



INFORMATION NOTE

Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis

Shanghai, 22 January 2001 - Over 150 delegates from around 100 governments met in Shanghai, China from 17-20 January to consider the Working Group I contribution to the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) "Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis".

The full report, which runs to over 1000 pages, has been over three years in production and is the work of 123 Lead Authors from around the world. They in turn drew on than 516 Contributing Authors. The report went through extensive review by experts and governments. In line with the IPCC Principles and Procedures, after line-by-line consideration, the governments unanimously approved the Summary for Policymakers of the report and accepted the full report.

The Summary for Policymakers of the report is attached with this press release. The full report will be published by Cambridge University Press. For further information, please contact Tim Higham in Shanghai until 23 January, at highamtim@hotmail.com, +86-21-64845667, +44-7818428339 (mobile), or Michael Williams in Geneva at +41-22-9178-242/244/196, +41-79-409-1528 (portable).