

## WGI Contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report

Third Lead Author Meeting  
Toulouse, France, 26-30 August 2019

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We are delighted to welcome you to the Third Lead Author Meeting (LAM3) in Toulouse, France, which is hosted by the kind invitation of Météo France.

Since the Second Lead Author Meeting held last January in Vancouver, Canada, an important milestone has been passed with the completion of the First Order Draft (FOD). The FOD was made widely available for formal review by experts and this resulted in a total of 23 462 comments from 750 experts. There is a lot of work to be done here in Toulouse as the Authors of each chapter will discuss the review comments and how to respond to these in preparing the next draft. The Review Editors are here to assist the Authors in their task; their role is to ensure that the review comments are addressed appropriately and to advise Lead Authors on how to handle contentious or controversial issues arising from the comments.

The work on the chapters is a crucial component at this Third Lead Author Meeting so the majority of the time available will be allocated to chapter meetings. A key priority for the meeting will be addressing cross-chapter coordination. The meeting includes break out group sessions and time for more focused chapter-chapter meetings. Meetings will also take place in support of the preparation of different aspects of the report (e.g. Chapter Scientists, Review Editors, Glossary, FAQs) and for training (e.g. assessment and use of uncertainty language, visual aspects, diversity and inclusive practices).

The Second Order Draft (SOD) is due to the WGI TSU by 22 January 2020. This will be followed by an intense drafting period of the Technical Summary and Summary for Policy Makers, before being made available for review by governments and by experts over an eight-week period in March and April 2020. The results of those reviews will be considered at the Fourth Lead Author meeting in June 2020.

We are pleased to welcome you all to this Third Lead Author Meeting and look forward to working with you here in Toulouse!

Thank you in advance for your fruitful contribution.



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