

IPCC Deadlock over Inclusivity Concerns

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Why in News?

The IPCC faces a deadlock over its next assessment reports, with India and other countries seeking more time to ensure inclusive participation of scientists from developing countries.

Key Issue Behind the Deadlock

- **Context** - The disagreement concerns the publication schedule of the IPCC's next three major assessment reports.
- The proposed timeline aims to complete all three reports by September 2028, before the UN climate talks scheduled for November 2028.
- **Concerns** -
 - India and other countries are seeking to extend the timeline for the second and third reports to 2029.
 - Developing-country scientists face limited funding, fewer publication opportunities and time constraints due to unpaid IPCC work.
- **Three Key IPCC Assessment Reports**

Report	Major focus
Working Group I	Physical science basis, causes and extent of climate change
Working Group II	Climate change impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation
Working Group III	Greenhouse gas emission reduction and climate change mitigation

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

- **Established** - 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- **Headquarters** - Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Members** - 195 countries.
- **Objective** - To assess scientific knowledge on climate change, its impacts, risks, adaptation and mitigation.
- **Nature** - It assesses existing scientific research and does not independently conduct climate research or prescribe government policies.
- **Reports** - Its assessment reports provide scientific inputs for international climate

negotiations, including the Paris Agreement.

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IPCC ASSESSMENT REPORT DEADLOCK

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KEY ISSUE BEHIND DEADLOCK



Plan to complete all 3 reports by **September 2028** (before COP in November 2028).



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THREE IPCC ASSESSMENT REPORTS

WORKING GROUP I



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WORKING GROUP II



Impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation.

WORKING GROUP III



Greenhouse gas emission reduction and mitigation.

IPCC AT A GLANCE



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ROLE OF IPCC



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