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## **MEDIA INFORMATION NOTE**

We are pleased to announce the completion of the nomination process for the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), scheduled for completion in 2013-2014, will be the next comprehensive assessment of all aspects of climate change by the IPCC. Over 3000 experts were nominated by IPCC national Focal Points or Observer Organizations.

As is the case for all IPCC reports, the author selection process is being carried out by the Working Group Bureaux, which are comprised of leading scientists representing all regions of the world, elected by the IPCC members (the governments of the world's nations). The Bureaux follow the IPCC Principles and Procedures for selection based on criteria that cover expertise, range of views, and geographical representation. The Bureaux will also consider the need for experts from developed and developing countries, gender balance, and experts new to the IPCC process.

Approximately 600 to 700 scientists will be selected as Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors. Many additional experts will be invited to participate as Contributing Authors as the work on the Fifth Assessment Report progresses. The author teams will conduct the scientific-technical assessment using procedures that emphasize comprehensiveness, scientific independence, openness, thorough review and transparency.

The author selection process will be completed at the upcoming meeting of the IPCC Bureau, in May, 2010. The final slate of Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors will then be provided to the IPCC member governments and made publicly available.

The composition of the IPCC Bureaux is at:

[http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/organization\\_bureau.htm](http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/organization_bureau.htm)

Additional information on the IPCC procedures for the preparation of reports and the roles of each type of author and of review editors is at:

<http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles-appendix-a.pdf>

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