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*Edited the **Registration Details** section on 12 and 15 April 2019 to include details on satellite trucks and registration times on site.*

Media registration for IPCC 2019 Refinement Methodology Report

GENEVA, April 11 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will consider the methodology report *2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* on 8-12 May 2019 at its 49th Session to be held in Kyoto, Japan.

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The Panel decided at its 43rd Session in April 2016 to update its methodologies through a refinement of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* in order to assist all Parties to the UNFCCC in the preparation and continuous improvement of their national greenhouse gas inventories by ensuring they are supported by the best and latest available science. The *2019 Refinement* is expected to help the Paris Agreement process as well.

The 49th Session of the IPCC will consider the Overview Chapter of the *2019 Refinement* section by section. Subject to agreement in the Panel, it will adopt the Overview Chapter and accept the main report. The 49th Session will also transact other IPCC business. A full agenda can be found [here](#).

The agreed outline of the 2019 Refinement can be found in the [decisions of the 44th Session of the IPCC](#) (see Decision IPCC/XLIV-5, Annex 2, pp 38-57).

This meeting will be carbon neutral, as was the case with the last two Sessions of the IPCC.

Press conference

A press conference to present the Overview Chapter of the methodology report *2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* will be held after the meeting, subject to adoption of the Overview Chapter.

When: 10.00 a.m. Japan time on Monday, 13 May, 2019

(21.00 New York/EDT (12 May); 01.00 GMT; 03.00 Geneva/CEST)

Where: Grand Prince Hotel Kyoto

1092-2 Iwakura Hataedacho, Sakyo Ward, Kyoto, 606-8505, Japan

The press conference will be in two parts. In the first part, IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee and the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories will address the press conference and take questions on the *2019 Refinement*. In the second part, they will be joined by the three IPCC Vice-Chairs to take questions on other aspects of the IPCC work programme.

The press conference will be streamed live. Details on how to access it will be sent closer to the time.

The IPCC Chair, TFI Co-Chairs and TFI Bureau members will be available for interviews after the press conference. Details on how to request interviews will be sent in the coming weeks.

Opening Session

The 49th Session of the IPCC will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 May, 2019 local time at the Kyoto International Conference Center, Takaragaike, Sakyō-ku, Kyoto, Japan.

The opening session, running from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., is expected to be addressed by the IPCC Chair, senior officials from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), and the UNFCCC, and senior officials of the Government of Japan and of the City of Kyoto.

The opening session is open to media. A limited number of places for journalists is available and priority will be given to wire services and local media. Otherwise the IPCC meeting is closed to the public and media.

Embargo materials

The Overview Chapter of the methodology report *2019 Refinement*, the press release and any other press materials will be made available to registered media under embargo shortly after adoption of the Overview Chapter, expected on 12 May. Please note that registering for the opening session and/or the press conference will not automatically provide you with access to embargoed materials. Media representatives who want access to the embargoed materials must check the option for “embargo” on the online form, regardless of whether they are registering to attend the press conference or not.

The embargo will run until the start of the press conference. Registered media will receive an email alert when the embargoed material is posted. The exact time that the embargoed material is made available will depend on the time the plenary adopts the Overview Chapter and accepts the main report. Registering for access will require media representatives to agree to adhere to the terms of the embargo. Failure to adhere to the conditions will result in that journalist or media outlet being excluded from future embargo arrangements.

How to register

The IPCC operates its own registration and accreditation system. Please check our accreditation and registration <http://bit.ly/ipcc-media-accreditation-FAQs>.

It is not necessary to register simply to follow the live stream of the press conference. Registration is only required to attend the press conference and/or opening session in person, and/or to access embargoed materials.

To attend the press conference and/or the opening session in person and/or get access to embargo materials, please register on the IPCC website here: <https://apps.ipcc.ch/eventmanager/press/register.php>.

Please ensure that you have scanned copies of your credentials ready when you start filling in the form, as the system will not allow you to proceed without uploading these. You can upload up to two files in JPG, PNG and PDF formats.

The required credentials are:

- A letter of assignment requesting accreditation on official letterhead of a media organization, signed by the publisher, editor-in-chief, or assignment editor. It should include the name and duration of assignment of the journalist; and

- A valid press card; or a valid media accreditation badge for the United Nations in New York, Geneva, Vienna or Nairobi. If you do not have a press card, please submit 3 recent samples of your work in a relevant area and a scanned copy of a valid photo ID or passport.

Before filling in the form, please carefully read the guidelines below, which need to be followed by all users, including media representatives who have used the system before.

On the IPCC media portal, follow the following steps:

- Select the event;
- Select from the following options: opening session; press conference; embargo. You can also choose one, two or all three options;
- Fill in the rest of the form;
- Upload your credentials;
- Click “Submit”;
- Read information on the pop-up window and click “I agree” to submit the form.

The IPCC media team will review your credentials. When you are registered to attend the opening session and/or the press conference you will receive a confirmation email with a document that you must bring with you to pick up your badge at the media desk in Kyoto. If you request access to embargo materials, the email you receive will have credentials to use to log into the system. To access the system you will need to agree to respect the terms of the embargo. Please note that due to the high number of requests, approval of registration might take a number of days.

If you have used the system before, the email that you receive will indicate that you should use “Your global IPCC password”, which refers to your previous password. In case you have lost it, please click “Forgot password” on the IPCC media registration page.

The deadline for registration is Thursday 25 April 2019. We encourage you to register as soon as possible and not leave it to the last minute as the IPCC has limited capacity to deal with late or last-minute requests. The IPCC cannot guarantee that it will be able to review requests submitted after the deadline.

Registration details

Each member of your media team should register separately in order to get access to the venue. If you work as a photographer or as part of a TV crew you are asked to indicate this on the letter of assignment so that the IPCC can plan sufficient space. Please also state any special requirements, e.g. for TV crews.

There is limited space for satellite trucks. If you need space for this, please let us know on your letter of assignment. Please also indicate whether you would like satellite broadcast facilities. The deadline for these requests is 17 April 2019, and only wireless broadcasting is acceptable due to the physical limitations of the venue.

In order to get access to the opening session and press conference venue, you will need to pick up your press badge at the meeting venue. The desk will be open at the following times (Kyoto time):

- 16.00 - 18.00 on 7 May 2019
- 08.00 - 10.00 on 8 May 2019
- 09.00 - 10.00 on 13 May 2019

To facilitate the process, please bring with you the original credentials that you submitted with your request and your passport or a valid ID, as well as the confirmation document. We advise you to pick up your badges as early as possible and not wait until the last minute.

Other arrangements

The IPCC will advise nearer the time how to request interviews both in person at the site of the press conference and by phone or email, and how to access the live stream of the press conference. It will issue a further advisory on arrangements for broadcasters.

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Notes for Editors

About 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 (now UN Environment) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide policymakers with regular scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and potential future risks, and to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies. It has 195 member states.

IPCC assessments provide governments, at all levels, with scientific information that they can use to develop climate policies. IPCC assessments are a key input into the international negotiations to tackle climate change. IPCC reports are drafted and reviewed in several stages, thus guaranteeing objectivity and transparency.

The IPCC assesses the thousands of scientific papers published each year to inform policymakers about the state of knowledge on climate change. The IPCC identifies where there is agreement in the scientific community, where there are differences and where further research is needed. It does not conduct its own research.

To produce its reports, the IPCC mobilizes hundreds of scientists. These scientists and officials are drawn from diverse backgrounds. Only a dozen permanent staff work in the IPCC's Secretariat.

The IPCC has three working groups: Working Group I (the physical science basis of climate change); Working Group II (impacts, adaptation and vulnerability); and Working Group III (mitigation of climate change). It also has a Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories that develops methodologies for estimating anthropogenic emissions and removals of greenhouse gases. All of these are supported by Technical Support Units guiding the production of IPCC assessment reports and other products.

IPCC Assessment Reports consist of contributions from each of the three working groups and a Synthesis Report. Special Reports undertake a shorter assessment of specific cross-disciplinary issues that usually span more than one working group.

IPCC Methodologies

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participating in the IPCC and by Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Parties to the UNFCCC regularly report greenhouse gas emissions and removals to the UNFCCC. By communicating information on greenhouse gas emissions and actions to reduce them, this transparency and reporting system helps Parties understand ambition and progress on climate action.

About the Sixth Assessment Cycle

At its 41st Session in February 2015, the IPCC decided to produce a Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). At its 42nd Session in October 2015 it elected a new Bureau that would oversee the work on this report and Special Reports to be produced in the assessment cycle.

In its [decision](#) on the adoption of the Paris Agreement, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) invited the IPCC to provide a special report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. At its 43rd Session in April 2016, the IPCC accepted the invitation from UNFCCC and decided to produce two other Special Reports, a Methodology Report and the AR6.

Global Warming of 1.5°C, An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C 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 was released on 8 October 2018.

Besides the methodology report *2019 Refinement*, the IPCC will finalize two Special Reports in 2019:

- *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* in August 2019
- *Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate* in September 2019.

The three working group contributions to AR6 will be released in 2021, and the AR6 Synthesis Report will be finalized in the first half of 2022.

For more information go to www.ipcc.ch