

Government and Expert Review of the Synthesis Report of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report

The purpose of this note is to explain the process for the Government and Expert Review of the Synthesis Report of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6 SYR).

Background

The Government and Expert Review is an integral part of the preparation of IPCC reports. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the report is comprehensive, objective and balanced. The IPCC Procedures require the government and expert review process to be open and transparent.

The First Order Draft (FOD) of the AR6 SYR will be available for Government and Expert Review from 10 January to 20 March 2022.

Expert Review Registration

The IPCC Procedures require that the review be carried out by experts, in addition to governments. This is not a public review and all prospective Expert Reviewers will be requested to register.

The online registration system for Expert Reviewers requests contact details, a description of relevant scientific and technical expertise related to the sections that will be reviewed, a list of up to five most relevant publications, and highest academic degree earned.

The IPCC Secretariat will notify member governments and observer organizations of the call for registration and start of the review, inviting them to solicit the participation of their experts. There will be an announcement on the IPCC website and on social media that the review registration site is open.

A personal and non-transferable username and password to the review mechanism is generated for each Expert Reviewer upon successful completion of the registration.

Expert Review Process

To access the draft, Expert Reviewers must agree to the terms of the review, that all drafts and any supporting material are provided strictly for the purpose of the review and must not be cited, quoted, or distributed. Expert Reviewers may not reproduce the contents of the First Order Draft, including in social media and other public Fora. The final version of the AR6 SYR will become publicly available following its approval by the IPCC, anticipated September 2022.