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**PROGRESS REPORT**

**Special Report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL)**

**Report on the Author Selection Process**

(Prepared by the Co-Chairs of the IPCC Working Group II)

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)



## PROGRESS REPORT

Progress Report of the Working Group III on the Results of the Author Selection Process for the Special Report on Climate Change and Land: An IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems

### Objectives

Authors for the IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems were selected in line with IPCC policies and procedures by the Members of all three Working Group Bureaux, and the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI).

The objective of the selection process was to select authors and review editors for the seven chapters of the report, considering all criteria as stated in Appendix A of the Principles Governing IPCC Work:

*“The composition of the group of Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors for each chapter, a report or its summary shall aim to reflect:*

- *the range of scientific, technical and socio-economic views and expertise;*
- *geographical representation (ensuring appropriate representation of experts from developing and developed countries and countries with economies in transition); there should be at least one and normally two or more from developing countries;*
- *a mixture of experts with and without previous experience in IPCC;*
- *gender balance.”*

### Overview of selection process

The selection process was undertaken in five stages.

#### *Stage 1 – Evaluation of nominee’s expertise*

All Members of the three Working Group Bureau and the Co-Chairs of the TFI were asked to participate in identifying and recommending nominees on the basis of their expertise. First and second choice preferences were identified with Members asked to pay particular attention to regional representation.

The Working Group III Technical Support Unit (WG III TSU) compiled all the Bureau and TFI co-chair recommendations and comments into a single spreadsheet. This spreadsheet was then circulated again to all Members in order that everyone had a complete overview of the stated preferences.

#### *Stage 2 – First meeting to select nominees*

Members of the three Working Group Bureau and the Co-Chairs of the TFI discussed the combined list at two meetings in Exeter, UK, on 7 and 8 June 2017. All Members who were unable to attend in person were invited to join via teleconference or make a written submission. At these meetings the Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs) for each chapter were provisionally agreed, and an initial selection of Lead Authors (LAs) and Review Editors (RE) was made.

#### *Stage 3 – Identification and filling major gaps*

An updated spreadsheet that included the decisions made at the Exeter meeting was circulated to the Working Group Bureau and TFI Co-Chairs with the request that they identify key gaps in expertise, regional representation and gender balance that needed to be addressed, and indicate candidates who may be appropriate to fill these gaps. Following this round of review and feedback WG III TSU compiled and circulated an updated spreadsheet in order that everyone had a complete overview of stated preferences.

*Stage 4 – Second meeting to select nominees*

The Working Group Bureau Members and TFI Co-Chairs discussed the updated list during two teleconferences covering different time zones in late June 2017 (held on the same day to ensure Members from all hemispheres could fully engage with the selection process). At this meeting a proposal for all remaining Lead Authors (LAs) and Review Editors (RE) was agreed. This list was circulated to the Working Group Bureau Members and TFI Co-Chairs for review and comment.

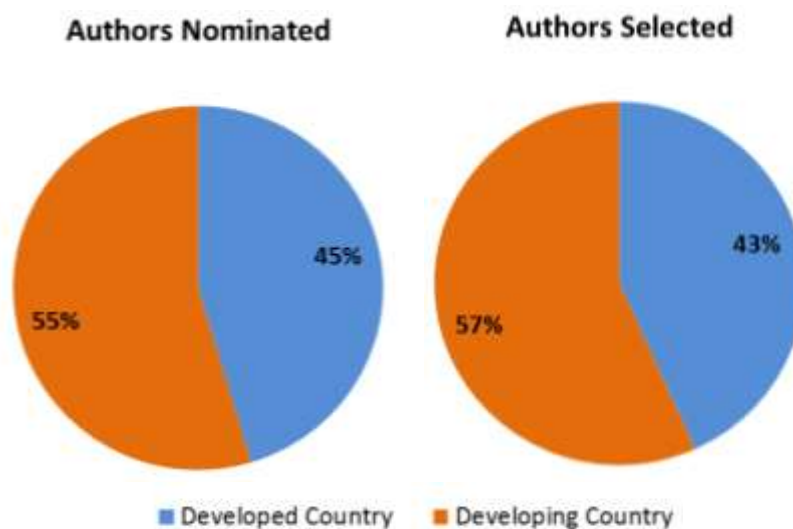
*Stage 5 – Approval*

Taking into account all comments and recommendations, a complete list was compiled by WG III TSU and circulated to the Working Group Bureau Members and TFI Co-Chairs for approval. This list was approved on 27 June 2017. Invitations were extended by the Working Group III Co-Chairs on 5 July 2017.

**Overview of nominations and results of selection process**

Nominations for 634 people were received. Citizens coming from developing countries represented 55% of nominees; women represented 30% of nominees.

104 people were invited to participate in the special report. Of the total selected, 57% were from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and 43% from developed countries. 106 nationalities are represented. 33% of authors are female, and 67% are male. 56% of selected authors had some previous IPCC experience, while 44% are new to the IPCC. The breakdown of authors across a number of criteria is shown in Figures 1-4.



**Figure 1:** Percentage of nominees from developed and developing countries (including economies in transition)

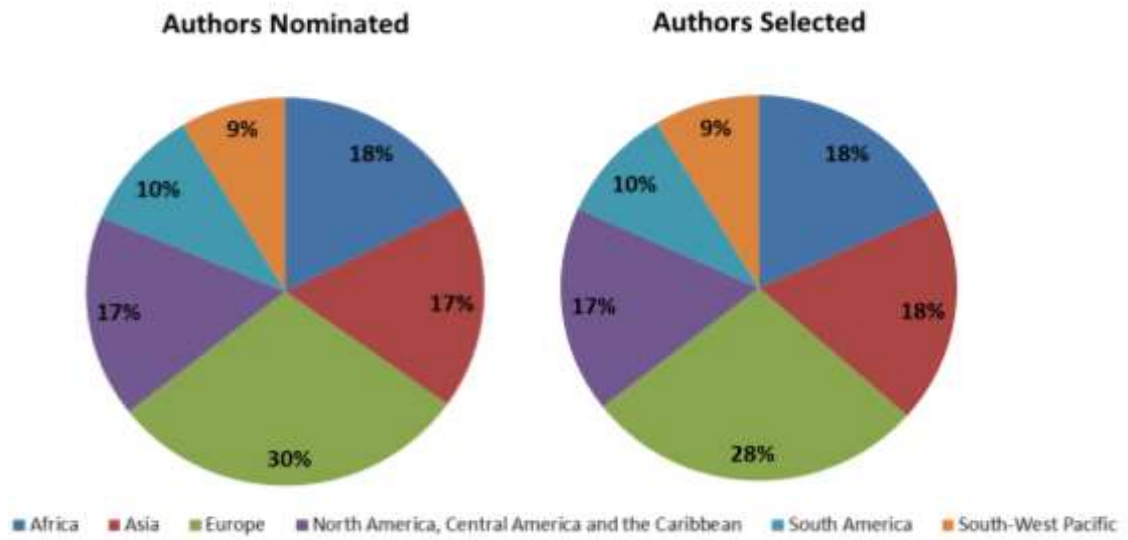


Figure 2: Distribution of nominees across WMO Regions

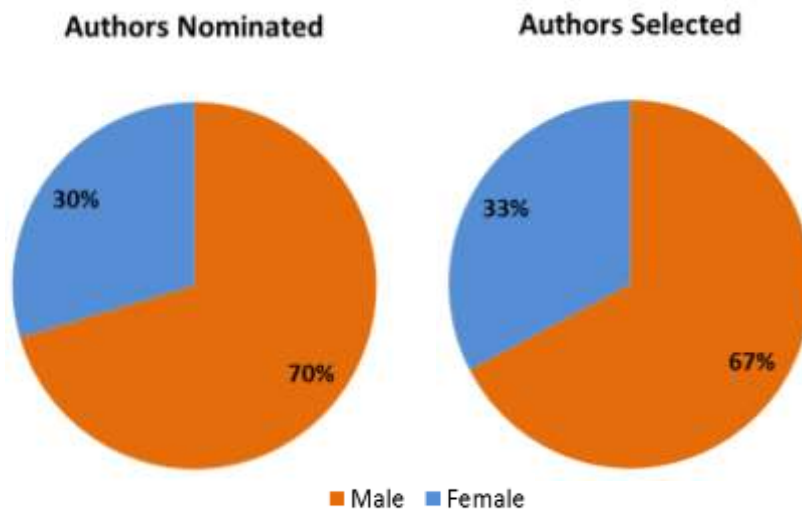
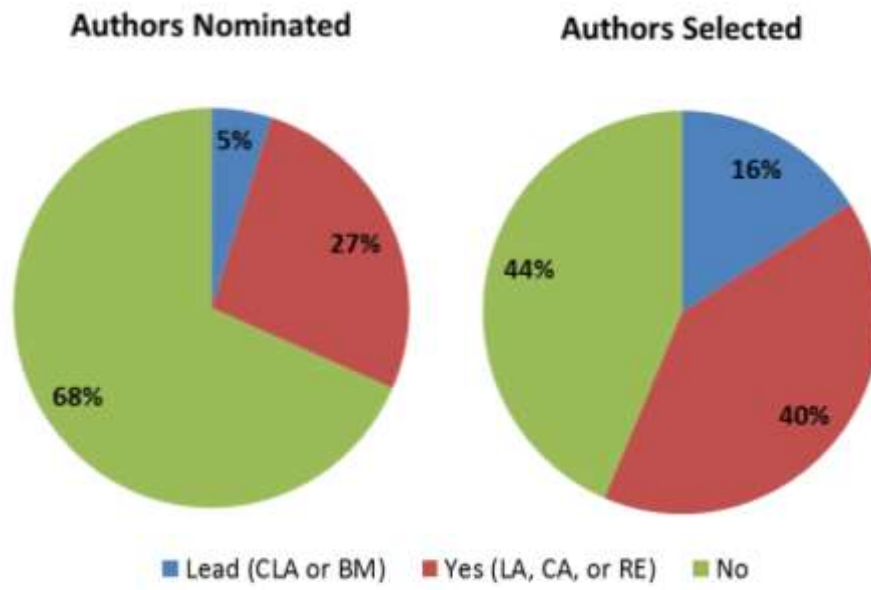


Figure 3: Gender balance



**Figure 4: IPCC Experience**