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To designated IPCC Focal Points and
Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)
(if no focal point has been designated)

Geneva, 11 June 2012

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of IPCC Working Group II (WGII), Vicente Barros and Christopher Field, I have the honor to inform you that the first-order draft (FOD) of the WGII contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), *Climate Change 2013: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability*, is now available for the 8-week review period reserved for experts. For additional information, please also see the letter announcing pre-registration for the WGII AR5 Expert Review, dated 14 May 2012 (ref.: 5974-12/IPCC/AR5).

In accordance with the approved procedures for the preparation and review of IPCC reports, the IPCC WGII Technical Support Unit (TSU) has made available the draft report, for your information, via the following password-protected web site: <<https://ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/review/FOD/>>. Your access credentials will be issued by 17:00 PST, 11 June 2012. If you do not see mail from <no-reply@ipcc-wg2.gov> with your unique username and password, feel free to send mail to <tsu@ipcc-wg2.gov> and a TSU staff member will help troubleshoot the issue.

The 14 May correspondence provided you the URL and static credentials to access a registration system, so that you could encourage experts to participate in the review. To gauge success of your and the WGII TSU's mutual efforts, use the username/password that will be sent to you today, and browse a dynamically built table of Registered and Authorized Reviewers, sorted by citizenship (see <<https://ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/review/FOD/reviewers-fp.php>>). All pre-registrant applications will be approved or denied by 17:00 PST, 11 June 2012. By 12 June, you should have a good sense of engagement of your experts. If you feel representation is lacking, send colleagues to the registration site; do not share your unique credentials.

As with all accepted expert reviewers, your first visit to the drafts repository will involve reading and accepting the Terms and Conditions of the review -- acknowledging that the WGII AR5 FOD is a confidential document that must not be cited, quoted, or distributed. The draft chapters and supporting materials are being provided solely for your personal use in support of the review process.

The WGII AR5 Expert Review runs from 11 June - 6 August 2012. The Government and Expert Review of the second-order draft will take place from 29 March - 24 May 2013.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Representative of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Focal Point(s) of your country for information.

Yours sincerely,



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