

**Remarks by the IPCC Secretary,
AR6 SYR Press Conference**

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Thank you, Andrej, and again welcome to all media representatives attending this press conference.

Today, the IPCC releases its Synthesis Report of the Sixth Assessment Report.

The approval of the Synthesis Report is the culmination of the IPCC's Sixth Assessment. This is an exceptional achievement. The sixth assessment cycle has been the most ambitious in the 35-year history of the IPCC. The IPCC has delivered an unprecedented number of critically important contributions to the understanding of climate change. In total, eight major pieces of scientific work have been delivered during this cycle, despite the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. These include three special reports, three working group reports, the synthesis report and the methodology document.

With the launch of the Synthesis report today we are closing this assessment cycle during which the Panel held 19 plenary sessions – twice more compared to the previous cycle. More than 780 scientists volunteered their time and expertise to work on IPCC reports – 41 per cent of them from developing nations. I would also like to stress that 33 per cent of IPCC authors were female scientists. Overall, during the drafting of the three working group reports and the synthesis report more than 100,000 pieces of scientific literature were assessed. In the process of related reviews our authors addressed and responded to more than 300,000 review comments. We are grateful to IPCC authors for their firm commitment and exceptional contribution to IPCC work.

Given the global relevance of IPCC's work on assessing the science on climate change, it is my honour to announce now the video message of the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres.
