Part I

Governance

This part sets the stage understanding the nature of the organisation. **Tora Skodvin** (Chapter 2) places the establishment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in the context of the epistemic and political construction of global climate change as a problem in the second half of the twentieth century. This chapter gives particular attention to the *intergovernmental* nature of the IPCC and the historical reasons for that design choice. **Olivier Leclerc** (Chapter 3) reviews the function of IPCC procedures in the assessments and their role in striking a balance between scientific robustness and policy relevance. It also examines several procedural reforms the IPCC has gone through. **Friederike Hartz** and **Kari De Pryck** (Chapter 4) survey the places that host plenary sessions of the IPCC Panel and Lead Author Meetings, including the recent move online, and discuss the important function of meetings and venues in the assessment process. **Jasmine E. Livingston** (Chapter 5) reviews the design, role and function of the various reports produced by the IPCC (Assessment Report, Special Reports, Methodology Reports) and the influence of scientific and policy contexts on their commissioning and compilation. Finally in this part, **Silke Beck** and **Bernd Siebenhüner** (Chapter 6) assess whether the IPCC is a 'learning' institution by considering its responses to various internal and external controversies. Both Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 consider the new expectations placed on the IPCC and its Working Groups (WGs) arising from the post-Paris world and the 'solution turn'.