

**Hoesung Lee is Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**, elected



since October 2015, and Endowed Chair Professor at Korea University Graduate School of Energy and Environment, Seoul, Korea. His research encompasses the economics of climate change, energy and sustainable development. He is a council member of the Global Green Growth Institute, and Chairman of the Asian Development Bank President's Advisory Board on Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Lee was the founding president of the Korea Energy Economics Institute - a government agency for national energy policy development. He was Distinguished Research Fellow at the Korea Environment Institute, senior adviser to the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Minister of Environment,

senior fellow at the Korea Development Institute and economist at Exxon Company USA. He served as the president of the International Association for Energy Economics, president of the Korea Resources Economics Association, member of the International Advisory Board of the Battelle-Pacific Northwest National Lab, USA, the Board of Directors of Hyundai Corporation and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan. He was Co-Chair of the IPCC Working Group III (the socio-economic dimensions of climate change) for the Second Assessment which provided a scientific basis for the UNFCCC's Kyoto Protocol. He served as Vice-Chair of the IPCC 2008-2015, and lead author and review editor for various IPCC assessments. He received his BA from Seoul National University and PhD in economics from Rutgers University, USA.

**Youba Sokona is a Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**



for the Sixth Assessment cycle. Prior to this, he was Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III on the mitigation of climate change for the Fifth Assessment Report after serving as a Lead Author since 1990. Youba is currently the Special Advisor for Sustainable Development at the South Centre. With over 35 years of experience addressing energy, environment and sustainable development in Africa, he is a well-known, leading global figure. In addition to these achievements, Youba has a proven track record of organisational leadership and management, for example as Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) and as Executive Secretary of the Sahara and the Sahel Observatory (OSS). Youba's advice is highly sought after,

and as such, he is affiliated with numerous boards and organisations, including as a Member of the Board for the Institute of Development Studies, Honorary Professor at the University College London (UCL), and as a Special Advisor to the African Energy Leaders Group. In short, Youba is a global figure, with deep technical knowledge, extensive policy experience and an unreserved personal commitment to African led development.

**Valérie Masson-Delmotte is a Co-Chair of Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle.**



*Credit: Bruno Levy Divergence*

Previously she was a Lead Author in the Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report and a Coordinating Lead Author in the Working Group I contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report. Valérie is a senior scientist from Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement, Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, with an initial background in fluid physics. Her research interests are focused on quantifying and understanding changes in climate and water cycle, using analyses from ice cores in Greenland, Antarctica and Tibet, analyses from tree-rings as well as present-day monitoring, and climate modelling for the past and the future. She has worked across different timescales on issues such as natural climate variability and mechanisms of climate response to natural and anthropogenic forcing, polar amplification, climate feedbacks, abrupt climate change, ice sheet vulnerability. She is active in outreach for a broad range of audiences and events and has contributed to several books on climate change issues (latest: Groenland, climat, écologie et société, CNRS éditions, 2016). Nature journal listed her in the top 10 people that matter in science in 2018. She has received several prizes (Medaille d'argent du CNRS, 2019; European Union Descartes Prize for the EPICA project, 2008; Women scientist Irène Joliot Curie Prize, 2013; Tinker-Muse Prize for science and policy in Antarctica, 2015; Thomson Highly Cited Researcher since 2014; Prix Jean Perrin for scientific outreach from Société Française de Physique, 2016).

**Panmao Zhai is a Co-Chair of Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle.**



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He is a well-known Chinese climatologist. He is a research professor and PhD advisor in the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences, the largest multi-disciplinary and comprehensive research institution on atmospheric sciences in China. He has more than 30 years working experience in climate change and variability studies. He has published more than 100 papers in Chinese and English. He has developed the Global Climate Monitoring and Diagnostic System and established the ENSO Monitoring and Prediction System in China. Such contributions have effectively supported China National Climate Centre's operational activities and services. Currently, as a Chief Scientist, Panmao is leading a group of excellent meteorologists, studying the formation mechanism and prediction method for persistent extreme events in China.

**Jim Skea is a Co-Chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle.** He is Professor of Sustainable Energy at Imperial College London with research interests in energy, climate change and technological innovation. His current main role is as Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III. He was Research Director of the UK Energy Research Centre 2004-12 and Director of the Policy Studies Institute 1998-2004. He has operated at the interface between research, policy-making and business throughout his career. He was a member of the UK Committee on Climate Change from its inception in 2008 until 2018. He is currently chairing Scotland's Just Transition Commission. Until June 2017, he was President of the UK Energy Institute.



**Priyadarshi R. Shukla is a Co-Chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle.** He has worked as an Assistant Professor (1979-88), Associate Professor (1988-91) and Professor (1991-2015) at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India. He is associated with IPCC as an author since 1993 - as a lead author of IPCC WGIII SAR (Chapters 8, 9 and 10), TAR (Chapter 8), AR4 (Chapter 2) and AR5 (Chapter 6). He is also a lead author of the IPCC Special Reports on Emissions Scenarios and on Technology Transfer as well as IPCC Technical Paper I (1996) and Technical Paper IV (1997). Priyadarshi has been a member of several prestigious national and international policy committees. He has led several international research projects and is a member of several international teams working on integrated assessment modeling and policy studies. He is a co-author/co-editor of fourteen books and numerous publications in international journals in the areas of energy, environment, climate change and development policies. He has guided over forty doctoral students. Priyadarshi obtained MS (1976) and PhD (1979) degrees from Stanford University, USA.



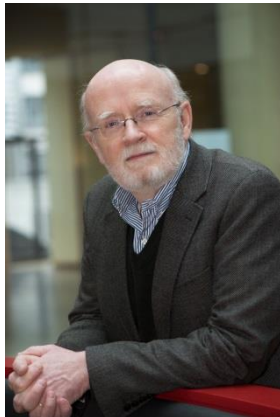
**Debra Roberts is a Co-Chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle.** She is



Head of the Sustainable and Resilient City Initiatives Unit in eThekweni Municipality (Durban, South Africa). She was a lead author of Chapter 8 (Urban Areas) of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report and was elected as Co-Chair of Working Group II for the IPCC's Sixth Assessment cycle in 2015. Dr. Roberts is an Honorary Professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in the School of Life Sciences and is an advisor to the Global Commission on Adaptation, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and the United Nations Secretary General's 2019

Climate Summit. In 2019 she was included in a list of the World's 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy.

**Hans-Otto Pörtner is a Co-Chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle.** He studied



at Münster and Düsseldorf Universities where he received his PhD qualifying in Animal Physiology. As a Research and then Heisenberg Fellow of the German Research Council he worked at Dalhousie and Acadia Universities, Nova Scotia, Canada and at the Lovelace Medical Foundation, Albuquerque, USA. Currently he is Professor and Head of the Department of Integrative Ecophysiology at the Alfred Wegener Institute, Bremerhaven, Germany. He acts as an associate editor 'Physiology' for Marine Biology and as a co-editor of the Journal of Thermal Biology. He was Honorary International Associate Member of the Society for Integrative Biology, USA, between 2006 and 2013. He

gave the Peter Hochachka Memorial Lecture at University of British Columbia in 2007, the Plymouth Marine Lecture in 2013, and the Bidder Lecture of the Society for Experimental Biology in Florence, 2018. During the IPCC Fourth Assessment Cycle he served as Lead Author on the Working Group III Special Report on Carbon Capture and Storage, and during AR5 as Coordinating Lead Author of Chapter 6 (Ocean Systems) of the Working Group II Report, as a member of the author teams for the Working Group II Summary for Policymakers and Technical Summary, as well as a member of the Core Writing Team for the Synthesis Report. His research interests include the effects of climate warming, ocean acidification, and hypoxia on marine animals and ecosystems with a focus on the links between ecological, physiological, biochemical and molecular mechanisms limiting tolerance and shaping biogeography and ecosystem functioning. He is a Clarivate Analytics highly cited researcher 2018.

**Kiyoto Tanabe is a Co-Chair of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).**



He majored in meteorology in the Graduate School of the University of Tokyo in Japan and got an MSc degree (geophysics) in 1993 with a master thesis on analysis of CO<sub>2</sub> uptake by ocean using a two-layer upwelling-diffusion model. He joined the Technical Support Unit of the IPCC TFI in 1999, and assumed the position of Head of the Unit from April 2013 to October 2015. He has been engaged in various international activities including development of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, UNFCCC Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, etc. At the 42th Session of IPCC in October 2015, he was elected as a Co-Chair of the IPCC TFI.

**Eduardo Calvo is a Co-Chair of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).**



He is an environmental scientist from Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia. He is an Associate Professor at San Marcos University in Lima, Peru where he teaches courses devoted to environmental pollution and natural resources management. He has also taught at Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería and Universidad Nacional Federico Villareal. He is a former Board Member of the Peruvian Chemical Society and a former member of the Peruvian Academy of Health. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism, and was a negotiator or advisor on climate change negotiations from 1996 to 2015. He also advised the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on various environmental issues. Formerly, he was an adviser on environmental issues to the National Council on Environment and the Peruvian Ministries of Agriculture and Housing. He has coordinated the greenhouse gas Inventory of the Dominican Republic and served as a reviewer of the Chilean greenhouse gas Inventory. Eduardo has chaired or co-chaired various debates on topics ranging from bunker fuels, impacts of response measures, to the Clean Development Mechanism and procedures.

**Abdalah Mokssit is Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).**



He has a long experience with the IPCC and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). He is a former Vice-Chair of IPCC Working Group I, which deals with the physical science basis of climate change. He is also a former Third Vice-President of the World Meteorological Congress of WMO and was member of several WMO commissions including the Commission on Climatology and the Commission for Basic Systems. Previously, Abdalah was the Director of the National Meteorological Department of Morocco. At the National Meteorological Service of Morocco, he has focused on upgrading forecasting, from nowcasting to long-range forecasting; improving warning and crisis management for extreme events; and generating regional models of climate change scenarios, climate change sector impact studies and services for end users. In May 1996, His Majesty, the late King Hassan II of Morocco awarded the «National Order of Merit, Excellent Class» to Abdalah Mokssit for his contribution to the modernization of the National Meteorology. He was also awarded the medals “Chevalier” and “Commandeur” personally by His Majesty King Mohamed VI and the medal “Leverier” in recognition of work for the extension of NWP model PERIDOT to North Africa and Eastern Europe.

**Jonathan Lynn is Head of Communications and Media Relations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).**



Before joining the IPCC in November 2011, he worked as a foreign correspondent and editor for Reuters news agency for 32 years, reporting from over 30 countries around the world. Jonathan has an MA from Cambridge University, where he studied modern languages at Clare College. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Jonathan will moderate the press conference.