

**Draft Statement to the opening of SBSTA
IPCC Secretary Abdalah Mokssit
6 November 2022
Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt**

Thank you...

Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honour to address on behalf of the IPCC the opening plenary of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at the Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Change Conference on behalf of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Building on what the IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee has said this morning at the COP27 opening plenary, we in the scientific community are poised to work with decision and policymakers, to provide support every step of the way in the understanding of climate change, its impacts, adaption and mitigation models and how these can translate into climate action.

Since the 26th Conference of the Parties in Glasgow last year, the IPCC has released two major contributions to the Sixth Assessment cycle: the report on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability and the report on Mitigation of Climate Change. We presented the findings from these assessment reports at the Bonn Climate Conference in June this year; we worked with many of you to unpack them with the view to inform important COP mandates including the Global Goal on Adaptation and Technical Dialogues under the Global Stocktake. Together with other IPCC reports in this cycle, this scientific work will be integrated into the Synthesis Report. It is scheduled for release in March 2023, in time for COP28 and First Global Stocktake.

The IPCC has been invited to provide scientific input to several key UNFCCC official events in Sharm El-Sheikh. I wish to thank the UNFCCC Secretariat and the COP27 Presidency for these opportunities.

On 8 November, IPCC's Working Group II will deliver its findings from the contribution of Working Group II to its Sixth Assessment Report, including those relevant to assessing adaptation needs. At an SBI and SBSTA special event on the same day, the three Working Groups will present gender-related aspects of climate change as reflected in their contributions to the Sixth Assessment Report.

IPCC scientists will take part in the Earth Information Day on 9 November and also contribute to a series of roundtables and poster sessions of the second Global Stocktake Technical Dialogue from 7 to 11 November.

IPCC Working Group III Co-Chairs are invited to inform the discussions of a mandated high-level ministerial roundtable on pre-2030 Ambition on 14 November.

Together with the Secretariat of the UNFCCC, the IPCC Taskforce on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories will launch the new generation of IPCC Inventory Software at an official side event on 9 November. And, on 11 November IPCC will hold a side event dedicated to the topic of cities.

All this wouldn't have been possible without the great collaboration between the IPCC and SBSTA ensured through the Joint Working Group which continues to be a very effective mechanism for a successful partnership between IPCC and UNFCCC.

Finally, the IPCC together with WMO and partners will also run a pavilion called “Science for Climate Action” with a rich program of scientific events in Area B which is available in our website. We believe our programme and presence will assist many of you with the knowledge required to inform your decisions here in Sharm El Sheikh. We are looking forward to welcome you there.

Thank you

Follow IPCC on  Facebook,  Twitter,  LinkedIn and  Instagram