

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Prospects for Renewable Energy and the Review of Processes and Procedures of the IPCC Top its Two Sessions in Abu Dhabi**

In May, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will convene two important sessions in Abu Dhabi.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Session of Working Group III, 5-8 May 2011**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Session of IPCC Working Group III will consider the finalization of the IPCC Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation.

In accordance with the IPCC procedures, the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the Special Report will be approved line by line by Governments and the underlying assessment report, which runs to several hundreds pages, will be presented for acceptance.

Media representatives are cordially invited to a **press conference** on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 where the findings of the Special Report will be presented and the Summary for Policymakers made available.

**Time: 9 May 2011, 14.00**

**Venue:** Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) Hall 02

**Speakers:** Mr. Ottmar Edenhofer, Mr. Youba Sokona and Ramon Pichs-Madruga, Co Chairs of IPCC Working Group III. Introductory remarks will be made by Mr R. K. Pachauri, IPCC Chair. Mr Adnan Amin, Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is also scheduled to attend.

#### **33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPCC, 10-13 May 2011**

From 10-13 May 2011, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPCC will be held. Main items on the agenda will be consideration of the review of the IPCC processes and procedures, progress in the preparation of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) and other issues related to the IPCC work programme.

A **press conference** will be held after the closure of the Session to inform media about decisions taken by the Panel.

**Time: 13 May 2011, 18.00 (To Be Confirmed)**

**Venue:** Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) Hall 02

**Speakers: (To Be Confirmed Closer to the Date)**

**Notes to Editors on the Renewable Energy Sources Report:**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the leading international body for the assessment of climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to provide the world with a clear scientific view on the current state of knowledge in climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic impact. Currently, 194 countries are members of the IPCC.

The Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation was prepared under the leadership of Working Group III which deals with the “Mitigation of Climate Change”. Its goal is to assess the existing literature on the potential of renewable energy for the mitigation of climate change. It will address the information needs of policy makers, private sector and civil society, providing a comprehensive assessment of renewable energy technologies and related policy and financial instruments.

“Acceptance” of IPCC Reports at a Session of the Working Group or Panel signifies that the material has not been subject to line by line discussion and agreement, but nevertheless presents a comprehensive, objective and balanced view of the subject matter.

“Approval” of IPCC Summaries for Policymakers signifies that the material has been subjected to detailed, line by line discussion and agreement.

**Notes to Editors on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session**

At its 32<sup>nd</sup> Session held in Busan (Republic of Korea) in October 2010, the Panel considered the outcome of a review of IPCC processes and procedures conducted by the InterAcademy Council (IAC) at the request of the UN Secretary General Ban-Ki-Moon and the IPCC Chair.

At its 32<sup>nd</sup> Session, the Panel agreed to immediately implement many of the recommendations by the IAC. On others Task Groups were formed to undertake further work. Draft proposals prepared by these Task Groups on Procedures; Governance and Management; Conflict of Interest Policy and Communications Strategy are before the Panel for consideration and decision. The agenda and other documentations for the session of the Panel can be found on [www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch).

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