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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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### Report by the IPCC Chair and Vice Chairs

This report is organised according to the three main themes identified by the Chair for AR7: interdisciplinarity (including other science-related activities); inclusivity; and policy relevance. It covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

There is a short narrative briefing for each theme, followed by lists of Chair and Vice-Chairs' activities as in previous reports to the Plenary.

After a long absence for health reasons (since June 2025), IPCC Vice-Chair Ramón Pichs-Madruga is now recovering and again participating in IPCC events, for the moment mainly in virtual mode.

#### Interdisciplinarity and science-related activities

##### *Internal to the IPCC*

Much of the responsibility for these lies with the Working Groups and their Bureaux. Since the last Plenary Meeting, the Working Groups have collaborated to:

- a) organise the third Lead Author Meeting (LAM 3) for the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities (January 2026, Oslo);
- b) organise the joint first Lead Author Meeting (LAM 1) for the three reports of the Working Groups (December 2025, Paris).

The Chair and Vice-Chair Diana Ürge-Vorsatz attended the LAM 3, participating in an SPM-related session and cross-cutting Breakout Groups. The Chair and Vice-Chairs Ladislaus Chang'a, Ramón Pichs-Madruga and Diana Ürge-Vorsatz participated in LAM 1, focusing on cross-cutting topics such as scenarios.

The Chair is invited to attend regular Co-Chairs' meetings and has actively supported collaborative activities.

##### *External to the IPCC*

The Chair partially attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Plenary session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) in Manchester, United Kingdom. On 3 February 2026, he made a short presentation to the first plenary session about progress within the IPCC seventh assessment cycle and scientific links between IPBES and the IPCC.

#### Inclusivity

The IPCC Chair and his team have been working on **enabling wide access to literature for all authors** participating in the seventh assessment cycle. The American Geophysical Union and the American Meteorological Society have agreed to offer access, as have Elsevier, Springer Nature and John Wiley & Sons. These publishing houses together accounted for approximately 65% of the citations in Sixth Assessment Report. Practicalities are being finalised with the publishers, and authors should soon be able to access these publishers' journals. Efforts are continuing to secure participation from further publishers.

**Two co-located IPCC Workshops** (*Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems and Methods of Assessment*) have been organised and delivered by the Chair's Office with support from the Working Group Technical Support Units. Participants were selected with the assistance of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC), with invitations sent through late October and November 2025. The SSC then turned its attention to meeting design and organisation.

The two workshops, held from 10 to 12 February 2026, were hosted by the University of Reading, with support from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in collaboration with the UK Met Office. We are grateful to all these organisations for their support.

A total of 43 people participated in the *Workshop on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems*, including holders of Indigenous Knowledge and practitioner representatives. This meeting resulted in a set of specific recommendations for the IPCC and others. A total of 41 people participated in the *Workshop on Methods of Assessment*, including artificial intelligence (AI) experts from outside the climate domain and experts in systematic review and *ex-post* evaluations from related scientific fields, including health. The outputs of this meeting are more preliminary in nature, but a firm conclusion was that there was a need for some form of standing group within the IPCC to monitor AI developments and develop guidance on the use (and mis-use) of AI. A number of people also attended both workshops' plenaries remotely.

There was a degree of cross-workshop engagement through joint plenaries and focused "visits" by experts from one workshop to another to address issues such as the assessment of grey literature or the application of data sovereignty principles in respect of Indigenous Knowledge. The reports of each workshop, which will be sent to all participants for comment, is anticipated to be available ahead of the 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the Bureau and the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the Panel.

**Resources to support developing country chapter scientists** during the seventh assessment cycle have been secured from the Wellcome Trust, through efforts led mainly by WG II. Some Chapter Scientists have now participated in the joint Working Group LAM 1 and LAMs for the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.

**A variety of other initiatives** are under way, many falling within the remit of the Working Groups. Diversity and inclusion have been actively considered in selecting participants in Expert Meetings and Workshops, and in author selection. Participation statistics reported elsewhere show considerable progress in terms of improving the balance of participation regarding gender, developed/developing countries as well as cross-regional and intra-regional aspects.

The Chair and all members of his team participated in the training for IPCC Bureau members on Gender, Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity (GDEI) by *EY Switzerland* in Geneva on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## **Policy relevance**

Vice-Chairs Ladislaus Chang'a and Diana Ürge-Vorsatz travelled to Belem for **COP 30** in November, while the Chair participated virtually in the Opening Ceremony, the SBSTA Research Dialogue and the Third High-level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance. The Chair and Vice-Chairs also participated in a number of events in the IPCC-WMO-MERI Science for Action Pavilion.

During the second week in December, the Chair attended the **United Nations Environment Programme Assembly** (UNEA 7) in Nairobi. He contributed to the High-level Dialogue "Keeping the Promise", a panel discussion on Science and Policy, and had several bilateral meetings with representatives, including ministers, of different organisations and countries.

IPCC Bureau members and scientists associated with the IPCC have continued to communicate findings to **policymakers and stakeholders** both internationally and at national and regional levels. Examples of engagement include contributions by the Chair to the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Forum, the PreCOP Business Summit, and IPBES Plenary.

The Chair's office is developing plans to convene the **Expert Meeting on Science of Science Communication** which is provided for in the approved 2026 budget and has been envisaged by the Panel for some time. Following the recommendation of the Expert Meeting on Communication in Oslo, Norway in February 2016, this meeting would focus on the clarity, readability and accessibility of IPCC reports in general, and summary materials in particular, such as Summaries for Policymakers,

Frequently Asked Questions, Executive Summaries and Headline Statements. At the 70th Session of the Bureau in February 2026, it was suggested that the working title of the Expert Meeting be revised to reflect more clearly the intended purpose. Steps are currently being taken to assemble a Scientific Steering Committee and arrange a time and place for the meeting, envisaged to take place before the end of 2026.

## **Main activities of the IPCC Chair and Vice-Chairs from 1 October 2025 to 28 February 2026**

### **IPCC Business**

#### IPCC Chair, Jim Skea

- Chaired four monthly meetings of the Executive Committee on 8 October, 10 December 2025, 6 January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, all virtual;
- Chaired IPCC Bureau meeting B-70 in Geneva, from 26 to 27 February 2026, in person;
- Chaired Plenary 63 from 27 to 30 October 2025, in Lima, Peru;
- Participated in the first joint Lead Authors Meeting for the reports of the three Working Groups, in Paris, from 1 to 5 December 2025, in person;
- Attended the monthly Working Group Co-Chairs meetings that take place every month, virtually;
- Chaired two meetings with the IPCC Vice-Chairs on 4 December 2025 and 20 January 2026, virtual;
- Chaired three meetings of the Communications and Outreach Action Team (COAT) on 1 October, 18 December 2025 and 22 January 2026, virtual;
- Chaired several meetings of the Scientific Steering Committee for the co-located workshop on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems and the workshop on Methods of Assessment, on 9 October, 5 November, 18 November (Sub-Committees B), 11 December 2025 and 27 January 2026.
- Attended the Meeting of the Col Committee in Geneva on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026;

#### IPCC Vice-Chair, Diana Ürge-Vorsatz

- Attended the IPCC 63<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session in Lima, Peru, 27 October 2025 – 30 October 2025;
- Attended COP30 in Belém, Brazil, 11 November 2025 – 21 November 2025:
  - Panellist at EDKS/MA workshop event, 12 November 2025, in person;
  - Speaker at Unpacking AR7 Ambitions, 12 November 2025, in person;
  - Keynote at Cities as Solution Providers, 13 November 2025, in person;
  - Briefing and bilateral with the RINGOs, 13 November 2025, in person;
  - Short talks at Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy, 13 November 2025, in person;
  - Speaker at Science for Climate Action, 13 November 2025, in person;
  - Panel discussion at Roundtable: Building the Architecture for Investable NDCs, 14 November 2025, in person;
  - Roundtable participation at Building the Architecture for Investable NDCs, 14 November 2025, in person;
  - Opening remarks at Empowering AI Solutions, 14 November 2025, in person;
  - CAN bilateral meeting, 14 November 2025, in person;
  - Meeting with GGGI, 14 November 2025, in person;
  - Opening remarks at IPCC/WMO/MERI, 14 November 2025, in person;
  - BINGOs meeting, 15 November 2025, in person;
  - Presentation at Transition to Nature-positive Society, 15 November 2025, in person;
  - Children panel on Climate Change meeting, 17 November 2025, in person;
  - Women and Gender session, 18 November 2025, in person;
  - Speaker at "Bridging Action Agendas from COP16 to COP30: Strengthening Synergies across Land, Climate, and Nature", 18 November 2025, in person;
  - ENGO meeting, 18 November 2025, in person;

- YOUNGO meeting, 18 November 2025, in person;
  - Children and youth session, 18 November 2025, in person;
  - Panellist at YOUNGO's Energy WG, 19 November 2025, in person;
  - Talk at BMFTR side event @UNFCCC, 19 November 2025, in person;
  - Climate KIC & SFO event, 20 November 2025, in person.
- Attended the Tipping Points Expert Meeting in Paris, France, 26 November 2025 – 28 November 2025;
  - Attended the Joint Lead Author Meeting in Paris, France, 1 December 2025 – 5 December 2025;
  - Participated as Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee in the Special Report on Cities LAM3 in Oslo, Norway, 12 January 2026 – 16 January 2026;
  - Attended the IPCC - Wellcome Trust Co-sponsored Expert Meeting on climate Change and Health in London, UK, 27 January 2026 – 29 January 2026.
  - Chaired the Workshop on Methods of Assessment that took place in Reading, UK 10-12 February 2026.
  - Attended the IPCC Bureau Meeting (B-70) in Geneva from 26 to 27 February 2026.

#### IPCC Vice-Chair, Ladislaus Chang'a

- Attended four monthly meetings of the Executive Committee on 8 October, 10 December 2025, 6 January and 18th February 2026, all virtual;
- Participated in the first joint Lead Authors Meeting for the reports of the three Working Groups, in Paris, from 1 to 5 December 2025, in person;
- Virtually participated in the meetings of IPCC Chair and IPCC Vice Chairs on 4 December 2025 and 20 January 2026, virtual;
- Chaired the Webinar for IPCC AR7 African Authors convened on 26 November 2025, bringing together a total of 60 authors including Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs), and Review Editors (REs);
- Participated in the Board of Trustees meeting of the IPCC Scholarship Programme;
- Continued working to remind Bureau members to review the COI Form;
- Participated in the Training for IPCC Bureau Members on Gender, Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity (GDEI) by EY Switzerland, Geneva, 27 February 2026, hybrid event, virtual participation;
- Chaired the 26th Meeting of the IPCC Conflict of Interest Committee meeting held on 26th February 2026 in conjunction with the 70th meeting of the IPCC Bureau;
- Attended the GDEI SSC meeting held on 27th February 2026, in conjunction with the 70th meeting of the IPCC Bureau in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### IPCC Vice-Chair, Ramón Pichs-Madruga

- Attended two meetings of the Executive Committee on 10 December 2025 and 18 February, virtual;
- Attended two meetings with IPCC Chair and Vice-Chairs, on 8 December 2025 and 20 January 2026, virtual;
- Attended the meetings of the Scientific Steering Committee of the Workshop on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems and Assessment Methods on 6 November, 19 November, 16 December 2025 and 27 January 2026, virtual;
- Participated in COP30, in Belem, Brazil as a virtual member of the IPCC Delegation, November 2025, virtual,
- Participated in a Webinar on the expert review of the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, for representatives and experts from indigenous communities, on 24 November 2025.
- Participated in the first joint Lead Authors Meeting for the reports of the three Working Groups, in Paris, from 1 to 5 December 2025, in person;

- Virtual connection to the Plenary Sessions of the IPCC Workshop on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems (EDKS) in Reading, UK, 10-12 February 2026;
- Participated in the 26th meeting of the IPCC Conflict of Interest Committee (Col-26), on 26 February 2026;
- Participated in the 70th meeting of the IPCC Bureau, Geneva, 26-27 February 2026, hybrid event, virtual participation;
- Participated in the Training for IPCC Bureau Members on Gender, Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity (GDEI) by EY Switzerland, Geneva, 27 February 2026, hybrid event, virtual participation.

## Outreach and engagement

**Note:** Further media and outreach activities are covered by Doc. IPCC- LXIV/INF. 5

Activities conducted by IPCC Chair, Jim Skea, included:

- Participating in several events, virtual and in person as highlighted in the Communications report;
- Giving interviews for the TV, radio and newspapers to journalists from several countries in different continents;
- While participating in different events abroad, had meetings with country leaders and politicians, namely Peru, Kenya, France, Norway and the United Kingdom;
- Attending the IIASA Overshoot Conference, where he delivered opening remarks and participated in a panel during the closing session, 30 September to 2 October 2025.
- Delivering a pre-recorded speech to the 9th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum, organised by the UNEP, on 1 October, pre-recorded;
- Delivering a pre-recorded speech to the PRECOP Business Summit, organised by the UN Global Compact Network, in Poland on 1 October, pre-recorded;
- Delivering opening remarks at the “Climate Roundtable” on the occasion of the Urban Climate Transition Conference, at The British Academy, on 7 October, in person;
- Attending a closed door virtual roundtable with the UN Secretary-General and climate experts on 1.5C and “overshoot”, on 14 October, online;
- Participating virtually in several events during COP30, organised in Belém do Pará, Northeast Brazil, from 10-16 November, as follows:
  - Chair addressed the opening session of COP30 via a pre-recorded video, on 10th November;
  - Chair provided opening remarks during Earth Information Day, on 10th November;
  - The Chair delivered opening remarks to the Third High level ministerial dialogue on climate finance via a pre-recorded message on 15th November;
  - The Chair spoke at the IPCC side event “Climate change and how we will assess its impacts, adaptation and vulnerability aspects in AR7” on 13th November;
  - The Chair participated in the event “The IPCC: the science and processes of its seventh cycle”, which provided an overview of the IPCC seventh cycle, on 13th November.
- Travelling to Nairobi during the second week in December (8-11 December) to attend the United Nations Environment Programme Assembly (UNEA-7)
  - Chair spoke at MEA Day – High level dialogue 2, entitled “Keeping the Promise”, on 10th December;
  - Chair participated in a panel discussion entitled “Bridging science and policy – relevant examples for expediting the operationalization of ISP-CWP”, an associated event at UNEA7, on 11th December.
  - During his stay in Nairobi, the Chair had bilateral meetings with representatives of several organisations and countries as follows:

- Martin Krause, Director Climate Change Division, UNEP;
- Bob Watson, GEO7 Co-Chair (and former IPCC Chair);
- Rose Mwebasa, Regional Director and Representative, Regional Office for Africa, UNEP;
- Felix Wertli, Ambassador Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland;
- Yerlan Nyssanbayev, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan;
- Dechen Tsering, Director Regional Office of Asia Pacific, UNEP;
- Festo Ndugange, Deputy Minister of State, Vice President's Office for Environment and Union Affairs, Tanzania;
- David Obura, IPBES Chair;
- Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Climate Action;
- Fatma Varank, Deputy Minister of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change, Türkiye;
- Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa;
- Delivering opening remarks at the Welcome Trust-IPCC co-sponsored Expert Meeting on Climate Change and Health on 27 January 2026, in person;
- Delivering opening remarks at the opening session of IPBES Plenary, held in Manchester, UK, 3 February, in person.

Over the period of this report, the Chair was interviewed by several media outlets in different countries, mainly Peru, Kenya, France, Norway and the United Kingdom.

Activities conducted by IPCC Vice-Chair, Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, included:

The following list represents a selective compilation of engagements. The Vice-Chair undertook numerous additional presentations and media interviews, notably in connection with the Nature Clean Technology article published on 20 January 2026, which attracted significant media attention.

- Keynote at Osaka Expo, Osaka, Japan, 6 October 2026, in person;
- Keynote at Climate Change Summit, Bucharest, Romania, 15 October 2025, in person;
- Keynote at Arctic Circle Assembly (Arctic, Cryosphere, Triple planetary crisis — keynote, roundtable, panel talk), Reykjavik, Iceland, 16 October 2025, in person;
- Scene-setting presentation at Green Policy Center, French Institute Budapest (Paris Agreement - 10 years on: Review and European perspectives), Budapest, Hungary, 03 November 2025, in person;
- Debate at Corvinus University and podcast (Overpopulation), Budapest, Hungary, 03 November 2025, in person;
- Keynote at E-On (Award-giving ceremony — How to teach climate change for young children), Budapest, Hungary, 07 November 2025, in person;
- Keynote at MBSz (Sustainability in building management), Budapest, Hungary/online, 17 November 2025, hybrid;
- 25 November 2025, virtual;
- Guest Lecture, UNI Vienna, 19 January 2026, in person;
- Participated in "Bridging Climate Science and Public Policy: Perspectives from the IPCC, ETH Zürich 25 February 2026, in person;
- Delivered a keynote speech at Arctic Frontiers 2026, Tromsø, Norway, 5-6 February, 2026, in person;
- Delivered a talk at "Klímahősök" Climate heroes, UNICEF, Debrecen, Hungary, 17 February 2026, in person;
- Delivered a talk at Agriculture and Climate, Békéscsaba, Hungary, 13. February 2026, in person;
- Delivered a talk at Climate Science for businessmen and company managers, Hungary, 19 February 2026, in person.

Activities conducted by IPCC Vice-Chair, Ladislaus Chang'a, included:

- Participated in IPCC Symposium in Japan and delivered a key note presentation highlighting the program of work and development in the preparation of AR7 report, 30 January 2026;
- Met and had discussions with Climate Youth Japan to sensitize them to strengthen their participation in IPCC work and process, 30 January 2026;
- Participated in the Annual Research Progress Review meeting organized by the Commission for Science and Technology in Tanzania bringing together around 200 scientists and experts across Tanzania, and delivered a key note presentation on the progress of the preparation of the Seventh Assessment Report of IPCC, and selected key findings from AR6, 6 February 2026;
- Delivered a key note presentation on the history of IPCC and the programme of work for the Seventh Assessment cycle at the Annual Research Progress review conference organised by the Commission of Science and Technology of Tanzania, held on 6 February 2026;
- Delivered a keynote address at the third WMO/WWRP Weather and Society Conference held virtually on 26 February 2026;
- Delivered climate change and IPCC awareness and sensitisation to Secondary school students in Dodoma, Tanzania on 24 February 2026.

Activities conducted by IPCC Vice-Chair, Ramón Pichs-Madruga, included:

- Conference on "Environment, Climate Change and Development: Global trends and Key messages of the IPCC recent reports" for postgraduate students in a training course by CIEI University of Havana and Ministry of Foreign Trade, Havana, 5 January 2026;
- Attended two meetings of the IPBES Task Force on Scenarios and Models, 15 January and 25 February 2026, virtual.