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Annex I – Methodology

To the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, Elisa Morgera, titled “Transforming food systems for a safe climate and health for all” (A/HRC/62/44)

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The report has been prepared on the basis of independent research, as well as a series of consultations and virtual workshops. In addition, a call for inputs elicited over 90 inputs, including States, UN Agencies, NHRIS, Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, Academic and other stakeholders.
All inputs are available at https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2026/call-input-transforming-food-systems-protect-human-rights-and-prevent-climate.

Key insights from the submissions and the independent research are collected and analysed as part of a literature review (Additional Materials III) and as a collection of promising practices (Additional Materials IV). The report findings are also contextualized in the ongoing work of Treaty Bodies, offering specific suggestions on how to support the implementation of the report in the context of their monitoring activities (Additional Materials V).

Overall, the methodology is grounded in the Rapporteur's task to "Synthesize knowledge, including Indigenous [science] and local traditional knowledge, and identify good practices, strategies and policies that address how human rights are integrated into climate change policies and how these efforts contribute to the promotion and protection of all human rights and poverty alleviation." In particular, the Rapporteur seeks to identify areas of alignment across diverse areas of science (climate science, planetary health science, other areas of natural sciences, social sciences, diverse knowledge systems) and the lived experiences of those most affected by climate change. Identifying such an alignment of the evidence base is indispensable to identify areas for policy coherence and mutually supportive interpretations of international law with a view to enhancing the protection of human rights in the context of climate change.

To these ends, it should be recalled that the Human Rights Council resolution 57/31 of 14 October 2024 requested the Special Rapporteur also to "hold, on an annual basis, consultations on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, in accordance with the present resolution, Council resolution 48/14 and previous Council resolutions on human rights and climate change, with all relevant stakeholders, particularly those most acutely affected by the adverse impacts of climate change, as well as States, academia, business enterprises and environmental and other human rights defenders, as reflected in the present resolution as appropriate."

Due to the liquidity crisis faced by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN regular budget funds were not available for the Rapporteur to carry out such

consultations. UN agencies and civil society partners provided in-kind support to carry out in-person and virtual consultations in preparation for the report, for which the Rapporteur is extremely grateful.

In person-consultations with States, and with civil society representatives were held with civil society on the sidelines of the UN Climate Conference in Belem, Brazil, in November 2024; and with States, UN Agencies, civil society and academics in Geneva, Switzerland, in February 2026. Virtual consultations were held with CSOs and NGOs in Latin America and in Africa; experts from Pacific Island State governments and NGOs; with small-scale fishers from different regions; with Indigenous Peoples from different regions; with experts in human health and food, tipping points science, plastics and climate change, petrochemicals in food systems; and with children and young people from different regions (see Additional Materials II) from December 2025 to March 2026.

The preparation of the report also greatly benefitted from the Rapporteur's participation in a variety of official and side events at the UN Climate COP30 in Belem, Brazil, in November 2025, the ICCARD+20 Conference in Cartagena, Colombia in February 2026, and from a series of expert meetings at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy, in March 2026.