

OUTREACH EVENT ON THE IPCC FIFTH ASSESSMENT REPORT

DATE: 28-29 August 2015

VENUE: Managua, Crowne Plaza Hotel

Concept: Outreach event focusing on AR5 findings (WGI, II and III and Synthesis Report), how they are being manifested in Nicaragua and the potential solutions.

Target audience: Policymakers at national, state and city government level; climate and disaster risk management community; business leaders and organizations; civil society organizations; local science and research community; media.

Objectives

- To **raise awareness**, especially among policymakers, about the outcomes of the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), demonstrate how they are and will affect Nicaragua and highlight solutions to the challenges of climate change.
- To **enlist the participation of the local science and research community** in climate research.
- To **foster a better understanding among the news media** about climate science, solutions to climate change and the IPCC process.

Language: The main language of this event will be Spanish. Interpretation into English will be made available by the hosts.

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

DAY 1: 28 AUGUST: MEDIA WORKSHOP & PRESS CONFERENCE	15:00 – 18:30
REGISTRATION (for Journalists)	15:00 – 15:30
MEDIA WORKSHOP	15:30 – 17:30
TEA/COFFEE BREAK	17:30 – 17:45
PRESS CONFERENCE	17:45 – 18:30
DAY 2: 29 AUGUST: OPENING AND AR5 PRESENTATION	08:00 – 17:30
REGISTRATION (for Event Participants)	from 08:00
OFFICIAL OPENING	08:30 – 09:00
SYNTHESIS REPORT	09:00 – 09:30
NATIONAL PRESENTATION (Fifth Assessment Report Implications)	09:30 – 10:00
WORKING GROUP I	10:00 – 10:40
TEA/COFFEE BREAK	10:40 – 11:00
WORKING GROUP II	11:00 – 12:00
LUNC BREAK	12:00 – 13:00
WORKING GROUP III	13:00 – 14:00
DAY 2: 29 AUGUST: WORKSHOPS	10:00 – 17:30
SCIENCE-POLICY DIALOGUE	14:30 – 16:00
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH COMMUNITY	16:00 – 17:30

PROGRAMME IN DETAIL

DAY1

28 AUGUST: MEDIA WORKSHOP AND PRESS CONFERENCE **15.30 – 18.30**

MEDIA WORKSHOP **15.30 – 17.30**

Moderator: Germán García. MARENA's Publicity and Press Manager

1. **Introduction by the moderator** (5 min)
2. **Introduction to climate science** (30 minutes) by **Ramón Pichs Madruga**, IPCC WGIII Co-Chair (tbc)
 - basic issues in climate science (greenhouse effect, evidence of change, causes)
 - impacts and future risks – what are the effects of climate change
 - options for adaptation – how can society and nature adjust
 - options for mitigation – what can be done to reduce GHG emissions
 - Q&A
3. **The AR5 process: how the IPCC produces reports** by **Jonathan Lynn**, IPCC Head of Communications (tbc) (30 minutes),
 - Key findings of AR5
 - IPCC mandate, structure and history
 - Producing an IPCC report (including author selection, developing country participation, what scientific literature is included, the review process, the approval process, handling errors)
 - Communications issues
4. **The Climate Change Story: Regional Perspectives** by **Paty Romero Lankao** and **Ursula Oswald Spring** (tbc) (30 minutes)
5. **Q&As session**

TEA/COFFEE BREAK **17:30 – 17.45**

PRESS CONFERENCE **17.45 – 18.30**

Moderator: Jonathan Lynn, IPCC Head of Communications

Panellists: Ramón Pichs Madruga, Eduardo Calvo, Antonina Ivanova, Paty Romero Lanka, Ursula Oswald Spring, Paul Osquist - Minister-Counsellor on Public Policies of Nicaragua Presidency

Short Introductions by each panellist (3 – 5 min) and then Q&As

DAY 2:

29 AUGUST: OPENING AND AR5 PRESENTATION **08:00 – 17:30**

Master of Ceremony: German García, MARENA's Publicity and Press Manager

OFFICIAL OPENING **08.30 – 09:00**

- Welcome & opening address by **Paul Osquist** - Minister-Counsellor on Public Policies of Nicaragua Presidency
- Opening remarks by **Ramón Pichs Madruga**, IPCC WGIII Co-Chair
- Welcoming remarks by **Carlos Martin-Novella**, IPCC Deputy Secretary

SYNTHESIS REPORT **09.00 – 09:30**

Overview of the Fifth Assessment Report and the Key Messages of the Synthesis Report by **Ramón Pichs Madruga** (15 min), followed by Q&S

FIFTH ASSESSMENT REPORT IMPLICATIONS FOR NICARAGUA **09.30 – 10:00**

by **José Antonio Milán**, Scientific Counsellor of INETER, Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (30 min)

WGI: THE PHYSICAL SCIENCE BASIS **10.00 – 10.40**

Moderator for WGI: Fernando Mendoza, PhD from the Nacional University of Agriculture (3 minutes)

- Overview**
Speaker: Matilde Rusticucci, WGI CLA (15-20 minutes)
- Q&A** (20 minutes)

TEA/COFFEE BREAK **10:40 – 11.00**

WGII: IMPACTS, ADAPTATION AND VULNERABILITY **11:00 – 12:00**

Moderator for Working Group II: **Domingo Rivas**, PhD from the Nacional University of Agriculture (3 minutes)

- Overview**
Speaker: Eduardo Calvo, IPCC WGII Vice-Chair (10 minutes)
- North America**
Speaker: Paty Romero Lankao, IPCC WGII LA (7 minutes)
- Central and South America**
Speaker: Ursula Oswald Spring, IPCC WGII LA (7 minutes)
- Q&A** (30-40 minutes)

LUNCH BREAK **12.00 –13.00**

WGIII: MITIGATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE

13:00 – 14:00

Moderator for Working Group III: **Alfonso Martinúz**, Project Manager of MARENA (Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources)(3 minutes)

a) **Overview and key messages of AFOLU Chapter**

Speaker: Ramón Pichs Madruga, IPCC WGIII Co-Chair (20 minutes)

b) **International Cooperation,**

Speaker: Antonina Ivanova, IPCC WGIII Vice-Chair (7 minutes)

c) **Investments and Finance**

Speaker: Mariana Conte Grand, IPCC WGIII LA, (7 minutes)

d) **Q&A (30 minutes)**

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

14:00 – 14:30

DAY 2

29 AUGUST: WORKSHOPS

14.30 – 17.30

SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE DIALOGUE

14.30 – 16.00

Audience: Government representatives/researchers/NGOs

Moderator: **Antonio Milán**, Scientific Counsellor of the INETER (Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies)

Panellists: IPCC Authors

Objective: This workshop will discuss the key messages of the AR5 Working Group reports with a specific focus on Nicaragua. It will provide an opportunity for dialogue between local, regional and national policymakers and other stakeholders on the challenges and priority actions on climate change with the input from IPCC scientists.

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH COMMUNITY

16.00 – 17.30

Audience: Research and Academia

Moderator: **Carlos Martin-Novella**, IPCC Deputy Secretary

Speakers: IPCC Authors

Objective: This workshop will raise awareness on the role of the IPCC and its authors, the IPCC process in general and the opportunities for local scientists. It will provide an opportunity for a dialogue between local research community and IPCC scientists. The short presentations will be followed by discussions and Q&As.

Suggested Questions

- ✓ Building a community of climate scientists (new breed of scientists)
- ✓ How can local scientists build a pipeline of papers from the region that can be assessed in future assessment reports?
- ✓ How can emerging local scientists become IPCC Authors?
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- ✓ How can we ensure that research on the pressing issues facing Nicaragua and the region is fully assessed in the IPCC?
- ✓ Early sight of emerging research challenges and new understanding of climate change to inform local research agenda
- ✓ Exposing new and existing students and post-docs to the culture and practice of the international research community
- ✓ Beyond AR5: Prospects to improve Nicaraguan contribution to future assessments