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Draft 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol ready for government and expert review.

GENEVA, 15 April - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is pleased to announce that the government and expert review of the second order draft of the *2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol (KP Supplement)* including the first draft of its Overview Chapter will begin on 22 April 2013 and end on 2 June 2013.

2,507 comments from 97 experts were received in the expert review of the first order draft that took place between 7 January and 3 February 2013. The author team has prepared the second order draft considering all the comments received. The second order draft will be reviewed by IPCC member governments in addition to experts. The *KP Supplement* will be adopted and accepted at the 37th Session of the IPCC in October 2013.

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, as well as assessments of the possibilities for mitigating climate change. The estimation of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases is one important basis for climate mitigation and 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.

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.

Also at the request of the UNFCCC, the TFI is working on the *2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement)*. It will also be available at the end of October 2013.

Review is a vital part of producing methodology reports such as this one. 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 adoption/acceptance session of the Panel.

The IPCC seeks as broad a range of experts as possible, based on self-declaration of expertise. A wide range of reviewers including those with expertise in, and knowledge of, Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol; the IPCC Guidelines; land use, land-use change and forestry; and inventory compilation is sought for this review. Once registered, expert reviewers will be provided with the

second order draft that is a confidential document not to be cited, quoted or distributed. The drafts, comments and responses are made public after a report or guidance is finalized.

Experts interested in taking part in the review of the second order draft of the *KP Supplement* should register here:

http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/forms/kpsgreview_registration.html

Registration starts today, 15 April 2013, and will be open throughout the review period. (Please note that for technical reasons the registration website will not be accessible on 20-21 April.) Those who already registered to review the first order draft of the KP Supplement do not have to register again.

IPCC member governments are being separately informed through their national IPCC Focal Points to take part in the review.

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For more information on the *KP Supplement*, please visit:

http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/home/2013KPSupplementaryGuidance_inv.html

For more information on the IPCC's Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) see

<http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/> or contact the TFI Technical Support Unit at nggip-tsu@iges.or.jp

For more information on the IPCC review process go to:

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