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IPCC Special Report on Managing the Regional Risks of Climate Extremes and Disasters

A new special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on *Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation* (SREX) <www.ipcc-wg2.gov/SREX> will be presented in a series of outreach events over the coming months. Events are planned for Latin America, Asia and Africa. The events will be open to the media.

The IPCC, the Overseas Development Institute, Norway's Climate and Pollution Agency, Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Climate and Development Knowledge Network are taking the lead in organizing the events to provide information about the possible impacts of climate extremes and disasters by region, and options for managing the potential risks arising from them, as assessed in the IPCC Special Report.

The events are designed for policymakers, business leaders, academics, and civil society organizations whose policies and programmes are or may be affected. Topics to be covered include:

- Extremes, exposure, and vulnerability in the context of the Special Report
- Observations and projections of extremes
- Observations and projections of Impacts and losses
- Risk management options for improving current and future practice
- Approaches to moving towards a sustainable and resilient future.

Highlights of the report will be presented at each event by a selection of the report's 220 authors, with invited local and/or regional speakers taking part in a Policy and Practice Forum.

"All of us who worked on this report are keen to share the findings, to discuss their relevance to local circumstances, and to explore options for building on the findings in smart ways," said Chris Field, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II.

Events are planned for:

Havana, Cuba 18-19 April 2012
Beijing, China 26-27 April 2012
Delhi, India 2-3 May 2012
Bangkok, Thailand 4 May 2012
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 9-10 May 2012
Dakar, Senegal 18-19 June 2012

An event in August in Latin America is under discussion.

Additional information will be posted for each event at www.cdkn.org/srex.

Local organizers will invite regional media, but media representatives can also register interest by emailing the organizers at the addresses on the CDKN page: www.cdkn.org/srex.

Note for editors

The *Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation* (SREX) was published online on 28 March 2012. The print edition is expected to be available in mid-May. Its Summary for Policy Makers was released on 18 November 2011.

The development of the IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Action was led by IPCC Working Groups I (The Physical Science Basis) and II (Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability).

Working Group I's Co-Chairs are Qin Dahe of the China Meteorological Administration, Beijing, China, and Thomas Stocker of the University of Bern, Switzerland. Working Group II's Co-Chairs are Vicente Barros of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Chris Field of the Carnegie Institution for Science, Stanford, USA.

The Government of Norway, the Climate and Development Knowledge Network, and the Skoll Global Threats Fund have provided generous financial support for the outreach events.

A press release for the report can be found here:

http://www.ipcc.ch/news_and_events/docs/srex/srex_press_release.pdf

The report was originally proposed in 2008 by Norway and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR).

Previous outreach events were held in Oslo on 24-25 January, and in Geneva on 30 March, 2012.

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