

## **IPCC Secretary A. Mokssit remarks at the opening of SB60, 3 June 24**

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Following IPCC elections last July and the start of the new, seventh cycle, the IPCC work is well underway.

Just after the Panel's inaugural session for the seventh cycle held in January in Istanbul, we have organized two scoping meetings:

- 1) the Scoping Meeting for the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers and
- 2) the Scoping Meeting of the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities which took place in April.

The draft outlines of these two reports will be presented for approval at the 61<sup>st</sup> plenary taking place in Sofia, Bulgaria at the end of July this year.

Just after the approval, we will be sending out calls for nominations of authors.

As part of the IPCC Chair's vision for this cycle, we will be very keen to see more nominations of female scientists as well as young, early-career scientists as chapter authors.

To help guide this process, we will start the next Plenary with a tailored workshop for focal points with an emphasis on gender, equity and inclusion training.

We are encouraging IPCC focal points to interact with the UNFCCC focal points to nominate large number of authors.

Last Friday, we concluded the latest meeting of the IPCC Bureau meeting in Geneva.

This was an exceptionally important meeting as our Bureau focused its work on preparing the strategic guidance for the next Panel session on a range of scientific topics critically relevant for the future, such as the strategic planning schedule for the entire seventh cycle.

The Panel's deliberations and decisions on this matter will have a direct impact on the IPCC's policy relevance and credibility. In relations with UNFCCC's agenda and processes in general and global stocktake in particular.

Looking beyond the 61st Plenary Session, we are planning a scoping meeting in December in Malaysia focused on developing outlines of the reports that the three Working Groups will deliver.

Shortly we will be sending out calls to IPCC Focal Points for nominations of experts to take part in this scoping meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Beside our intense participation during this SB60 session IPCC activities this week include also two side events.

First on 5<sup>th</sup> June together with the UNFCCC colleagues the TFI will hold an event on the IPCC Inventory software.

On 6 June we will hold an event focusing on the scientific foundation of AR7 agreed products and plans for enhancing engagement with IPCC national focal points.

Lastly, I would also like to highlight our strong and systematic collaboration with the UNFCCC Secretariat.

Our Joint Working Group meetings continue to serve as a particularly useful platform of informal yet fruitful engagement between IPCC and UNFCCC.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, we remain thankful to all countries contributing scientifically and financially to the IPCC and we are encouraging all the remaining countries to participate in these efforts and in the IPCC scholarship programme.

Thank you again for standing with us and we wish you a successful conference.

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