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Press conference following the Thirty-Seventh Session of the IPCC in Batumi, Georgia

BATUMI, Georgia, 17 October - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will hold a press conference on **Friday 18 October 2013** to present the results of its 37th Session.

The 37th Session, held in Batumi, Georgia, on 14-18 October 2013, is considering two Methodology Reports of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories and other questions..

The press conference, which will be webcast, will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Batumi, **at 12.00 local time (17.00 Tokyo, 10.00 Geneva, 09.00 London, 08.00 GMT, 04.00 New York).**

The speakers at the press conference will be Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Vice-Chair of the IPCC, and the two Co-Chairs of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories – Thelma Krug and Taka Hiraishi.

The webcast can be followed by visiting www.ipcc.ch/webcast. It is not necessary to register to follow the webcast. Media accreditation is required to attend the press conference in person.

Media representatives following the press conferences by webcast can submit questions by email to : ipcc-questions@wmo.int.

The two Methodology Reports under consideration in Batumi are the *2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories : Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement)* and the *2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol (KP Supplement)*.

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Notes for editors

Climate policy and global climate negotiations rely on a robust scientific foundation to produce sound results. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) provides policymakers with regular assessments of climate science and its potential impacts, as well as assessments of the possibilities for mitigating climate change. The estimation of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases is one important basis for climate mitigation and the IPCC provides de facto international standards for such estimation, through highly technical work.

Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are required to prepare their national annual inventories of greenhouse gas emissions and removals according to guidelines established by the IPCC. The IPCC has produced greenhouse gas inventory guidelines since the mid-1990s, most recently updated in 2006.

One important source of greenhouse gas emissions and removals is land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF). This includes the impact of deforestation, but also emissions from wetlands and peat bogs. In response to an invitation by the UNFCCC, the IPCC's Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI), is developing supplementary guidance on wetlands. The Parties to the Kyoto Protocol of the UNFCCC have also asked the IPCC to review and update its guidance on greenhouse gas emissions and removals from LULUCF.

The *Wetlands Supplement* and *KP Supplement* are being considered for formal adoption and acceptance at the 37th Session of the IPCC in Batumi.

The TFI was established by the IPCC at its 14th Session (October 1998), to oversee the IPCC National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Programme (IPCC-NGGIP). This programme had been undertaken since 1991 by WGI in close collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA). In 1999, the Technical Support Unit set up at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) in Japan took over this programme in accordance with a decision taken by the IPCC at its 14th Session. The TFI Technical Support Unit is hosted by the Government of Japan.