

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Membership

WHO is WHO in the IPCC

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established in the year 1988 by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It is an intergovernmental body that is open to all member countries of the UNEP and of WMO. Each government has an IPCC focal point that coordinates IPCC related activities in the country. Relevant international, intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations are also participating in the work of the IPCC

The IPCC Plenary

The IPCC meets approximately once a year at the plenary level of government representatives. The sessions are attended by hundreds of officials and experts from relevant ministries, agencies and research institutions from member countries and from participating organisations. All major decisions are taken by the Panel in plenary session such as on IPCC's principles, procedures and structure, mandate of working groups and task forces, workplan and budget. The Panel decides whether to prepare a new report, its scope and outline, and it accepts reports. It elects also the IPCC Chair and the Bureau.





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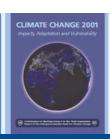
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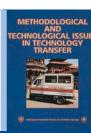












The IPCC Bureau

Members of the IPCC Bureau are normally elected for the duration of the preparation of an IPCC Assessment Report (5-6 years). They should be experts in the field of climate change and all regions should be represented in the IPCC Bureau. The Bureau is chaired by the Chair of the IPCC and is composed of the Co-Chairs of the three IPCC Working Groups and the Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, IPCC Vice-Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Working Groups. Presently the IPCC Bureau has 30 members.

The IPCC Working Groups

IPCC Working Groups and any Task Force of the IPCC have clearly defined mandates and work plans agreed by the Panel and are led by two Cochairs. IPCC Working Groups at the plenary level of government representatives agree on the scope of a report prepared by the respective working group, provide guidance on the selection of authors and later accept the content of the report and approve its Summary for Policymakers. The reports are prepared by teams of authors (see later), but governments are invited to provide comments during government reviews.

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According to the current working group structure Working Group I assesses the scientific aspects of the climate system and climate change;

Working Group II assesses the scientific, technical, environmental, economic and social aspects of the vulnerability (sensitivity and adaptability) to climate change of, and the negative and positive consequences (impacts) for, ecological systems, socio-economic sectors and human health, with an emphasis on regional, sectoral and cross-sectoral issues;

Working Group III assesses the scientific, technical, environmental, economic and social aspects of the mitigation of climate change.

The Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

The Task Force is mandated to carry out work on inventory-related methodologies and practices. The Bureau of the Task Force is elected by the Panel, but only the Co-chairs of the Task Force Bureau are members of the IPCC Bureau. Reports prepared by the Task Force are accepted by the Panel.

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Hundreds of experts from all over the world are contributing to the preparation of IPCC reports as authors, contributors and reviewers. They are selected by the Working Group Bureaux from nominations received from governments and participating organisations or identified directly because of their special expertise reflected in their publications and works. The composition of lead author teams for chapters of IPCC reports shall reflect a range of views, expertise and geographical representation.

Coordinating Lead Authors take overall responsibility for coordinating major sections of a report. Lead Authors are responsible for the production of designated sections of reports. The essence of the lead authors'task is synthesis of the best scientific, technical and socioeconomic information available in peerreviewed and internationally available literature and in selected non-peer reviewed literature. They are also required, in conjunction with Review Editors, to take account of expert and government review comments in revising the text. Lead Authors may enlist Contributing Authors, who will prepare technical information on specific topics to be assimilated in the chapter. Experts may also be invited to contribute to the IPCC process through participation in expert meetings and workshops.

In the course of two reviews Expert Reviewers are invited to comment on the accuracy and completeness of the scientific/technical/socioeconomic content and the overall balance of the drafts. During the second review Governments are also invited to comment on the revised drafts. The names of all authors, reviewers and review editors are acknowledged in the report.

^{*} Note: After three years an expert from the United Kingdom (J. Penman) will take the place of Norway.

The IPCC Secretariat

The IPCC Secretariat plans, oversees and manages all IPCC activities. In particular the IPCC Secretariat organises sessions of the Panel, the IPCC Bureau and Working Groups, and other IPCC activities in co-operation with the Technical Support Units (TSU), manages the IPCC Trust Fund and oversees and co-ordinates IPCC publication, public information and outreach activities. It is supported by UNEP and WMO and hosted by WMO at its Headquarters in Geneva/Switzerland.

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