

14 February 2020,

**Invitation to be an Expert Reviewer of the Second Order Draft  
of the Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report**

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to be an Expert Reviewer for the Second Order Draft of the WGI contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). This invitation is on behalf of the Working Group I (WGI) Bureau members and Authors of the WGI report. The purpose of the Expert Review is to support the preparation of a comprehensive, objective and balanced report, and to ensure the robustness of the assessment process.

Expert Reviewers will be recognised for their valuable contribution, with their name, affiliation, and country of residence being published in the Annex of Reviewers in the published WGI report.

The Second Order Draft of the WGI report will be available for review by Experts and Government representatives for an eight-week period from 2 March to 26 April 2020.

The new AR6 WGI report structure is designed to assess large-scale climate changes (Chapters 2-4), climate processes and feedbacks (Chapters 5-9), and regional climate information (Chapters 10-12 and Atlas). This approach aims at greater visibility for key knowledge developments relevant for policymakers, strengthening the assessment of climate information for regions and enhancing links with Working Groups II (impacts, adaptation and vulnerability) and III (mitigation and socio-economics).

You may be interested in reviewing specific chapter sections, or topics that can span across several chapters. When you access the draft, you will find the Table of Contents of the draft and a table that indicates where cross-cutting topics are addressed.

For more information on the indicative content of the chapters, please see the approved WGI report outline: ([https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/09/AR6\\_WGI\\_outlines\\_P46.pdf](https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/09/AR6_WGI_outlines_P46.pdf))

To access the draft, Expert Reviewers must agree to the terms of the review, that all drafts and any supporting material such as unpublished literature are provided strictly for the purpose of the review and must not be cited, quoted, or distributed. Expert Reviewers may not reproduce the contents of the Second Order Draft, including in social media and other public fora. The final version of the WGI report will become public following its acceptance by the IPCC in April 2021.

We strongly encourage you to refer to the [Guidance Note for Expert Review](#) for further instructions, which, in addition to information on how to review the chapters, offers guidance for reviewing specific aspects of the draft, including the Frequently Asked Questions, the Figures, and the Interactive Online Atlas, the latter being a unique new feature of the WGI across all IPCC AR6 Reports.

## Registration

Please register online providing your contact details, a description of your related expertise, a list of up to five of your most relevant publications, and your highest academic degree. A personal and non-transferable username and password is generated for each Expert Reviewer upon successful completion of the registration:

<https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg1/sod/register.php>

On behalf of the WGI Bureau and the WGI chapter teams, we hope that you will accept this invitation and we thank you in advance for your contribution. Your comments will be an important contribution to the Report, supportive of the efforts of the author teams, and an integral part of the IPCC assessment process itself.

Please do not hesitate to contact the WGI Technical Support Unit ([tsu@ipcc-wg1.fr](mailto:tsu@ipcc-wg1.fr)) if you need any further clarification.

With best regards,



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### SUMMARY OF THE PROCESS

From 14 February	Registration opens (but access to the drafts is not possible) <a href="https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg1/sod/register.php">https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg1/sod/register.php</a> You will receive automatically your username, password and the url where to connect to access the drafts
2 March	Opening of the review Connect to <a href="https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg1/sod/">https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg1/sod/</a> Log in and access the drafts
2 March-26 April	Review period Use the excel spreadsheet to provide your comments
19 April	Registration closes
26 April (23h59 CEST)	Deadline to upload your review comments on the portal <a href="https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg1/sod/">https://apps.ipcc.ch/comments/ar6wg1/sod/</a>