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Ministries of Foreign Affairs
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Geneva, 4 May 2018

Subject: *IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*

Sir/Madam,

You may recall that at the 43rd Session of the IPCC (Nairobi, Kenya, 11-13 April 2016), the Panel agreed to prepare a Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate.

I have the honour to inform you of the availability of the First Order Draft (FOD) of this report. According to IPCC procedures for preparing IPCC reports, "the first draft reports should be sent to Government Focal Points, for information". The IPCC issued an open call for registration to join the Expert Review on Friday 20 April 2018. In addition, the announcement was sent directly to all nominees for the preparation of the Special Report who were not selected as authors or review editors. The report page on the IPCC website provides information on the level of participation by country and region as well as the number and origin of experts registered:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/srocc/fod/public/>

The draft report is accessible via the IPCC web site at:

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Please note that this is a confidential document which must not be distributed, cited or quoted. We therefore kindly request that you not to share the access code to the draft report.

Governments are asked to encourage experts to participate in the Expert Review. Prospective reviewers should register online, registration will close on **22 June 2018 midnight (GMT +2)**:

http://bit.ly/srocc_fod_register

The Expert Review period starts on **Friday, 4 May 2018, and ends on Sunday, 29 June 2018, midnight (GMT +2).**

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group II TSU at [<tsu@ipcc-wg2.awi.de>](mailto:tsu@ipcc-wg2.awi.de).

The Government and Expert Review of the Second Order Draft of the Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate will follow in November 2018 (16 November 2018 to 11 January 2019).

A copy of this letter is being sent for information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Permanent Representatives from your country to the World Meteorological Organization and to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a smaller 'M' and a flourish.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC