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Media registration for IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C

GENEVA, Sept 12 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will consider the Special Report on *Global Warming of 1.5 °C* on 1–5 October 2018 at its 48th Session to be held in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

The report, whose full title is *Global Warming of 1.5 °C, an IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty* (SR15), was requested by governments when they adopted the Paris Agreement in December 2015 at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Formally, the draft Summary for Policymakers will be considered by the First Joint Session of IPCC Working Groups I, II and III. The 48th Session of the IPCC will then accept their work.

Press conference

A press conference to present the Summary for Policymakers of the Special Report on *Global Warming of 1.5 °C* will be held after the meeting, subject to approval of the Summary for Policymakers.

When: 10.00 a.m. Korea time on Monday, 8 October, 2018

(09.00, New York (7 October); 04.00 Nairobi; 02.00 London; 03.00 Geneva)

Where: Songdo Convensia Convention Centre

123 Central Street, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon 21998 Korea, Republic of Korea

IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee and the Co-Chairs of the three Working Groups of the IPCC will address the press conference. The press conference will be streamed live and details on how to access it will be sent closer to the time.

The IPCC Chair, Co-Chairs and report authors will be available for interview after the press conference. Details on how to request interviews will be sent in the coming weeks.

Opening Session

The 48th Session of the IPCC will open at **10 a.m. on Monday, 1 October, 2018 local time** at the Songdo Convensia Convention Centre in the city of Songdo-Incheon, Republic of Korea.

The opening session, running from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., will be addressed by the IPCC Chair, senior officials from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and senior officials of the Republic of Korea.

The opening session is open to the media. A limited number of places for journalists is available and priority will be given to wire services and local media. Otherwise the IPCC meeting is closed to the public and media.

Embargo materials

The Summary for Policymakers of the Special Report on *Global Warming of 1.5 °C*, the press release and any other press materials will be made available to registered media under embargo shortly after approval of the Summary for Policymakers. Please note that registering for the opening session and/or the press conference will not automatically provide you with access to embargoed materials. Media representatives who want access to the embargoed materials must check the option for “embargo” on the online form, regardless of whether they are registering to attend the press conference or not.

The embargo will run until the start of the press conference. Registered media will receive an email alert when the embargoed material is posted. The exact time that the embargoed material is made available will depend on the time the plenary approves the Summary for Policymakers and accepts the underlying report. Registering for access will require media representatives to agree to adhere to the terms of the embargo. Failure to adhere to the conditions will result in that journalist or media outlet being excluded from future embargo arrangements.

How to register

The IPCC operates its own registration and accreditation system, which is based on the media [accreditation guidelines of the United Nations](#). Please check our [accreditation and registration FAQs](#).

It is not necessary to register simply to follow the live stream of the press conference. Registration is only required to attend the press conference in person, to attend the opening session, and/or to access embargoed materials.

To attend the press conference and/or the opening session in person and/or get access to embargo materials, please register on the IPCC website here: <http://www.ipcc.ch/apps/eventmanager/press/>.

Please ensure that you have scanned copies of your credentials ready when you start filling in the form, as the system will not allow you to proceed without uploading these. You can upload up to two files in JPG, PNG and PDF formats.

The required credentials are:

- A letter of assignment requesting accreditation on official letterhead of a media organization, signed by the publisher, editor-in-chief, or assignment editor. It should include the name and duration of assignment of the journalist; and
- A valid press card; or a valid media accreditation badge for the United Nations in New York, Geneva, Vienna or Nairobi. If you do not have a press card, please submit 3 recent samples of your work in a relevant area and a scanned copy of a valid photo ID or passport.

Before filling in the form, please carefully read the guidelines below, which need to be followed by all users, including media representatives who have used the system before.

On the IPCC media portal, follow the following steps:

- Click “Request Access/Register”;
- If you are ready to upload credentials, click “Yes I agree”;
- Fill in the “Request Access” form;
- Select the event;
- Select from the following options: opening session; press conference, embargo. You can choose one, two or all three options;
- Upload your credentials;
- Click “Request Access” to submit the form.

The IPCC media team will review your credentials. When you are registered to attend the opening session and/or the press conference you will receive a confirmation email with a document that you must bring with you to pick up your badge at the media desk in Incheon. If you request access to embargo materials, you will receive another email with credentials to use to log into the system. To access the embargoed materials you will need to agree to respect the terms of the embargo. Please note that due to the high number of requests, approval of registration might take a number of days.

If you have used the system before, the email that you receive will indicate that you should use “Your global IPCC password”, which refers to your previous password. In case you have lost it, please click “Forgot password” on the IPCC media portal.

The deadline for registration is **Friday 28 September 2018**. **We encourage you to register as soon as possible and not leave it to the last minute** as the IPCC has limited capacity to deal with late or last-minute requests. The IPCC cannot guarantee that it will be able to review requests submitted after the deadline.

Registration details

Each member of your media team should register separately in order to get access to the venue. If you work as a photographer or as part of a TV crew you are asked to indicate this on the letter of assignment so that the IPCC can plan sufficient space. Please also state any special requirements, e.g. for TV crews.

There is limited space for satellite trucks. If you need space for this, please let us know on your letter of assignment. Please also indicate whether you would like satellite broadcast facilities.

In order to get access to the opening session and press conference venue, you will need to pick up your press badge at the meeting venue. The desk will be open at the following times (Incheon time):

- 16.00 - 18.00 on 30 September 2018
- 08.00 - 10.00 on 1 October 2018
- 16.00 - 18.00 on 7 October 2018
- 08.00 - 10.00 on 8 October 2018

To facilitate the process, please bring with you the original credentials that you submitted with your request and your passport or a valid ID, as well as the confirmation document. We advise you to pick up your badges as early as possible and not wait until the last minute.

Other arrangements

The IPCC will advise nearer the time how to request interviews both in person at the site of the press conference and by phone or email, and how to access the live stream of the press conference, and will issue a further advisory on arrangements for broadcasters.

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Notes for Editors

About the IPCC

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide policymakers with regular scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and potential future risks, and to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies. It has 195 member states.

IPCC assessments provide governments, at all levels, with scientific information that they can use to develop climate policies. IPCC assessments are a key input into the international negotiations to tackle climate change. IPCC reports are drafted and reviewed in several stages, thus guaranteeing objectivity and transparency.

The IPCC assesses the thousands of scientific papers published each year to inform policymakers about the state of knowledge on climate change. The IPCC identifies where there is agreement in the scientific community, where there are differences and where further research is needed. It does not conduct its own research.

To produce its reports, the IPCC mobilizes hundreds of scientists. These scientists and officials are drawn from diverse backgrounds. Only a dozen permanent staff work in the IPCC's Secretariat.

The IPCC has three working groups: Working Group I (the physical science basis of climate change); Working Group II (impacts, adaptation and vulnerability); and Working Group III (mitigation of climate change). It also has a Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories that develops methodologies for measuring emissions and removals. All of these are supported by Technical Support Units guiding the production of IPCC assessment reports and other products.

IPCC Assessment Reports consist of contributions from each of the three working groups and a Synthesis Report. Special Reports undertake a shorter assessment of specific cross-disciplinary issues that usually span more than one working group.

About the Sixth Assessment Cycle

At its 41st Session in February 2015, the IPCC decided to produce a Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). At its 42nd Session in October 2015 it elected a new Bureau that would oversee the work on this report and Special Reports to be produced in the assessment cycle.

In its [decision](#) on the adoption of the Paris Agreement, the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) invited the IPCC to provide a special report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. At its 43rd Session in April 2016, the IPCC accepted the invitation from UNFCCC and decided to produce two other Special Reports, a Methodology Report and the AR6.

The Special Report *on Global Warming of 1.5°C* is being prepared under the joint scientific leadership of Working Groups I, II and III with support from the Working Group I Technical Support Unit.

The Methodology Report to refine *the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* will be delivered in May 2019. Besides the Special Report on *Global Warming of 1.5°C*, the IPCC will finalize two other Special Reports:

- Special Report *Climate Change and Land* in August 2019
- *Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate* in September 2019.

The AR6 Synthesis Report will be finalized in the first half of 2022.

For more information go to www.ipcc.ch