



International
Resource
Panel

Call for experts to join the International Resource Panel

Who We Are

The Panel comprises 35-40 experts from leading institutions around the world. It is co-chaired by Janez Potočnik, former European Commissioner for the Environment and former European Commissioner for Science and Research, and Izabella Teixeira, former Brazilian Minister of the Environment. The Panel aims to enhance understanding of sustainable development from a natural resources perspective, providing science-based policy options on how to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation while enhancing human well-being. Since its inception, the International Resource Panel has published over 40 assessments, covering diverse topics such as metals, land use, forests, cities, resource efficiency, and renewable energy. The Panel is increasingly being asked to deliver input to discussions at the highest political level such as UN Environment Assembly, G7 and G20 to support their discussions.

For further information on the International Resource Panel, please visit the website at: <http://www.resourcepanel.org>

The 2022-2025 IRP Work Programme, including priority areas of research, can be found under:

https://www.resourcepanel.org/sites/default/files/documents/document/media/2022-2025_irp_work_programme.pdf

The Policies and Procedures of the Panel are accessible at:

<http://www.resourcepanel.org/policies-and-procedures-irp>

Who are we looking for?

The Panel is seeking to recruit leading scientists with policy-relevant expertise, particularly in the development and implementation of science-based solutions for the sustainable management of natural resources and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. **Experts are expected to contribute to the development of science-based and policy-relevant assessments, and formulate effective policy options and recommendations including those related to resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production and transitions to a circular economy.** Female candidates and those from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, West Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific are particularly encouraged to apply.

New Panel members shall:

- Possess proven expertise in one or more scientific disciplines relevant to the work of the Panel and demonstrate an ability to apply knowledge in an **interdisciplinary** manner. An understanding of societal transitions and a familiarity with modelling techniques is desirable. **Please see below the main areas of expertise of interest to the IRP.**
- **Commit to actively contribute** on a pro-bono basis to the IRP as a Lead Author, Contributing Author, or Review Editor, as well as participate in and actively contribute to Panel meetings (Panel membership is not remunerated, but travel expenses to Panel meetings are covered by the IRP).
- Show commitment and due diligence to **scientific and academic rigor** and strong **teamwork** spirit.
- Adhere to **professional conduct** and **scientific integrity** principles and submit conflict of interest disclosures.
- Be willing to actively engage with public and private stakeholders as well as to **communicate and disseminate** scientific studies and assessments; and advocate for the work of the IRP.

See the specific roles of Panel members in [§19 of IRP Policies and Procedures](#).

The International Resource Panel is looking to recruit experts in the following areas and disciplines related to sustainable resource management:

Priority Impact Areas	Areas of expertise of interest to the IRP
Action on climate change, biodiversity and pollution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation and restoration • Land use change • Sustainable food systems • Nature-based solutions • Urban systems analysis and sustainable urbanization
Enabling Sustainability Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy impact and evaluation • Sustainable finance and economics (environmental, resource, industrial) • Sustainable trade and trade for a circular economy • Global management of natural resources • Governance • Role of digital economy and artificial intelligence for sustainability transition
Action on human health, well-being, prosperity and equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficiency and demand-side management • Safe operating space of global resource use (materials and land use) • Sociology, behavioural science, and political science • Gender-related issues
Trends and future prospects for sustainable resource use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment-economy-sustainability scenario modelling • Life cycle assessment • Material Flow Analysis • Decoupling, Circular economy and zero-waste economies, Resource Efficiency, Sustainable Consumption and Production • Socio-industrial metabolism

Candidates who wish to apply to join to the International Resource Panel should send a **Motivation Letter (2 pages maximum)** and complete **Curriculum Vitae** by **17/11/2023** to the **Secretariat of the International Resource Panel** at the following email address: irpcandidates@un.org

