

IPCC Call for Authors of the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report: all the key information to submit your application

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What nominations is the IPCC seeking?

- The IPCC is calling for nominations of experts to act as Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors or Review Editors for the three key Working Group (WG) contributions to IPCC's Seventh Assessment Report (AR7).

What is the difference between the three different Working Groups?

- Working Group I assesses the scientific aspects of the climate system and climate change; Working Group II looks at impacts, adaptation and vulnerability to climate change, and Working Group III assesses the mitigation of climate change.

How do I choose which kind of role (author/reviewer) to apply for?

- Before applying, it is recommended that you gain a full understanding of what the commitment and expectations are for taking on the roles of Coordinating Lead Author, Lead Author and Review Editor (see Annex 1 of Appendix A to the [Principles Governing IPCC Work](#)).
You can then self-assess whether you have the experience and knowledge in the topics identified in the [chapters](#) you are interested in applying for.

How do I choose which Working Group to apply for?

- To understand which WG you are suitable for, you should check the approved [content outlines](#) of the three WG contributions to AR7 currently under preparation - both chapters and cross-chapter papers.

Is it possible to apply for more than one Working Group?

- Yes, it is possible to apply for more than one WG. For each one, you have to submit a separate application using the dedicated WG nomination xls form, plus your CV.

What do I need to prepare to apply?

- You need to: **i)** fill out the nomination form (download the nomination form under the ‘How do I apply?’ section on the [IPCC dedicated webpage](#); **ii)** prepare your CV in English (max 4 pages in PDF format). Please note: the nomination form must be complete in all its fields otherwise it will not be valid.

How can I apply?

- You can submit your nomination via two channels: **i)** either via the Focal Point of your member country; **ii)** or via an Observer Organizations. The Focal Point route is recommended. A list of Focal Points for IPCC member governments and IPCC Observer Organizations is available [here](#).

Where can I find the contact of my National Focal Point?

- The e-mail address of your National Focal Point can be found by searching by region and country under the ‘Who is my Focal Point?’ section on the [IPCC dedicated webpage](#).

If there is no National Focal Point in my country, how can I apply?

- You can submit your application to an Observer Organization, you can find the Observer Organizations [here](#). IAP is an official IPCC Observer and may be able to assist with submitting an application if no other suitable interface can be found.

Can I send my application to the IPCC Secretariat?

- The IPCC Secretariat does not have the capacity to receive applications. However, if you require guidance on specific issues, it may be important to contact the IPCC Secretariat. You can use this email address: ipcc-sec@wmo.int

What is the deadline to apply?

- The deadline to apply is fast approaching on 17 April 2025. However, National Focal Points may have earlier deadlines, e.g.: • Kenya Deadline: 14 April 2025; • Italy Deadline: 10 April 2025. Nominees should check the deadlines set by their National Focal Points and ensure timely submission.

If I apply, is it difficult to be selected?

- The selection of participants is undertaken by the IPCC Bureau, giving due consideration to the following criteria: • scientific, technical, and socio-economic expertise, including the range of views; • geographical representation; • a mixture of experts with and without previous experience in IPCC; • gender balance; • experts with a background from relevant stakeholder and user groups, including urban practitioners and planners, representatives of civil society organizations, and local/regional governments. We can say that the selection is highly competitive.

Am I paid if I am selected as an IPCC author?

- Thousands of scientists from all over the world contribute to the work of the IPCC on a voluntary basis as authors, contributors and reviewers. None are paid by the IPCC. However, this is a high-level experience that you will benefit from by working with internationally recognized scientists at the science-policy interface.

I have sent my nomination to my National Focal Point and did not receive any response. What can I do in that case?

- You could send a follow-up email to request an acknowledgment, but once they receive your application, they would probably submit it. You could choose to also approach an Observer Organization with your application.

I submitted my nomination for the scoping meeting for the IPCC AR7 and was not selected. If I want to be considered as an author, do I have to submit my application again?

- Yes, you would have to apply again for the authoring of any of the specific WGs.

If I apply for the Lead Author role and I am not selected, can I be automatically considered for Coordinating Lead Author, or do I need to submit a separate application for that role?

- Select wisely what role you would like to be considered for. If you have the ability and institutional support to fulfil the Coordinating Lead Author role, then please do so. In case you are not selected for that role, the Bureau will nonetheless directly consider you for the role of Lead Author. In other cases, The Bureau may suggest that someone nominated to be a Lead Author could be a Coordinating Lead Author. In this case, they will reach out to the candidate to discuss this and whether they would be available.

I understand that we need to match our application with the chapter outlines. Where can we find the summarized outlines for the AR7?

- You can find the outlines [here](#). Your expertise should be directly relevant for the expected contents of the chapters.

What is the most important factor in the selection process for scientists from developing countries?

- Peer-reviewed relevant publications on specific thematic areas are among the most important factors for consideration. Grey literature such as reports, or regional or national assessments, as well as Indigenous and Local Knowledge are also important.

When will the selection results be announced?

- Selections should be announced in early July 2025. It is recommended to follow the IPCC updates/announcements, especially on [LinkedIn](#) and [Social Media](#), to stay up-to-date. IAP will also circulate the final list.

Is there a CV template to use for my application?

- There is no template, the instructions say that it must not exceed 4 pages and remain under 2 MB. The CV must be in pdf. It is recommended to clearly highlight the expertise, experience and publications that are particularly relevant for the chapters you would like to be considered for.

What is the expected time commitment associated with the three roles?

- As Coordinating Lead Author, you may consider a commitment of 2.5 to 3 months in a 3-year time period. For Review Editors, it would be 15-20 days in a year. But work is concentrated in certain parts of the year – so planning is important. In addition, Authors will be required to attend four 1-week in person Lead Author Meetings and to be available for regular online meetings. Review Editors will be required to attend the last two Lead Author Meetings. Coordinating Lead Authors will also need to attend the IPCC plenary session where the Summary for Policymakers will be approved.

I am originally from a country in the Global South but currently reside in Europe. Would it still make sense to apply?

- Yes, you are encouraged to apply and to contact the National Focal Points of both countries.

Do we expect the new report to be released before the next Global stocktake?

- We will know after the next IPCC plenary session. The 63rd Session of the IPCC will be held in the last quarter of 2025.

There are two chapters on ‘finance’, one in WGII and the other in WGIII. How do they differ?

- One is in the context of adaptation and the other is in the context of mitigation. You are encouraged to look at the approved [content outlines](#) of the three WG contributions for clearer indications.

Is it possible to be nominated simultaneously by a National Focal Point and from an Observer Organization?

- Yes, it is possible to get multiple nominations, e.g., from the National Focal Point and from an Observer Organization.

Where can I find information about the nomination process on the IPCC website?

- More information on the nomination process is [here](#) and how the IPCC selects its authors is available [here](#).