

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Call for Expressions of Interest

South African scientists wishing to be involved in the compilation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 7th Assessment Report (AR7)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, see www.ipcc.ch) is the world's leading body for the science-based assessment of climate change. Established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the IPCC provides the world with a rigorous evidence-based assessment on the current state of climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic consequences.

The IPCC is a scientific review body. It does not conduct new research nor does it monitor climate-related data or parameters. Thousands of scientists from all over the world contribute to the work of the IPCC on a voluntary basis. These scientists are nominated by their governments, and a special effort is made to ensure gender and regional balance in the selection of IPCC authors onto its author teams. The work produced by these teams is itself intensively reviewed by a wide range of technical and policy stakeholders, to ensure an objective and complete assessment of current information.

The IPCC is currently in the process of developing its 7th Assessment Report (AR7) and the three Working Group contributions will be finalized between 2028 to 2029, followed by a Synthesis Report, forming an up-to-date and comprehensive assessment of the scientific community's understanding of climate change. As in the past, the working groups will assess the most recent science for review in the AR6 as follows:

- The IPCC Working Group I (WG I) assesses the physical scientific aspects of the climate system and climate change;
- The IPCC Working Group II (WG II) assesses the vulnerability of socio-economic and natural systems to climate change, negative and positive consequences of climate change, and options for adapting to it; and
- The IPCC Working Group III (WG III) assesses options for mitigating climate change through limiting or preventing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing activities that remove them from the atmosphere

South African scientists who wish to participate in the IPCC's 7th assessment process as a Co-ordinating Lead Author (CLA), Lead Author (LA), Contributing Author (CA), Review Editor (RE) or Expert Reviewer (ER) need to be formally nominated by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. The IPCC nomination process has started and will close on **Thursday 17 April 2025 (midnight GMT +1)**, the Department would appreciate expressions of interest before this date to ensure that the widest range of South African scientists are considered for nomination.

If you are interested in participating in this prestigious process, please e-mail Mr Itchell Guiney at iguiney@dffe.gov.za on or before 15 April 2025, to ensure nominations are forwarded to the IPCC promptly and on-time.



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