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- The WMO welcomes the progress the IPCC is making on the AR6 work programme, and congratulates the IPCC on its 30th anniversary
- We were pleased to welcome the IPCC 55th Bureau meeting to the WMO headquarters an important meeting that drew up the lists of authors for the AR6 working group contributions.
- The WMO looks forward once again to having a large number of authors from the WMO community contributing to this assessment.
- The WMO and NMHSs have a long tradition working with the IPCC, particularly Working Group I. We will contribute to the assessment with the latest developments in climate science and understanding the regional aspects.
- This also supports the work of the WMO. Bringing the latest science to policymakers gives them the tools to make their communities more resilient.
- The WMO is pleased at the progress being made on the IPCC special and methodology reports and we look forward to the first of these, the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, when it is released in October.
- We welcome the creative and innovative approach the IPCC is taking to delivering its ambitious work programme.
- These include the joint planning for this year's two sessions of the Panel, one for business and one for approval.
- The WMO is enhancing its climate flagship products that are complementary to IPCC's assessments.

- The new releases of the annual statement on the state of the global climate are now focusing not only on changes in the climate system but also, thanks to contributions by partners, on impacts on human societies.
- The annual greenhouse gas bulletin is now being complemented by the development of the Integrated Global Greenhouse Gas Information and Monitoring system, which will provide evidence to guide emissions reduction efforts.
- WMO is also strengthening its role in the monitoring of the state of the cryosphere and the oceans and this is also complementary to the important special report initiated by IPCC.
- We look forward to your discussions on resource mobilization and we are pleased to see that the efforts the IPCC leadership has put into resource mobilization are bearing fruit.
- We also welcome the many expressions of political support for the IPCC voiced at COP23 and elsewhere in recent months.
- In this regard we were pleased to host, together with UN Environment, a ministerial lunch at COP23 to raise the visibility of the IPCC and help counter its political and financial risks.
- The WMO together with UN Environment will continue to provide every support to the IPCC in this important year.