

IPCC Side Event

Science for Policymaking

Wednesday, 4 December 2019, 13:15–14:45, Room 5 (Hall 4)

The IPCC assesses thousands of scientific papers in its reports. How does it ensure that the reports are both a correct reflection of the scientific research and usable tools for sound policy development. IPCC representatives will discuss the added value that IPCC brings to the science it assesses.

Introduction (5 minutes)

- ❖ Hoesung Lee, Chair of the IPCC

Discussion (7 minutes each)

- ❖ Not just a review of the literature: what makes an IPCC assessment? – Valérie Masson-Delmotte, Co-Chair Working Group I
- ❖ Global balance 1: bringing research from developing countries and languages other than English into the assessment – Panmao Zhai, Co-Chair Working Group II
- ❖ Global balance 2: avoiding first world-centric bias in the assessment – Debra Roberts, Co-Chair Working Group II
- ❖ Alarmism versus Understatement: striking the balance – Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair Working Group II
- ❖ Promoting policy relevance – communicating scientific evidence on climate action – Jim Skea, Co-Chair Working Group III)

Response (7 minutes each)

They will be asked in particular to address the questions: How do IPCC assessments contribute to domestic policymaking and international negotiations? What could be done better?

- ❖ Henrik Eriksen, Chief Negotiator, Norway

Q&A (25 min)

Moderated by Jonathan Lynn, head of communications, IPCC

Closing remarks (5 minutes)

Abdalah Mokssit, Secretary of the IPCC