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IPCC MEDIA ADVISORY

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Session of the IPCC in Dubrovnik

GENEVA, Sept 22 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be holding its 42nd Session in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on 5-8 October 2015.

The Panel will elect its new Bureau, including the Chair of the IPCC, and a new Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI), to serve for the next assessment cycle, as well as transacting other business. The elections will take place over several days.

Nominations for the Bureau of the IPCC and the TFI Bureau can be found at:
<http://www.ipcc.ch/nominations/index.shtml>

Details and photos of some of the candidates are at:
http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/press/150922_short_biographies.pdf

The full agenda for the meeting and other relevant documents can be found at:
http://www.ipcc.ch/scripts/session_template.php?page=42ipcc.htm

A note explaining the IPCC election process can be found at:
http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/press/210915_IPCC_election_procedures.pdf

A note explaining the role of the IPCC Bureau and Executive Committee can be found at:
http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/press/210915_IPCC_bureau.pdf

Press conferences

A press conference with the new Chair will take place shortly after the election of the Chair. This is expected to be on the **evening** (Central European time) of **Tuesday 6 October**, but could be later or on a subsequent day. The IPCC will announce the press conference shortly before it takes place.

A further press conference to discuss the results of the meeting will be held on the last day of the meeting:

18.00 Dubrovnik time on Thursday 8 October 2015
(12.00 ET, 16.00 GMT, 21.30 New Delhi, 00.00 Beijing, 01.00, 9 October, Tokyo)

The new Chair of the IPCC and other Bureau members, and the Acting Secretary of the IPCC, Bruce Stewart, will take part in this press conference.

Both press conferences will take place at:

Hotel President, Iva Dulčića 142, Dubrovnik, Croatia

The press conferences will also be webcast live. The IPCC will communicate the address for the webcasts closer to the time.

Opening session

The IPCC will hold the opening session of the meeting on Monday 5 October 2015, from 10.00 to 11.00 Dubrovnik time at the **Hotel Lacroma, Iva Dučića 34, Dubrovnik, Croatia**. The opening session is open to media. It will be addressed by the Acting IPCC Chair and senior representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Government of Croatia. Otherwise the IPCC meeting is closed to the public and to media.

Registration for the press conferences and opening session

Media representatives wishing to attend the press conferences and/or the opening session in person must complete the online form available on the IPCC media portal here: <http://www.ipcc.ch/apps/eventmanager/press/>. Please ensure that you have scanned copies of your credentials ready when you start filling in the form as the system will not allow you to proceed without uploading these. **Credentials should be uploaded in a single file (PDF).**

The credentials that are required are:

- **A letter of assignment** requesting accreditation on official letterhead of a media organization, signed by the publisher, editor-in-chief, or assignment editor. It should include the name and duration of assignment of the journalist; and
- **A valid press card**; or a valid media accreditation badge for the United Nations in New York, Geneva, Vienna or Nairobi. If you do not have a press card, please submit **3 recent samples of your work** in a relevant area.

Before filling in the form, please carefully read the guidelines below, which need to be followed by all users, including media representatives who have used the system before.

On the IPCC media portal, follow the following steps:

- Click "Request Access"
- Read carefully the conditions and click "Yes I agree.", if you agree
- Fill in the "Request Access" form:
 - Select the event;
 - Select from the following options: opening session; press conferences. You can choose one or both options;
 - Upload your credentials in a single PDF file;
 - Click "Request Access" to submit the form.

The IPCC media team will review your credentials and when approved you will receive an e-mail. Please note that due to the high number of requests, this might take a number of days.

Each member of your media team should register separately in order to get access to the venue. If you work as a photographer or as part of a TV crew you are asked to indicate this on the letter of assignment so that the IPCC can plan sufficient space. Please also state any special requirements, e.g. for TV crews.

There is limited space for satellite trucks. If you will need space for this, please let us know on your letter of assignment. Please also indicate whether you would like satellite broadcast facilities.

The deadline for registration for the press conference and opening session is Wednesday, 30 September 2015.

In order to get access to the opening session and press conference venue, you will need to pick up your press badge at the media registration desk at the Hotel Lacroma in Dubrovnik. The desk will be open at the following times:

- Sunday, 4 October 2015, from 4 pm to 6 pm
- Monday-Thursday, 5-8 October 2015, from 8 am to 6 pm

To facilitate the process, please bring with you the original credentials that you submitted with your request and your passport or a valid ID. We advise you to pick up your badges as early as possible.

Please note that you must pick up your press badge at the Hotel Lacroma both for the opening session at the Hotel Lacroma and the press conferences at the Hotel President. It takes about five minutes to walk between the two hotels.

Interview requests

Please fill in this [form](#) for interview requests with the new Bureau members.

Arrangements for broadcasters

Broadcasters not attending the press conference can use the services of Liveshot Productions (<http://www.liveshot.de/>) for play-out and live broadcasts in Dubrovnik.

Liveshot Productions will be operational at the location of the IPCC meeting. They will offer the following:

- Standup position HD/SD
- Play-out facilities HD/SD
- Camera crew in HD/SD quality, upon request
- SNG path hiring upon request

Broadcasters should agree the use of these facilities with Liveshot directly; the IPCC is not providing these facilities itself. Liveshot has indicated the following charges:

LIVE SD/HD 10 min 450€ // add 5 min 200€ - including live crew and live gear

TAPE SD/HD 10 min 350€ // add 5 min 150€ - Play-out ex client play-out machine/camera with SDI audio embedded output

Prices above include Satellite Space for European delivery.

For more information and booking please contact Liveshot planning:

Phone: +49 30 300 145 609 / +49 174 933 9653

Email: book@liveshot.de

For more information, contact:

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Note: On 2 October 2015, the sentence under Interviews Section was changed from “Please send requests for interviews with the new Bureau members to ipcc-media@wmo.int” to “Please fill in this form for interview requests with the new Bureau members.”

Notes for editors

What is the IPCC?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the world body for assessing the science related to climate change. The IPCC was set up in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly, to provide policymakers with regular assessments of the scientific basis of climate change, its impacts and future risks, and options for adaptation and mitigation.

The IPCC does not do its own research, conduct climate measurements or produce its own climate models; it assesses the thousands of scientific papers published each year to tell policymakers what we know and don't know about the risks related to climate change. The IPCC identifies where there is agreement in the scientific community, where there are differences of opinion, and where further research is needed.

Thus the IPCC offers policymakers a snapshot of what the scientific community understands about climate change rather than promoting a particular view. IPCC reports are policy-relevant without being policy-prescriptive. The IPCC may set out options for policymakers to choose from in pursuit of goals decided by policymakers, but it does not tell governments what to do.

To produce its reports, the IPCC mobilizes hundreds of scientists who – like the Chair and other elected officials – work as volunteers. These scientists and officials are drawn from diverse backgrounds. They are not paid for their work at the IPCC. Only a dozen permanent staff work in the IPCC's Secretariat.

The members of the IPCC, comprising the Panel, are its 195 member governments. They work by consensus to endorse the reports of the IPCC and set its procedures and budget in plenary meetings of the Panel. The word “Intergovernmental” in the organization's name reflects this. It is not a United Nations agency, but is sponsored by two UN organizations – WMO and UNEP.

IPCC reports are requested by the member governments and developed by authors drawn from the scientific community in an extensive process of repeated drafting and review. Scientists and other experts participate in this review process through a self-declaration of expertise. The Panel endorses these reports in a dialogue between the governments that request the reports and will work with them and the scientists that write them. In this discussion the scientists have the last word on any additions or changes, although the Panel may agree by consensus to delete something.

The IPCC produces comprehensive assessment reports on climate change every six years or so. Among its other products it also issues special reports on particular topics requested by its members, and methodology reports and software to help members report their greenhouse gas inventories (emissions minus removals).

The IPCC completed the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) with the release of the Synthesis Report on 2 November 2014. AR5 is the most comprehensive assessment of climate change ever undertaken. Over 830 scientists from over 80 countries were selected to form the author teams producing the report. They in turn drew on the work of over 1,000 contributing authors and over 1,000 expert reviewers. AR5 assessed over 30,000 scientific papers.

For more information, including links to the IPCC reports, go to:

www.ipcc.ch