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**IPCC Announces Author List for Fifth Assessment Report;
Working Group II Scientists Include 302 Experts From 71 Countries**

Stanford, Calif. — Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change announced Wednesday it has selected a team of 302 scientists who will serve as authors for the upcoming Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), to be published in 2013 or 2014.

“This is the first important step toward creating the world’s most comprehensive update to climate science,” said Vicente Barros, Working Group II co-chair and professor emeritus at the School of Sciences, University of Buenos Aires. “The IPCC assessments remain the best mechanism for this type of information-gathering and sharing.”

The Working Group II announcement is part of the release of the overall AR5 author list from the Geneva-based IPCC Secretariat. Working Group II, which focuses on the impacts of and adaptation strategies for global climate change, has chosen 302 scientists representing 71 countries from among more than 1,200 nominees.

“We were thrilled and honored by the number and quality of scientists who expressed interest in being a part of the IPCC for this important process,” said Dr. Chris Field, co-chair of Working Group II and Director of the Department of Global Ecology, Carnegie Institution for Science. “It was important for our authors to reflect a range of views, expertise and geographic regions. And that priority is reflected in an author team that’s more diverse than ever.”

The author list includes 124 members from developing countries and economies in transition, 200 members who are new to the IPCC process, and 83 women.

“The importance of the IPCC’s assessment reports cannot be overstated,” said Dr. Patricia Romero-Lankao, a sociologist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research who works on cities and climate change and a second-time Coordinating Lead Author. “I’m honored to join such a diverse and esteemed group of colleagues.”

The complete author team for Working Group II for the AR5 can be found at: <http://www.ipcc-wg2.gov/index.html>. Link to this 23 June teleconference with WGII Scientists: <http://bit.ly/af4LTr>