

Annex 2

Guidance for the core functions of the IPCC Data Distribution Centre (DDC)

1 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of the IPCC Data Distribution Centre (DDC) is to archive and provide transparency, traceability, and stability of data and scenarios that are relevant in the context of the IPCC.

2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The DDC will, contingent on the availability of resources:

2.1 Archive and provide transparency, traceability, and stability of data and scenarios used by the IPCC in its reports, available at the DDC or elsewhere.

2.2 Archive and provide transparency, traceability, and stability of data and scenarios underpinning key figures and tables, and headline statements in the IPCC reports.

2.3 Collaborate as appropriate with data centers that hold data or provide functions relevant to the IPCC in a transparent manner, under the guidance of the TG-DATA and the Working Group Bureaus (WGBs), to provide information via IPCC websites relevant to data and scenarios.

2.4 Curate new data sets unavailable elsewhere and link to external data sets of relevance.

2.5 Improve accessibility to Data Distribution Centre materials for supporting IPCC authors and external users, especially in developing countries.

2.6 Contribute to a sustainable structure established and approved by the IPCC to provide observed and model data and information relevant at regional scales.

3 REPORTING

3.1 TG-DATA reports on DDC's activities to the IPCC Bureau.