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IPCC Fifth Report

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A team of 827 climate change experts has been selected to author and edit the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The experts are drawn from fields including meteorology, physics, oceanography, statistics, engineering, ecology, social sciences and economics.

For the next four years the experts will contribute to three Working Group Reports that will comprise the AR5. Working Group I (WGI) will focus on the physical science of climate change; WGII will assess the impacts, adaptation strategies and vulnerability related to climate change; and WGIII will cover mitigation response strategies.

Approximately 3000 individuals were nominated for the expert panel – 50 per cent more than were nominated for the Fourth Assessment Report, published in 2007. Of those selected about 30 per cent come from developing countries or economies in transition, some 25 per cent are female and 60 per cent are new to the IPCC process. IPCC Chairman, Dr Rajendra Pachauri, said the selection reflects the IPCC's efforts to increase regional and gender balance and bring in new knowledge and perspectives.

The AR5 will be published between 2013 and 2014, and a Synthesis Report in 2014.



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