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**Brief on the Help Desk Function / Access to Scientific Resources
set-up by UN Environment in Support of IPCC Sixth Assessment Cycle Reports
(Update December 2018)**

1. Background

At the 43rd Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), IPCC and the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) agreed on the establishment of a centralized IPCC library facility enabling access by authors to relevant journals and publications.

Based on UN Environment's commitment to support IPCC processes, and in the spirit of aforementioned agreement, UN Environment set up a helpdesk function to facilitate access to journals to authors working on the Sixth Assessment Cycle Reports.

2. Types of Resources and Access Rights

Under this Agreement, there are three categories of resources that will be available to authors in the course of their work: UN Environment information resources subscriptions, open access resources and resources available under the Online Access Research in the Environment (OARE) research programme. While all authors will have access to the first two categories, only authors from eligible developing countries can access OARE resources.

a. Outline of UN Environment Subscriptions and Information Access Protocols 2018-2019

Finalized Subscriptions

The table below provides details on the current subscriptions, for which the renewal process is underway.

Title	Description
EBSCO Environment Complete	Full-text database offering extensive coverage in the areas of agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, and affiliated areas of study. Offering full text and indexing for journals, books and monographs.
IMF eLibrary	The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) eLibrary simplifies analysis and research with direct access to the IMF's periodicals, books, working papers and studies, and data and statistical tools.
	Full-text database offering extensive coverage in the areas of agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, and affiliated areas of study. Offering full text and indexing for journals, books and monographs. Invaluable resource for scholars and experts across all environmental disciplines.
JSTOR	JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books and primary sources. It currently offers more than 10 million academic journal articles, 50,000 books and 2 million primary source documents in 75 disciplines. UN Environment is eligible for free access through the African Access Initiative.

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Title	Description
Nature	Weekly international journal of science that contains research in all fields of science and technology. Also provides news and interpretation of trends affecting science, scientists and the wider public.
OECD iLibrary	Online library of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) featuring its books, papers and statistics and is the gateway to OECD's analysis and data. Also contains content published by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), the OECD Development Centre, PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment), and the International Transport Forum (ITF).
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences	PNAS publishes cutting-edge research, science news, commentary, perspectives, colloquium papers, reviews, and actions of the National Academy of Sciences. Its content spans the biological, physical, and social sciences and is global in scope.
Proquest Central	Provides full-text access to databases across all major subject areas, including business, health and medical, social sciences, arts and humanities, education, science and technology.
Science Online	Publishes the very best in research across the sciences, with articles that consistently rank among the most cited in the world.
ScienceDirect	Provides access to millions of full-text authoritative, scientific, technical and health journal articles and books.
UN Comtrade	UN Comtrade stores standardised official annual and monthly trade statistics reported by countries and reflects international merchandise flows detailed by commodity and partner country with coverage reaching up to 99 percent of world merchandise trade.
UN iLibrary	The United Nations iLibrary comprises chapterized publications (books, series and periodicals) covering all the main United Nations themes.
Wiley Online Library	Wiley offers a broad multidisciplinary collection of online resources covering life, health and physical sciences, social science, and humanities.

b. Open Access Resources

There are a number of high-quality peer-reviewed resources accessible on open access basis, including:

- The Directory of Open Access Journals – www.doaj.org
- The publications of the Public Library of Science – www.plos.org
- Elsevier's open access resources - <https://www.elsevier.com/about/open-science>
- Springer's open access resources - <https://www.springeropen.com/journals>
- UNEP knowledge base – <https://wedocs.unep.org>

c. Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE) Resources

What is OARE?

A public-private partnership that provides free or low cost access to peer-reviewed content online in developing countries. Launched in 2006, it is managed by the United Nations Environment Programme.

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What is available under OARE?

Up to:

- 11,500 scientific journals
- 27,000 e-books
- 40 databases and other information resources.
- Go to <http://oare.research4life.org/content/en/journals.php> for more information on the content.

Who is eligible?

- Eligible countries are grouped into two groups: [Group A](#) (free access) and [Group B](#) (low-cost access).
- Eligible institutions within eligible countries include government offices, research institutions, universities, local non-profit organizations, etc.
- To access OARE, eligible institutions need to register at <https://www.research4life.org/access/howtoregister2>
- Access to OARE resources is password-based. Access credentials are given to institutions and not to individuals.
- Researchers, students, policy makers, experts, etc. can access the resources through their institutions.

More information on eligible countries, here: <http://web.unep.org/oare/who-we-are/eligibility>.

Section 4 provides list of all eligible countries as well as their group (A or B). Authors are encouraged to have their institutions to register to OARE to enable them to enjoy the resources.

How to Register to OARE Resources?

- Review the list of registered institutions to (<http://www.research4life.org/institutions-registered/>) to determine if their institutions are already registered.
- Complete the registration process (<http://www.research4life.org/howtoregister2/>) if not yet registered, through the librarian or the director of their institutions.

3. IPCC Library and Research Helpdesk

All IPCC AR6 are eligible to use the service, which gives access to the latest scientific research and journals.

Email:

To: angeline.djampou@un.org

Copy: Samuel.opiyo@un.org

Copy: Virginia.gitari@un.org

Because access is IP-based, it will not be possible to provide direct access to paid subscriptions, except through the helpdesk. Our trained librarians will be able to provide you with full-text articles in record time.

The Helpdesk is open from Monday to Thursday, from 07:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs CET, except during public holidays.

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Standard Operating Procedures

In your email to the Helpdesk please indicate the following:

- Provide details of the resources you need to access, including: title, author, journal, year of issued, and URL, if known.
- If you want a search performed on specific topics/keywords, indicate the keywords. The Helpdesk will share a list of relevant titles and abstracts. Full-text articles will be provided upon confirmation of the selected titles.
- Authors are requested to sign their emails with their full names, role, and chapters they are working on.

4. List of the IPCC Working Group I Members with OARE Eligibility

CH	ROLE	Lname	Fname	Country	OARE Group	Affiliation
12	LA	ISLAM	Akm Saiful	Bangladesh	A	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
12	LA	SYLLA	Mouhamadou Bamba	Burkina Faso	A	West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use – WASCAL Competence Center
8	LA	POKAM MBA	Wilfried	Cameroon	A	University of Yaounde 1
8	RE	DIEDHIOU	Arona	Cote d'Ivoire	A	Institut de Recherche pour le Developpement / Université Félix Houphouet Boigny
2	LA	BEYENE	Kinfe	Ethiopia	A	Director, National Meteorological Agency
ATLAS	LA	KLUTSE	Nana Ama Browne	Ghana	A	Ghana Space Science and Technology Institute, Ghana Atomic Energy Commission
4	LA	MUTEMI	Joseph	Kenya	A	University of Nairobi
11	LA	PINTO	Izidine	Mozambique	A	University of Cape Town
6	LA	ADHIKARY	Bhupesh	Nepal	A	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
10	LA	LAMPTEY	Benjamin	Niger	A	African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD)
1	LA	DIONGUE NIANG	Aida	Senegal	A	Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile et de la Météorologie (ANACIM)
4	LA	NDIAYE	Ousman	Senegal	A	Senegalese National Civil Aviation and Meteorology (ANACIM)
1	LA	MUSTAFA	Sawsan	Sudan	A	Ministry of Animal Resources /Range and Pasture General Directorate
5	LA	SYAMPUNGANI	Stephen	Zambia	A	Copperbelt University
6	RE	YASSAA	Nourredine	Algeria	B	Centre de Développement des Energies Renouvelables
8	LA	MEDDI	Mohamed	Algeria	B	National Higher School of Hydraulics of Blida
11	LA	HALIMI	Lotfi	Algeria	B	National Meteorological Office
10	LA	STEPHENSON	Tannecia	Jamaica	B	The University of the West Indies

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11	LA	BADI	Wafae	Morocco	B	Direction de la Météorologie Nationale(Moroccan Meteorological Service)
12	LA	ALAOURI	Meriem	Morocco	B	Direction de la Météorologie Nationale
ATLAS	RE	DRIOUECH	Fatima	Morocco	B	Direction de la Météorologie Nationale, Casablanca
2	LA	NNAMCHI	Hyacinth	Nigeria	B	University of Nigeria
8	LA	KHAN	Asif	Pakistan	B	UET Peshawar and LUMS Lahore
10	RE	TARIQ	Muhamma d Irfan	Pakistan	B	Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Pakistan
11	LA	ADNAN	Muhamma d	Pakistan	B	GLOBAL CHANGE IMPACT STUDIES CENTRE (GCISC), MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE (MoCC)
ATLAS	LA	AMJAD	Muhamma d	Pakistan	B	Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC)