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Draft 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol now available for expert review

GENEVA, 7 January - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is calling for experts to review the first order draft of its *2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol* to be finalized at the end of October 2013.

At its 35th plenary session held in Geneva, Switzerland, in June 2012, the IPCC asked its Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) to review and update its supplementary guidance on greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) for reporting under the Kyoto Protocol.

The decision was in response to an invitation by Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Parties to the Kyoto Protocol asked the IPCC to review and if necessary update its Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF issued in 2003 to ensure consistency with decisions agreed by the UNFCCC in Durban at the end of 2011.

Climate policy and global climate negotiations rely on a robust scientific foundation to produce sound results. The IPCC provides policymakers with regular assessments of climate science and its potential impacts, and assessments of the possibilities for mitigating climate change. The estimation of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases is one important basis for climate mitigation. The IPCC provides *de facto* international standards for such estimation, through highly technical work, while offering flexibility to take different national circumstances and capacities into account.

Review is an important part of the IPCC assessment process. Draft reports are subjected to a multi-stage review beginning with the review of a first order draft by scientific experts, followed by the review of a second order draft by governments and experts and a final round of government comments prior to the approval session of the Panel. The IPCC seeks as broad a range of experts as possible, based on a self-declaration of expertise. Once registered, expert reviewers will be provided with the drafts that are confidential documents not to be cited, quoted or distributed. The drafts, comments and responses are made public after the report or guidance is finalized.

Experts interested in taking part in this first review process can register here: http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/forms/kpsgreview_registration.html. Registration is open until the end of the review period on 3 February 2013.

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For more information on the IPCC review process go to <http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles-appendix-a-final.pdf>

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