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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

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To designated IPCC Focal Points and
Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
(if no focal point has been designated)

Geneva, 6 July 2026

Subject: IPCC Working Group I 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 I Contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report, *The Physical Science Basis*.

The Panel at its Sixtieth Session (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16–19 January 2026) 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 I (WGI) contribution to the AR7 was approved at the Fifteenth Session of Working Group I and adopted at the Sixty-Second Session of the IPCC, both of which took place in Hangzhou, China, in February 2025. The Panel also decided that the Working Group I contribution to the AR7 would be followed by the Working Group II and Working Group III contribution to the AR7, and a Synthesis Report will be produced by late 2029, after the completion of Working Group reports.

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 a first draft report [First Order Draft (FOD)] of the WGI contribution to the AR7, which will be available for expert review from **10 August 2026 to 2 October 2026, 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.

All those previously nominated for any role in the Working Group I 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 I 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 I FOD.

An online registration process has been developed and is open for prospective expert reviewers via the IPCC website, and registration will close on **25 September 2026, 23:59 (GMT+2)**:

<https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar7wg1/>

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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 reviewers, available here.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group I TSU at <tsu.wg1-ar7-ipcc@universite-paris-saclay.fr>.

As a reminder, the expert review of the FOD starts on 10 August 2026, and ends on 2 October 2026, 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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