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

Geneva, 30 January 2012

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of inviting you to nominate experts to participate in the scoping meeting to be held in April 2012, to consider the need to update the supplementary guidance to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

The Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its seventh session (CMP7)¹ invited IPCC to review and, if necessary, update the guidance given in Chapter 4 of the GPG LULUCF. Paragraph 8 of the decision -/CMP.7 on LULUCF:

Invites the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to review and, if necessary, update supplementary methodologies for estimating anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol, related to the annex to this decision, on the basis of, inter alia, chapter 4 of its Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry;

The full text of the LULUCF decision is attached, including the annex.

Following this request, the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) proposes to convene an expert meeting to review chapter 4 of the Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (GPG LULUCF) and to consider the need for any supplementary methodologies for estimating emissions and removals from activities outlined in Article 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol, including the consideration of all the elements of decision -/CMP.7. If necessary, following the expert meeting, the TFI will propose a work programme for consideration by the 35th Session of the Panel. While the meeting will base its deliberations on the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and Chapter 4 of the GPG LULUCF, there is no intention to propose revisions or changes to the guidance already contained in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

Although the invitation to IPCC does not clearly specify the time frame for the IPCC to respond, paragraph 9 of the decision -/CMP.7:

Requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to consider, following the completion of methodological work by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change outlined in paragraph 8 above, any supplementary methodologies related to the annex to this decision, with a view to forwarding a draft decision on this matter to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol for adoption at its tenth session.

¹ Meeting in Durban, 28 Nov-9 Dec 2011

CMP10 will be held towards the end of 2014, and if the IPCC decides to develop a Supplementary Guidance, it would be preferable to finalise the report, by the fortieth session of SBSTA (June 2014) in order to provide SBSTA the time to consider it and forward a draft decision to CMP10.

In your nominations, please specify the area(s) of expertise of the nominee. Relevant expertise includes, for example, preparation of greenhouse gas inventories for LULUCF, experience with the supplementary methods set out in Chapter 4 of the Good Practice Guidance 2003, and GHG inventory review for LULUCF.

Please provide the full contact information (address/affiliation/phone/fax/e-mail) and Curriculum Vitae, using the attached nomination form (Annex 2). The electronic file is available on <<http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp>>. Nominations should be sent no later than **29 February 2012** preferably by e-mail to:

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Based on the submissions received the Task Force Bureau for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFB) will prepare the list of participants. The IPCC Panel will be informed about the list as well as the outcome of the meeting at its next session.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

A 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.

Yours sincerely,



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