

### Webinar 3 Q&As

#	Question	Answer(s)
1	Since there are not much studies done on Africa in terms of climate change according to the IPCC, how has the IPCC been able to generate data for generalisation on the African continent?	The IPCC does not generate data itself but collects and assesses (including generalises where possible) as much the authors can get hold of. You are pointing to a crucial problem: the research base often isn't there to draw conclusions on.
2	Arthur, When you say that likelihood could not be expressed until enough confidence is reached, is there any defined threshold related to that or how exactly are every agreements could be considered or not? (thanks)	In the present uncertainty guidance that the IPCC uses they state that quantified measures of uncertainty should only be used if agreement is high and/or evidence is robust.
3	I understand the importance of the IPCC review; however how does the IPCC ensure that quality reviewers from Africa are incentivized and attracted to effectively make contributions - could this be a reason why African reviewers are not contributing, especially considering that most are also actively pressed for time to eke a living - unlike Northern reviewers living in better public welfare systems...?	Others may wish to add their views too, but there is definitely truth in what you observe. It is my hope that getting involved as reviewer will generate capabilities as well in some to become contributing or lead authors in subsequent rounds. Also, it gives early access to relevant information that can help in other roles as well. But this is not a satisfactory answer, I realise.
5	I think that the problem of language is very important for most of the West Africa. Because they don't speak English.	Fair point. For literature to be included in the report only an English summary is needed. But it does require sufficient English language skills to closely read reports and write reviews comments. Actually, if the literature is published in peer-reviewed literature in other languages it should be acceptable as well. Leo, may know more about this.
6	To what extent can literature from local publications from the African continent be used in the IPCC assessment? I ask this because there are a lot of research on climate change that have been published but not in international journals.	See Jacob's explanation about the inclusion of grey literature.
7	We agreed all that having just few African representants is shocking because of many reasons which could be related to the lack of the opportunity for Southern scientist to carry on researchers which will generate data & knowledge that should be considered within such report (IPCC). But isn't there also some efforts that the Government focal points and their teams should do in terms of improving communications/incentives/awareness with the common scientists in each of their region?	YES!
8	How IPCC can take decision for Africa, because it is difficult to do research because of lack of data, material etc?	By doing as best as they can, with help from reviewers... It is not the case that there is no material.
9	When would review for chapter on emissions from energy use in buildings and appliances commence?	live answered
11	In addition to the review process how can we increase the no. african authors	live answered
12	It's obvious that there is limited science knowledge and reportage of climate change issues in Africa (impact and adaptation). In the instance a reviewer has some insight knowledge of global climate impacts on people and systems, but unpublished. How should expertise include this, in terms of the right language to use?	My recommendation: find recent literature that makes similar points as you have insights on and make reference to that in your review comments.
13	Prof. Mulugetta, are there some Pan-African climate science communities already in existence which one can join and contribute through those?	live answered
14	I am a lead author for the special report on climate and Land(Chp 3). I urge experts from Africa to review. I welcome contributing authors as well.Thanks	live answered
15	Is there chapter in IPCC report relate the water issue?	live answered
17	In writing your review comments, can expert reviewer include their individual observations and findings?	live answered
18	I'm hydrologist but I don't see chapter about water issue	live answered