

IPCC Chair – opening remarks

Special event on the AR6 SYR – 05 June 2023

Thank you Harry (Chair of the SBSTA).

Distinguished delegates, dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

As the Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – IPCC – I wish to welcome all participants of the SBSTA, including Parties, observers and media, as well as those following us online, to this Special event of the SBSTA and the IPCC.

Under the title “Key findings of the IPCC’s Sixth Assessment Synthesis Report” over the next two hours we will look to unpack the storyline of the Synthesis Report Summary for Policymakers which IPCC released in March this year following Panel’s approval session in Interlaken, Switzerland. The objective of our joint and interactive event today is to bring together you – the participants - and IPCC experts.

We hope this will be a forum of genuine and direct exchange, enhancing understanding of key findings delivered in the Synthesis Report, including how it relates to the global stocktake.

The Synthesis Report integrates into a concise document the content of the reports produced by the Working Groups and the Special Reports during this cycle.

It is a stand-alone synthesis of the most policy-relevant evidence from the scientific, technical and socio-economic literature assessed in the Sixth Assessment.

The three WGs assessment reports were released in 2021-2022 and the special reports—1.5°C, Land, and Oceans/Cryosphere—were released in the early part of AR6, ie., 2019-2020. The Synthesis Report integrated the core findings of these six reports for policymakers. The SYR is a concluding chapter of the entire IPCC Six Assessment reports.

This SYR is an outcome of intense collaboration among authors notwithstanding Covid constraints. The Section Facilitators of the SYR who are here today with me did outstanding work for the SYR. We thank SFs and authors for their commitment and dedication.

We also thank the IPCC Bureau, the IPCC Secretariat, the SYR TSU, and the WG/TFI TSUs for their support and hard work for the SYR and of course for the entire IPCC reports.

With that, I invite you all now to shift your attention to the presentation of the Synthesis Report.

Thank you.
