



# Procedures for the preparation, review, acceptance, approval, adoption and publication of IPCC reports & Question on the format of new Methodology Report(s)

Scoping Meeting for a Methodology Report(s) to refine the 2006  
IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

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# What are “Methodology Reports”?

- “Methodology Reports” are published materials, which provide practical guidelines for the preparation of greenhouse gas inventories. Such reports may be composed of two or more sections including: (a) an Overview Chapter, which broadly describes the background, structure and major features of the report, (b) individual chapters and (c) technical Annexes.

= Definition of “Methodology Reports” in the IPCC Procedures for the preparation, review, acceptance, approval, adoption and publication of IPCC reports (Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work)

# IPCC Materials

There are three main classes of the IPCC materials:

## A. IPCC Reports

(Assessment, Synthesis and Special Reports and their Summaries for Policymakers and Methodology Reports)

## B. Technical Papers

(based on materials already exist in Assessment and Special Reports)

## C. Supporting Material

(Workshop proceedings and expert meeting materials, Software and Database to facilitate the use of Methodology Reports, Guidance material)

# IPCC Writing and Review Process

- IPCC Reports must be produced through the official rigorous writing and review process



# Question on Format of new MR(s)

- Paragraph 14 in the proposal on production of new MR(s) which was approved by the IPCC at its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session says:
  - Regarding the format of the Methodology Report(s), there are some possible options. The options will be considered by the TFB during the scoping meeting mentioned, before consideration and final decision by the Panel. The options include, but are not limited to:
    - a. A single Methodology Report which covers multiple sectors/categories/issues
    - b. A set of multiple Methodology Reports, each of them addressing a particular category/issue
- This meeting is invited to consider this issue and recommend a desirable format of the new Methodology Report(s).

# Options and pros & cons

Option	Strong points	Weak points
<p>(a) A single Methodology Report which covers multiple sectors/categories/issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate refinement work on all sectors in a consistent and coherent manner, as all the authors will work as an integrated writing team.</li> <li>Can avoid multiple tracks of IPCC procedures going separately in parallel, which will avoid increasing administrative work and required budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May become more voluminous than each of the option (b). <i>[However, a set of multiple reports in total may well become as voluminous as this option.]</i></li> </ul>
<p>(a) A set of multiple Methodology Reports, each of them addressing a particular category/issue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each of Methodology Reports may become more intensively focused on a specific issue than the option (a).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple tracks of IPCC procedures going separately in parallel will significantly increase administrative work and required budget.</li> <li>Multiple writing processes independent of each other may lead to inconsistency or overlapping between different reports.</li> </ul>



Thank you for your attention !