

WGIII Media Briefing, Monday, 24 June, 2013

Fourth Lead Author Meeting of Working Group III, IPCC Fifth Assessment Report

Opening Plenary: Monday, July 1st, 9 am EAT, ACPC

Press conference: Monday, July 1st, 10.30 am EAT, ACPC

The purpose of this media advisory is to invite national and international correspondents based in Addis Ababa to the opening session of the 4th Lead Author Meeting of Working Group III, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 5th Assessment Report (AR5) which will last from July 1 to 5, 2013.

The Addis Ababa meeting is the last of four WGIII Lead Author meetings in the AR5 assessment cycle. The experts are expected to produce a comprehensive, balanced and sound assessment of the status of knowledge on strategies and options as well as risks of climate change mitigation. The WGIII assessment will be carried out in strict compliance with the "Principles Governing the IPCC Work", which require that it is made on a comprehensive, objective, open and transparent basis and should be neutral with respect to policy.

In Addis Ababa, the authors will consider review comments provided by government and expert reviewers on the current, second order draft of the WGIII contribution to the AR5. The outline of the WGIII contribution to the AR5 in 16 Chapters was developed at a scoping meeting in 2009 and agreed by the IPCC member governments. The task of WGIII is to provide an assessment of strategies for the mitigation of climate change.

It would be recalled that in 2008, the governments represented on the IPCC decided that a Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) should be produced to assess the scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change. Some 270 experts were selected from over 1000 nominations from over 60 countries to participate in WGIII AR5. Many more experts are involved as Contributing Authors.

Media are invited to the Opening Plenary of the 4th Lead Author Meeting and to the press conference which will follow at 10:30 a.m. local time.

Speakers in the Opening Plenary will include:

Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, Chair of the IPCC

Dr. Youba Sokona, Co-Chair of the IPCC WGIII

Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UNECA

H.E. Mr. Alemayehu Tegenu, Minister of Water and Energy of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Those to speak at the press conference will include:

Dr. Fatima Denton, Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC)

Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, Chair of the IPCC

Dr. Youba Sokona, Co-Chair of the IPCC WGIII

Dr. Ottmar Edenhofer, Co-Chair of the IPCC WGIII

Dr. Ramón Pichs-Madruga, Co-Chair of the IPCC WGIII

Individual interviews will be by appointment

Background

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assesses scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant for the understanding of climate change, its potential impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation. The IPCC Working Group III assesses all relevant options for mitigating climate change through limiting or preventing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing activities that remove them from the atmosphere. During the Fourth Lead Author Meeting which opens at the UN Conference Centre in Addis Ababa on Monday 1 July 2013, the WG III 'second-order draft' (SOD) will be reviewed based on the comments received from governments and experts during the Government and Expert review period. The WGIII contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report "Mitigation of Climate Change" is scheduled to be completed in April 2014.

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Further Information about IPCC

- The IPCC is the leading body for the assessment of climate change, established in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme.
- The three IPCC Working Groups assess the physical science basis of climate change (WGI); climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability (WGII) and the mitigation of climate change (WGIII).
- The IPCC assessment process is designed to ensure consideration of all relevant scientific information from established journals with robust peer review processes, or from other sources which have undergone robust and independent peer review.
- The entire report writing process of the IPCC is subjected to extensive and repeated review by experts as well as by governments.
- Please see the IPCC AR5 leaflet and the IPCC and WGIII websites for further details:
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