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IPCC invites experts to take part in second round of comments on Working Group III contribution to Fifth Assessment Report

POTSDAM, 25 February - The expert and government review of the second order draft of the Working Group III contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) starts today, Monday, 25 February. For the second review of its contribution, Working Group III, which covers mitigation of climate change, is seeking input from voluntary expert reviewers from all relevant fields. The second order draft of the contribution will also be reviewed by the member governments of the IPCC. The review period runs until 22 April, and registration for access to the draft is open.

The IPCC seeks the widest possible participation by experts in the reviews of its draft reports, encompassing the full range of scientific, technical and socio-economic views, expertise, and geographical representation.

In order to arrive at a balanced assessment of the options for mitigating climate change, Working Group III hopes to draw on the expertise of outstanding scholars as well as the experience and knowhow of other experts working on climate change mitigation.

The main stages of the review process are the review of the first order draft by scientific experts, the review of the second order draft by experts and governments, and a final round of government comments on the draft of the Summary for Policymakers.

During the review of the first order draft of its contribution to AR5, Working Group III received more than 16,000 comments from 610 reviewers from 57 countries. Every review comment is addressed by the authors of the report chapters. To ensure transparency, all the comments and the responses are published with the drafts after the reports are finally released.

Experts who have already registered for the review of the first order draft are automatically registered for the review of the second order draft. They can use the login credentials provided for the earlier review. Experts who have not previously registered may do so via the following link:

http://www.ipcc-wg3.de/ar5review/

Please feel free to disseminate this review registration link within your professional networks.

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