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IPCC meetings in Paris

GENEVA, March 9 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be meeting for its 47th Session at the headquarters of the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, France, from 13 to 16 March 2018.

The full agenda for the meetings and related documents can be found here:

http://www.ipcc.ch/scripts/session_template.php?page=47ipcc.htm

Opening session and 30th Anniversary celebrations

The opening session of the meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 March 2018 from 10.00 to 11.00 CET at **UNESCO Headquarters, 125 avenue de Suffren, 75007 Paris, France**. The following dignitaries will address the session; IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee, the Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization, Petteri Taalas, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Patricia Espinosa, the French Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Jean-Yves Le Drian, the French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Frédérique Vidal, the Director General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, and Chief of Staff of UN Environment, Anne Le More.

After the opening statements, the IPCC session will be suspended until the following day, and the government of France will host delegates and other invited guests to a commemorative event marking 30 years since the IPCC was established. The opening session and the 30th anniversary celebrations are open to registered media. **To register contact:** presse-esri@recherche.gouv.fr

The full programme of the 30 years celebrations is available [here](#)

The rest of the IPCC Session over the remainder of the week is closed to media, as usual. The IPCC does not plan to hold a press conference at the end of the meeting.

Registered journalists, carrying their press cards, may access UNESCO entrance on 125 avenue de Suffren, 75007 Paris, on Tuesday 13 March from 9 am.

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What is the IPCC?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide political leaders with periodic scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and risks, as well as to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies. It has 195 member states.

Comprehensive scientific assessment reports are published every 6 to 7 years; the latest, the Fifth Assessment Report, was completed in 2014. The next comprehensive assessment is due to be completed in 2022. The IPCC also publishes special reports on more specific issues between assessment reports. In this assessment cycle the IPCC is preparing the following Special Reports:

- *Global Warming of 1.5°C, an IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty*, to be finalized in early October 2018;
- *Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*, to be finalized in September 2019; and
- *Climate Change and Land: an IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems*, to be finalized in August 2019 (TBC).

The IPCC also prepares methodologies to enable countries to report their emissions and removals of greenhouse gases. It is currently updating the *2006 IPCC Guidelines on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, for completion in May 2019.

For more information, including links to the IPCC reports, go to: www.ipcc.ch