetings or to become an author in the future, express your interest to the above.

REVIEWING IPCC ASSESSMENTS

- Video of Youba Sokona: <https://youtu.be/ooeDPo7NZul>
- See Guidelines for **group reviews**:
https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/srocc/sod/template/IPCCWG2_GroupReviewGuidelines.pdf
- **Announcements of reviews** are published on the IPCC website and social media <https://www.ipcc.ch/news/>
 - **The Working Group I contribution to the 6th Main Assessment Report is currently open for review**, see <https://www.ipcc.ch/2019/04/30/expert-review-wg1ar6/>
 - Follow the link to “Guidance Note for the Expert Review” for further instructions:
https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2017/08/AR6_WGI_FOD_Guidance_Note.pdf
- **Upcoming review periods** of IPCC reports, 6th Assessment Cycle:

- WGI – The Physical Science Basis
 - First Order Draft: 29 April – 23 June 2019
 - Second Order Draft: 2 March – 26 April 2020
- WGII – Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability
 - First Order Draft: 18 October – 13 December 2019
 - Second Order Draft: 7 August – 2 October 2020
- WGIII – Mitigation of Climate Change
 - First Order Draft: 13 January 2020 – 1 March 2020
 - Second Order Draft: 13 July – 13 September 2020
- 6th Assessment Synthesis Report: dates to be confirmed
- Also see information documents on <https://www.ipcc.ch/about/>
- **What to review:** For example, **see the guidelines for the report currently open for review** (see https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2019/04/AR6_WGI_FOD_Expert_Review_GuidanceNote.pdf)

COMMUNICATION

- **Communicate on climate change**
 - See IPCC *Principles for effective communication and public engagement on climate change* handbook: <https://wg1.ipcc.ch/AR6/documents/Climate-Outreach-IPCC-communications-handbook.pdf>

WEBINARS

- **E-learning course on Reviewing Assessment Reports of the IPCC**
 - “How does the IPCC work?” <https://youtu.be/q-5Xd7OM6CQ>
 - “How to conduct an IPCC review” <https://youtu.be/R3GzH4IKCaA>
 - “In-depth review analysis and further guidance” <https://youtu.be/uf-dffSZiC0>
- **“How to get involved in the work of the IPCC as an Early Career Scientist”** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5Ri4GBhcKk>
 - Time stamp 2:55 – Introduction: **History of IPCC**, function of IPCC, current assessment cycle
 - 13:07 – **Roles in IPCC** and how to get involved
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 - 34:34 – The 6th Assessment Cycle, the various products, **how reports are prepared** (scoping, outline, drafts, reviews, approval) concrete examples of where scientists can get involved
 - 55:34 – **Question and Answer** session