



MEDIA ADVISORY

IPCC to release "Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability" report

Geneva, 21 March 2007 – The Working Group II contribution to the "Climate Change 2007" Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be presented to the press in Brussels on 6 April 2007. Additional press briefings focusing on specific impacts at the regional level will follow in various locations around the world starting from 10 April.

The report assesses the latest scientific, environmental and socio-economic literature on "Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability". It provides a comprehensive analysis of how climate change is affecting natural and human systems, what the impacts will be in the future and how far adaptation and mitigation can reduce these impacts. The report also contains chapters on specific systems, sectors and regions.

The 8th Plenary session of Working Group II (WGII) will gather government delegates from more than one hundred countries, together with the WGII Lead Authors, to accept the Report and approve its Summary for Policymakers.

Media are invited to the **Opening Ceremony of the Plenary on 2 April**, which will take place at 10 am in the Charlemagne Building of the European Commission. Speakers will include Mr. Guy Verhofstadt, the Prime Minister of Belgium; Mr. Stavros Dimas, European Commissioner for the Environment; Mr. Janez Potocnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research (tbc); Mr. Rajendra Pachauri, the Chair of the IPCC, as well as representatives from UNEP and WMO. The ceremony will be chaired by Mr. Osvaldo Canziani, the Co-chair of WGII.

The approved Summary for Policymakers will be released during the **PRESS CONFERENCE on FRIDAY, 6 April, at 10 am** in:

Charlemagne Building of the European Commission
Salle S3
170, Rue de la Loi (Wetstraat)
BE-1049 Brussels, Belgium

The key findings of the report will be presented by the WGII Co-chairs, Mr. Osvaldo Canziani and Mr. Martin Parry, together with Mr. Rajendra Pachauri, the IPCC Chair. Many of the Lead Authors, and representatives from WMO and UNEP, will also be present at the press conference.

The Summary for Policymakers of the report will be available as hard copy for the press one hour in advance at the press conference venue, while the full report will be available on the IPCC website some days later. The press conference will be in English and will be webcast live. The webcast will be accessible from the IPCC Internet site and also downloadable from the website about 4 hours after the end of the event. The Charlemagne Building will be accessible starting from 8 am for both the Opening Ceremony and the press conference.

The IPCC will also organize **regional press briefings** in various locations to provide an in-depth view of the observed and projected climate change impacts in the region, local vulnerabilities and adaptation strategies. Most of the briefings will take place on 10 April. The briefings will be given by IPCC scientists from that region whose expertise addresses the key regional issues. All information about the regional events (locations, venues, speakers, contact persons for accreditation, etc.) will be published on the [IPCC website](#) as soon as they are confirmed. Journalists are kindly invited to check the IPCC homepage for updates.

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