Call For Volunteer Chapter Scientists

IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is in the process of developing a Special Report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL), which is scheduled for completion in August 2019. More information about the report can be found at: http://ipcc.ch/report/sr2/.

IPCC Working Group III (Mitigation), which is managing the production of the report, is seeking highly motivated individuals to act as volunteer chapter scientists to support author teams with technical aspects of chapter development. This may include fact checking, reference checking, confirming the completeness of responses to reviewer comments, and assisting with figures and tables. The positions will provide volunteers with the opportunity to get involved in the IPCC process and to help ensure the quality and robustness of an important IPCC product.

Chapter scientists will participate on a voluntary basis and will not be employees of the IPCC, or IPCC Working Group III, and will be expected to work from their home institutions. However, travel and subsistence support will be provided to allow participation in Lead Authors Meetings. This funding is being provided via the Working Group III Technical Support Unit for developing country Chapter Scientists only. This funding does not originate from the IPCC Trust Fund. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate that they can commit at least 30% of their time for a minimum of one year between March 2018 and late Spring 2019.

Applicants must have a Ph.D., Master’s degree, or ongoing study toward a Ph.D. or Master’s degree in a subject related to the interface between climate change and land. Applicants must also be citizens of and resident in a developing country (countries not included in Annex I of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change). To support the training of the next generation of assessment scientists, preference will be given to graduate students and recent graduates. Further information on the role and selection criteria can be found on the IPCC Working Group III Website.

Volunteer chapter scientists will be assigned to one of the SRCCL chapters, and may also assist Coordinating Lead Authors in ensuring consistency and coherence across a group of chapters. The successful applicants will work under the general rules and procedures of the IPCC.

To apply, please send a letter or email explaining your interest in the position, a curriculum vitae, evidence that you have the required time available, a letter of support from the institution at which you are employed or are being trained, and names and contact details of [two] referees to: Juliette Scull, J_Scull@ipcc-wg3.ac.uk

Applications will be accepted until 17 December 2017.