







Outreach Event on the Role and Activities of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

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IPCC Focal Point

The role of PCC Focal Point

- ► Many of the IPCC Member countries have a designated Focal Point (MENRPD-Climate Change Directorate)
- Links the government with the national scientific community and the IPCC.
- Communication from the IPCC is sent to the Focal Point, the IPCC sends copies of all communication to the Ministries for Foreign Affairs.

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- The location and staffing of the IPCC Focal Points differ depending on national circumstances.
- The Climate Change Directorate supports the work of the Focal Point (MENRPD)
- the IPCC Focal Points are encouraged to contact national research communities and institutions in order to identify relevant experts.

According to the Principles Governing IPCC Work

The Function of Focal Point is:

- To prepare and update the list of national experts as required to help implement the IPCC work programme, and
- To arrange the provision of integrated comments on the accuracy and completeness of the scientific and/or technical content and the overall scientific and/or technical balance of the drafts.
- IPCC Focal Point coordinates the nomination process.

Function of Focal Point Cont.

- Disseminates the IPCC call for nominations through the established networks and contacts, helps identify senior experts for specific sections and chapters of the Reports and,
- often after consultation with independent experts and internal review, provides a list of names and credentials to the IPCC Secretariat.
- Focal Points are also encouraged to consult with the Members of the IPCC Bureau from their region on how to identify scientific technical institutions and experts.

Networks and Contacts

- In order to facilitate information exchange between the national entities and the IPCC, it is recommended that governments, their IPCC Focal Points, establish networks and maintain lists of contacts of:
- national experts including their scientific expertise, publication record, and interest in getting involved in the work of IPCC;
- key persons within government, academic, non-governmental and private sector entities;
- national scientists who have been involved in the p reparation of previous IPCC Reports;
- people who specifically asked to be informed of new IPCC calls for

nominations.

Dissemination of the call for nominations Governments

- Consult broadly in identifying potential experts,
- Depending on national procedures, a number of channels are used for disseminating the call for nominations:
- list-servers for electronic mailings generated from the above mentioned contact databases;
- Other mailing lists used within government, academic, nongovernmental and private sector entities;
- Public advertisement through key web portals or appropriate print and e-products;
- Announcements at relevant meetings, workshop sometimes.

National selection process for nominations

- When responding to the call for nominations, self-nomination is the norm in many countries.
- The IPCC procedures encourage nomination through mechanisms established by the government, NGOs or International Organizations.

■ The IPCC Focal Point

- Should aim top re-select a roster of candidates that reflects a wide range of views, disciplines and expertise.
- Nominees may be requested by their national Focal Point to complete the nomination forms provided by the IPCC Secretariat.

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- In this form, the candidate is asked to indicate the working group (s), chapter(s) and author role(s) for which he/she is being nominated. Together with a summary curriculum vita in English specifying the nominee's expertise and a list of relevant publications, the nominee returns the completed nomination form to the national IPCC Focal Point for compilation and submission to the IPCC.
- Within a country, a small committee of government experts may review and verify the credentials of the nominations collected by the Focal Point.
- The prepared approved list of nominees is then submitted to the IPCC Secretariat by the Focal Point.







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