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Proposed themes for Special Reports during the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) cycle

(Submitted by the Acting Secretary of the IPCC)



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Dear Mr. Martin-Novella,

I refer to your letter of 6 July 2015, inviting Parties and Observer Organizations, to submit views on potential themes for Special Reports to be prepared and concluded during the sixth assessment cycle (AR6) of IPCC, in accordance with the Panel's decision IPCC/XLI-6, paragraph 2 and in the context of the Panel's Decision IPCC/XLI-4, paragraphs 1 and 2.

In this regard, I would like to thank you for your invitation and stress the importance of the Special Reports that the Panel may decide to prepare during AR6 for supporting the UNFCCC process, including for the implementation of the Paris agreement, to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session. While noting that the negotiations on this agreement are still in progress, I believe that the timeframes and processes related to contributions and other matters related to implementation and ambition will play a key role in future.

In this context, I would like to stress that monitoring the aggregated progress made towards maintain global warming below the internationally agreed upper limit and the science based management of the pathway of global emissions will continue to be of high importance to Parties as they engage in the implementation of the Paris agreement and that the IPCC could play a key role in providing a solid scientific foundation for policy making on this matter through the preparation of targeted special reports.

Yours sincerely,

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