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PROGRESS REPORTS

Report by the IPCC Chair and Vice Chairs

(Prepared by the Chair of the IPCC)

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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This report covers the main activities of the IPCC Chair and Vice-Chairs since the 60th Meeting of the IPCC Plenary in January 2024, until the beginning of July 2024. It covers both IPCC business and outreach and engagement activities. The activities reported are in accordance with the responsibilities of Bureau members under the Terms of Reference for the Bureau (IPCC XXXIII, Decisions taken with respect to the Review of IPCC Processes and Procedures: Governance and Management, Annex A, Terms of Reference for the Bureau), and the IPCC Communication Strategy (IPCC XXXV, Decisions taken with respect to the Review of IPCC Processes and Procedures: Communications Strategy).

IPCC Business

The Chair (Jim Skea) has:

- Chaired the IPCC Bureau meeting (B-67) in Geneva (30-31 May 2024);
- Chaired five monthly meetings of the Executive Committee;
- Visited Geneva to discuss the execution of IPCC business with the Secretariat (May 2024), and had multiple conference calls with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
- Convened and chaired regular online meetings with the IPCC Vice-Chairs;
- Attended the Sixth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 6, Nairobi) where he engaged in mandated and other events, and held several bilateral meetings (28 Feb to 1 March 2024);
- Participated in the IPCC Special Report on Cities Scoping Meeting, which took place in Riga, Latvia, from 15 to 19 April 2024;
- Visited for one day the WG II Technical Support Unit based in Delft, meeting Deltares staff and delivering a talk (23rd April 2024);
- Visited for one day the WG I Technical Support Unit based in Paris-Saclay, delivering a talk to TSU and Paris-Saclay staff (4th July 2024);
- Participated in meetings with the IPCC Working Group and TFI Chairs to advise on the preparation of a draft Strategic Planning Schedule;
- Participated as an observer in meetings of the Ad-Hoc Group on Lessons Learned and offered support to the Co-Chairs;
- Has almost completed recruitment of a Science Adviser to support the Chair;
- Participated in the TFI Expert Meeting on CDR, in Vienna (1-3 July 2024);
- Met with the IPBES Chair to discuss issues related to effective production of global assessments including glossaries and the role of Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge;
- Met with UNEP Staff regarding the World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP).

Vice Chair Ladislaus Chang'a has:

- Participated in the finalization of the proposed review of the COI disclosure form and that is ready for the consideration in the IPCC 61 in Sofia, Bulgaria;
- Chaired virtual meetings of the COI Subcommittee to refine the COI disclosure form (25.4.2024);
- Participated in the virtual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the IPCC Scholarship Programme (28.5.2024);
- Met with the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization and discussed about promoting the participation of youth, and early career scientists in climate change and in IPCC (31.5.024);
- Participated in the 67th Session of the IPCC Bureau meeting (30 -31 May 2024);

- Participated in the meeting of IPCC Chair with YOUNGO during SB session in Bonn (June 2024);
- Chaired the opening of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the IPCC Scholarship Programme;
- Organized a survey with the beneficiaries of the IPCC Scholarship Programme to determine their perception on the impacts of programme on their career development, and we received 39 responses out of 89 beneficiaries;
- Participated in the Scoping Meeting of the IPCC Special Report on Cities and Climate Change. Riga, Latvia, including Co-Chairing two BOG sessions, and acting as IPCC resource person for an excursion dealing with energy planning in cities (15-19 April 2024);
- Participated in the ExCom meetings;
- Participated in Online meetings of the IPCC Chair with Vice Chairs;
- Participated in Online meetings of the WG I Bureau.

Vice-Chair Ramón Pichs-Madruga has:

- Participated in the Scoping Meeting of the IPCC Special Report on Cities and Climate Change in Riga, Latvia, including Co-Chairing two BOG sessions, and acting as IPCC resource person for an excursion dealing with energy planning in cities (16-19 April 2024);
- Participated in the 67th Meeting of the IPCC Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland (30-31 May 2024);
- Participated in Excom meetings (14.02.24; 13.03.24);
- Attended online meetings of the IPCC Chair with Vice Chairs (08.03.24; 26.04.24).
- Participated in online meetings of the WG II Bureau at the invitation of the IPCC WG2 Co-chairs (01.02.24, 11.04.24);
- Acted as facilitator of the online meeting of Subgroup I on “Inclusivity and Feasible Workload”, as part of the preparatory work for the AR7 Strategic Work-plan (11.03.24);
- Participated in online meetings of the IPCC Task Group on Gender (14.03.24, 24.05.24);
- Attended the meeting of the IPCC and SBSTA-UNFCCC (13.05.24);
- Participated in the informal meeting with the staff of the IPCC Task Force on GHG Inventories, IGES, Hayama, Japan. This took place during my stay in Hayama, attending a meeting of the IPBES Task Force on Scenarios and Models, as member of that IPBES TF (19.06.2024).

Vice-Chair Diana Ürge-Vorsatz has:

- Chaired the Scientific Steering Committee for the IPCC Special Report on Cities, led 22 SSC meetings;
- Participated in and guided the Scientific Steering Committee of the Scoping meeting for the Special Report on Cities and Climate Change in Riga, Latvia, (15 to 19 April 2024);
- Participated in the IPCC Task Group on Gender, which has held four meetings;
- Chaired the Scientific Steering Committee for the Expert Meeting on Gender, Diversity and Inclusivity;
- Chaired the first Scientific Steering Committee meeting for the Expert Meeting on Gender, Diversity and Inclusivity;
- Participated in two meetings of the UNFCCC working group on Gender;
- Gave a joint talk on IPCC and Gender at the Bonn SB Session (online, with Ermira Fida), on 21st May 2024;
- Led the work on the integration aspects of the IPCC Strategic Planning (22.04.2024);
- Participated in regular online meetings with the IPCC Chair and Vice Chairs;
- Attended the AGAD Meeting, on coordinating between different UN assessments (06.06.2024);
- Participated in the ExCom meetings (online);

- Attended the IPCC Bureau Meeting (30-31 May, 2024);
- Participated in talks for the Bonn meeting: (informal meeting with a small group of ENGO representatives on 6th June, Information Session, Gender and Climate Change, May 21st, Gender and Climate Change GAP Side Event, June 3rd).

Outreach and Engagement

Note: Further media and outreach activities are covered by Doc. IPCC-LXI/INF-3.

Activities conducted by the IPCC Chair (Jim Skea) include:

- Address at Swedish Parliament, in Stockholm, where he also met with Swedish Scientists (14 February 2024). On this occasion, he also gave a talk at the Stockholm Environment Institute;
- Attendance of the IAMC Advisory Council meeting (18 March 2024);
- Addressing the opening session of the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial hosted by the COP28 President and the COP29 President Designate, where he participated in a scene-setting presentation during the opening ceremony. During this occasion, he also met with Christian Stenberg, Danish Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities (21-22 March 2024);
- Visiting the UK Meteorological Office to discuss recent developments in the climate system and to deliver a talk to the Met Office staff (28 March 2024);
- Participating in a “fireside chat” at the Royal Danish library as part of the overall theme of “climate, sustainability and leadership”. The interview was conducted by the chief editor of a Danish independent daily “Information”, and it was live-streamed to all university libraries in Denmark that are part of the Royal Library, as well as to Scandinavian National Libraries (11 April 2024);
- Briefing for members of the Latvian Parliament during Cities scoping meeting (17 April 2024);
- Attending the 26th World Energy Congress in Rotterdam (where he participated in a panel entitled “Closing the Momentum Gap” 21-22 April 2024);
- Attending the first week of SBSTA in Bonn, during which he participated in the 16th Research Dialogue, the IPCC Joint Working Group/TFI side-event, a Workshop by invitation on “What does 1.5°C-aligned NDC 3.0 ambition look like at the national level for G20+ countries?”, as well as several bilateral meetings with the subsidiary bodies, bilateral meetings with government representatives and the heads of other UN organisations (3-8 June 2024);
- Attending the “What Works Summit” in Berlin, where he delivered the keynote and participated in three panels. He also met with the Special Envoy for International Climate Action at the German Foreign Office (10.6.2024);
- Participating in the London Climate Week delivering two talks on different days (27 & 28 June 2024);
- Meeting with the Austrian President during the TFI Expert Meeting in Vienna, and meeting separately with the Austrian Federal Minister of Finance and the Austrian Federal Minister for Climate Change. (2.7.2024);
- Giving many interviews, online and in person, to the national and international press, radio and television throughout the period;
- Participating in several events, virtual and in person, in several countries, as highlighted in the Communications report.

Activities conducted by IPCC Vice Chair Ladislaus Chang'a include:

- Delivering Opening Remarks at Youth Environment Assembly 2024 (17th February 2024);
- Delivering an opening remark at the opening of the “Rule of Law Youth Networks (RoLYN): The role of young people in promoting a culture of human rights democracy and rule of Law (4th March 2024);
- Delivering a Lecture/presentation on Climate Change and IPCC to Lecturers, Scientists and Students at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, the University of Dar es Salaam and a number of High Schools in Tanzania (6th April 2024);
- Participating in the 18th Conference of the Community Based Adaptation Forum, held in Arusha, Tanzania, and gave remarks in the closing plenary, sensitizing the participants on the work of IPCC (7 – 9 May 2024);
- Delivering a presentation on IPCC priorities and products for the AR7 and modalities for participation to the Workshop Participants on Infectious Diseases and climate change held in Entebbe and organized by the Edinburg University and IIED (23rd May 2024);
- Delivering a presentation on climate change and IPCC process to the Head of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) in East Africa during the bi-annual meeting of the Head of NMHS in East Africa held in Entebbe (23 – 24 May 2024);
- Participating in the Panel session during the Central Asia Climate Change Conference and shared the IPCC Priorities and products in AR7 and called for enhanced participation of early career scientists in IPCC Process (27th May 2024);
- Delivering a Lecture/presentation on Climate Change and IPCC to MSc and PhD students at Geneva University focusing on promoting and inspiring participation of youth and early career scientists in IPCC Process (29 May 2024);
- Participating in other online meetings and outreach as highlighted in the communication report.

Activities conducted by IPCC Vice Chair Ramón Pichs-Madruga include:

- *Universidad 2024: 14th International Congress on Higher Education*, Havana, Cuba / Speaker at the Workshop on Environment & Education. Havana, 6 February 2024. In person. Organized by the Ministry of Higher Education, Cuba:
<https://www.iesalc.unesco.org/2023/02/06/universidad-2024-14o-congreso-internacional-de-educacion-superior/>
- *Platform for Dialogue: Productive matrix, governance and transformation towards sustainability in the Greater Caribbean*. Speaker on Climate Science in the IPCC Reports and Challenges for the Caribbean, Havana, 20 February 2024. In person. Organized by Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (CALAS), University of Guadalajara, Mexico:
<http://www.calas.lat/en/node/3156>
- *American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) – Cuban Academy of Sciences (ACC). Professional Meeting: Aging and disaster management. Shared challenges and opportunities in aging and disaster management. Potential for scientific collaboration between the United States and Cuba*. Speaker on US and Cuban priorities in international research on the environment, particularly on climate change, Havana, 19 March 2024. In person. Organized by the Cuban Academy of Sciences (ACC):
<http://www.academiaciencias.cu/es>
- Lecture on Socioeconomic Development and Climate Change for students of the State Institute (University) of International Relations of Moscow. In person, 10 April 2024:
<https://mgimo.ru/>

- Lecture on global socio-economic development scenarios and their relationship to climate change. In person. Organized by the International and Comparative Law Research Centre (ICLRC). In person. Moscow, 12 April 2024: www.iclrc.ru
- 50th Anniversary Congress of the New International Economic Order. Speaker on Global responses to climate change. Havana, Cuba, 30 April 2024. In person. Co-organized by the National Association of Economists of Cuba and International Progressive: www.anec.cu
- Global Supply Chain Forum, Bridgetown, Barbados. Speaker in the "Parallel Session A: Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Transition, 22 May 2024. In person. Co-organised by the UNCTAD Secretariat and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO): <https://unctad.org/meeting/global-supply-chain-forum-2024>
- 5th National Scientific Seminar on Climate Change Responses. Key messages for Education. Havana, 30 May 2024. Virtual. Organised by: Agency of Environment, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Cuba.
- 11th Meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), in Bonn, Germany. Speaker on behalf of the IPCC on the preparatory process for IPCC-AR7. Virtual, 1 June 2024: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/events/11th-meeting-facilitative-working-group-fwg-11>
- St Petersburg International Economic Forum 2024, 6 June 2024. Speaker in two panel sessions dealing with climate change and finance for energy transition. In person. Organised by The Roscongress Foundation: <https://forumspb.com/en/>
- Audio recording on the Climate Science from the IPCC perspective for a Course on Climate Change at UNAM-Mexico (Contact person: Dr. Gian Carlo Delgado, Professor at UNAM-Mexico and Lead Author of the IPCC AR6);
- Annual International Conference on Natural Resources in the Global Path Towards Sustainability. Speaker on Socioeconomic Development, Natural Resources and Climate Change. Kassel, Germany, 2 July 2024. In person. Co-organized by the University of Kassel and the Phillips University of Marburg, within the framework of the project network "Natural Resource Extractivism in Latin America and the Maghreb": www.extractivism.de

Activities conducted by Vice-Chair Diana Ürge-Vorsatz:

The Vice Chair has given a large number of talks to a wide range of audiences on the SR on Cities, how to engage with IPCC and the special report, as well as the AR7 Scoping meeting nominations, in order to inform interested audiences on engagement options and encouraging nominations. Below is a selection of these:

- Yearly meeting with a keynote speech at Bosch Rexroth, with its corporate leadership present (01.02.2024);
- YOUNGO science group, Climate Café, online keynote speech on the IPCC and opportunities for engagement. Participants: 100 young scientists from 5 continents;
- Japan IPCC / IIASA City symposium (25.02.-02.03. 2024);
- Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT), 24th Swiss Global Change Day, online keynote speech (10.04.2024);
- Commission for the Environment, Climate Change, and Energy (ENVE), high-level intervention, Brussels, Belgium (11.04.2024);
- Future Perspectives event, organized with key players of the Hungarian economy at UNICEF (13-15.04.2024);
- Participated in the IPCC Scoping Meeting in Riga, Latvia from 15 to 19 April 2024. During that meeting, participated in three outreach events, including a briefing for the Latvian Parliament;
- Keynote speech at UNICEF in Budapest. Audience: 380 school children (23.04.2024);
- Presentation to the management of the regional real estate investment group on key IPCC findings related to the real estate industry, Erste Group (24.04.2024);

- Net Zero Advisory Board meeting at the British Ambassador's Residence in Budapest. Participants: selected invited key industry stakeholders. Presented IPCC material relevant for Net Zero goals (08.05.2024);
- Keynote speech at the 9th CEO Summit - 2024 in Budapest. Participants: various industry professionals and experts (09.05.2024);
- Presentation at a Youth Festival for 150 participants, Sopronfest, Sopron, Hungary (16.05.2024);
- Climate Change and Economic contexts, lecture at Corvinus University (24.05.2024);
- Klímasemleges Magyarország – Climate neutral Hungary 2050, conference (03.06.2024);
- EON, Stakeholder engagement, Green Energy and Climate Change (06.06.2024);
- ECEEE bi-annual summer study, Plenary talk on IPCC, AR7 and engagement options (10-15.06.2024);
- ICLEI World Cities Congress, São Paulo. Gave 3 speeches on IPCC and the Special Report on Cities, and engaged with a wide range of stakeholders on knowledge co-production opportunities for the special report (17-25.06.2024);
- EUSEW 2024, European Sustainable Energy Week, digital ambassador (11-13.06.2024);
- EAERE Meeting, IPCC Roundtable, Leuven, online (03.07.2024);
- Gave 27 radio interviews, 13 TV interviews, (including BBC World, Euronews), contributed to approximately 144 online media appearances.