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

Geneva, 8 April 2010

Sir/Madam,

I am writing to thank you for the contribution of your government to the nomination process of the Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA), and to inform you of the new TGICA membership.

By decision of the Panel, the members of the Task Group were selected based on the lead author selection process of the IPCC (see attached TGICA membership list). The term of membership on the TGICA is linked to the assessment cycle of the IPCC, with the membership refreshed near the start of a new comprehensive assessment. The AR5 cycle extends through 2014.

Drs Jose Marengo (Brazil) and Richard Moss (USA) the previous TGICA Co-Chairs have been confirmed to serve as Co-Chairs of the TGICA during the Fifth Assessment cycle.

Allow me to recall that the mandate of the TGICA is to facilitate wide availability of climate change related data and scenarios to enable research and sharing of information across the three IPCC working groups.

The TGICA does not develop emission, climate, or other types of scenarios for the IPCC, make decisions regarding the choice of such scenarios for use in IPCC assessments, nor undertake modeling or research.

The TGICA also disseminates information in support of IPCC work and coordinates a Data Distribution Centre (DDC) which provides data sets, climate and other scenarios, and other materials (e.g., technical guidelines on use of scenarios), identifies information needs in support of IPCC work, facilitates research on climate impacts, adaptation, and mitigation, and makes related recommendations on cross-cutting issues. The Task Group contributes to building capacity in the use of data and scenarios for climate-related research in developing and transition-economy regions and countries.

The TGICA meets two times a year, on average. In addition, the TGICA conducts expert meetings on an as-needed basis to assist with its work. Members are expected to attend meetings, and to support the group through participation in other tasks such as drafting technical guidelines, reviewing draft guidelines or other materials, and helping to develop and carry out initiatives to increase the availability of data and scenarios for climate and impacts research and assessment. The time commitment for members can be fairly heavy, particularly during periods of preparation for TGICA meetings or drafting of technical guidelines and other materials.

Travel of members from developing and transition economy countries will be supported by the IPCC Trust Fund, however it is expected that members from developed countries will receive support for their travel through their national mechanism for participation of experts in the IPCC process similar to those serving as lead authors on IPCC reports and technical papers.

Copy of this letter is being sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, IPCC Contact Point(s), the Permanent Representative with WMO and Focal Point(s) of UNEP of your country for information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the TGICA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Christ', is positioned above the typed name.

(Renate Christ)  
Secretary of the IPCC