

2007 Nobel Peace Prize

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and former US Vice President Al Gore were jointly awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize “for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.”

The IPCC assessments are based on peer-reviewed scientific and technical literature, while its reports are written by teams of authors from all over the world

who are recognized experts in their field. These scientists represent relevant disciplines as well as differing scientific perspectives. The global coverage of expertise, the interdisciplinary nature of the IPCC team, and the transparency of the process, constitute the Panel’s strongest assets.

The IPCC was created in 1988 in response to growing concern about the risk of anthropogenic climate change. The General Assembly of the United Nations asked the two UN bodies most engaged in the issue, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), to set up this Panel to provide balanced, objective policy advice.

The First Assessment Report of 1990 was submitted to the UN General Assembly, which responded by formally recognizing that climate change required global action and launched the negotiations that led to the adoption of the 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.



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