SPECIAL REPORT on the
OCEAN AND CRYOSPHERE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE (SROCC)

Background
IPCC Special Reports are designed to address policy-relevant issues that require integrated input from more than one of the IPCC’s three Working Groups (WG). They also provide an opportunity to address these issues in a more comprehensive way than is possible in the main assessment reports of the IPCC. The SROCC is developed under joint scientific leadership of WGI (The Physical Science Basis) and WGII (Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability) and builds on scientific questions that emerged from seven government proposals.

Purpose
Provide a cross-cutting assessment including:
- The role of the ocean and cryosphere in the climate system – observed and projected changes
- Risks, vulnerability, and impacts on natural and human systems
- Responses to enhance resilience, adaptation options, limits and trade-offs

Present new and updated information for decision-makers to inform the design and implementation of appropriate policies and actions

Content
1. Framing and Context of the Report
2. High Mountain Areas
3. Polar Regions
4. Sea Level Rise and Implications for Low Lying Islands, Coasts and Communities
5. Changing Ocean, Marine Ecosystems, and Dependent Communities
6. Extremes, Abrupt Changes and Managing Risks
   + Cross-Chapter Box on Low Lying Islands and Coasts
   + Case studies

Get Involved!
- Get your research submitted by 15 October 2018 and accepted by 15 May 2019!
- Register as Expert Reviewer at www.ipcc.ch

Timeline
1st Lead Author Meeting
2-6 Oct 2017
2nd Lead Author Meeting
12-16 Feb 2018
Expert Review of First Order Draft
4 May-29 June 2018
3rd Lead Author Meeting
23-27 July 2018
Expert & Government Review of Second Order Draft
16 Nov-11 Jan 2018 2019
4th Lead Author Meeting
4-8 March 2019
Final Government Review of Summary for Policymakers
14 June-9 Aug 2019
IPCC Approval of Summary for Policymakers & Acceptance of Report
20-23 Sept 2019

Registration opens for Expert Reviewers (April 2018 and October 2018)

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