

#### The AR6 process: How the IPCC produces reports

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## The role of the IPCC is ...

"... to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open and transparent basis the scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation."

"IPCC reports should be neutral with respect to policy, although they may need to deal objectively with scientific, technical and socio-economic factors relevant to the application of particular policies."

Principles Governing IPCC Work, paragraph 2 Source: http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles.pdf



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## **Science/Policy Interface**

**IPCC** – jointly established by **WMO and UNEP**, action endorsed by the **UN General Assembly** Intergovernmental Panel: 195 member States Hundreds of scientists and experts from around the world are involved in the preparation of IPCC reports appointing National Focal Points Authors Working Group (WG) I WGIII Plenary **The Physical Mitigation of Climate Change Science Basis Bureaux Expert Review** WGII **Reviewers Editors Task Force on Climate Change National** Impacts, Greenhouse Adaptation & **Gas Inventories Vulnerabilities** 

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## **IPCC Reports**

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**CLIMATE CHANGE 2014** 

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CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGAT

AAMAGING THE RISKS OF EXTREMI

Five assessment reports (1990, 1995, 2001, 2007, 2013-14)

**1992 supplementary report and 1994 special report** 

Nine special reports (1997, 1999, 2000, 2005, 2011, 2012)

Guidelines for national GHG inventories, good practice guidance (1995, 1996, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2013)

Six technical papers (1996-2008)



### **Achievements: 2007 Nobel Peace Prize**



Den Norske Nobelkomite har overensstemmende med reglene i det av ALFRED NOBEL den 27. november 1895 opprettede testamente tildelt Intergovernmental (Panel on Climate Change Nobels (Fredspris for 2007 Oslo to desember 2007 Oslo to desember 2007 Oslo to desember 2007



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr. were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change".





## Achievements: 2013/2014 Fifth Assessment Report



Key messages

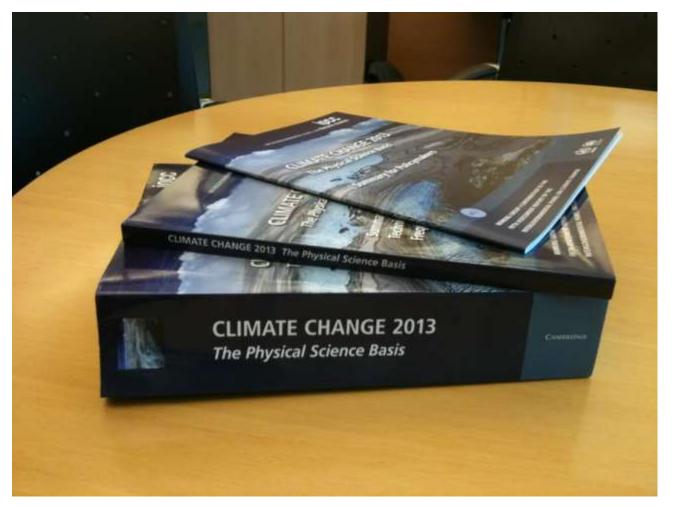
Human influence on the climate system is clear

The more we disrupt our climate, the more we risk severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts

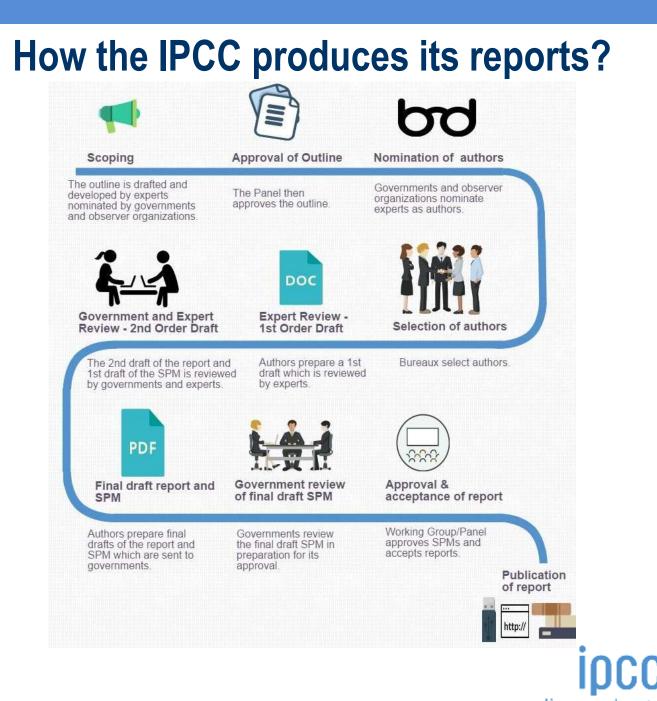
We have the means to limit climate change and build a more prosperous, sustainable future



## Finding your way round the report

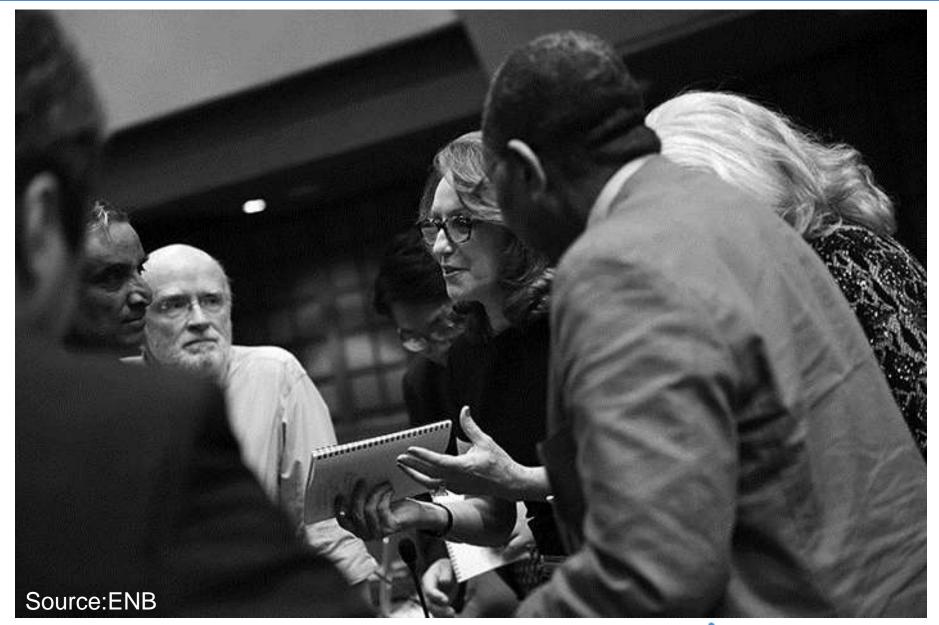








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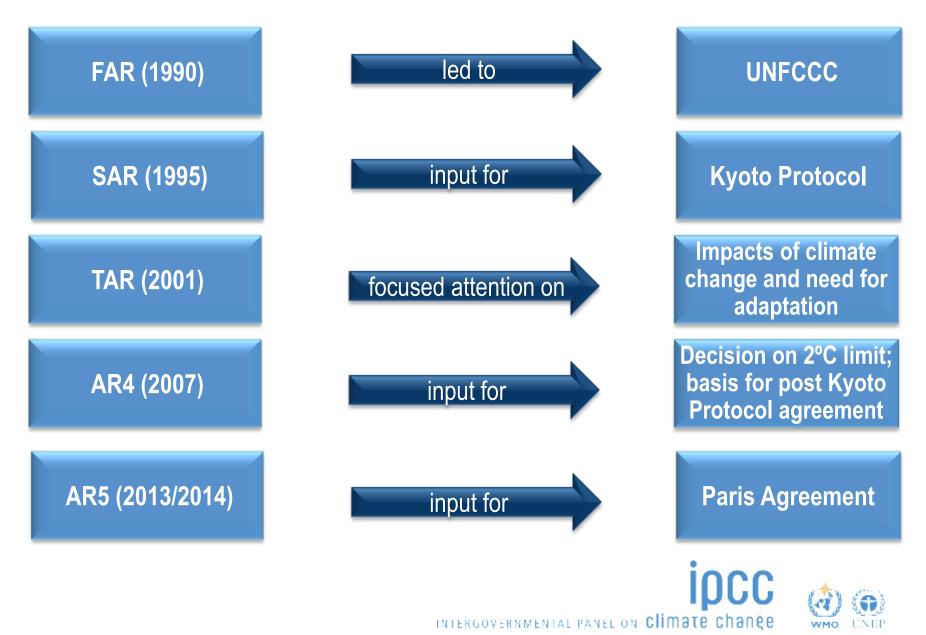




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## **Achievements: The Assessment Reports**



### **IPCC and the Paris Agreement 2015**





Some decisions of COP-21 and CMP-11 and conclusions of SBSTA-43 mention the IPCC explicitly

Several other decisions of COP-21 are relevant to the work of the IPCC

IPCC has an institutional role in the implementation of the Paris Agreement



## **Other Activities and Achievements**

National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (Publication of IPCC Methodology Reports)



Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA): facilitates distribution and application of climate change related data and scenarios)

Organizing expert meetings and workshops to facilitate discussion on topics relevant to the Assessment process





# What is next for the IPCC?

#### **IPCC Decision XLIII-5**

"To take the outcomes of the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) into consideration when determining the IPCC programme of work and products for the sixth IPCC assessment cycle"

#### **AR6 cycle Special Reports on**

impacts of global warming of **1.5** °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways by 2018

Climate change and oceans and the cryosphere



Climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems



# What is next for the IPCC? (cont.)



#### Methodology Report update

Methodology Report on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories by 2019

#### Cities



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Attention on **cities** in AR6 including a conference and special report on cities in AR7



# What is next for the IPCC? (cont.)



Provide **IPCC library facility** to assist the work particularly of authors from developing countries



Update the IPCC Communications Strategy



Further enhance outreach activities



### **Some IPCC Outreach Activities**





### **IPCC** and the Media

#### Press Conferences

#### Media Workshops







Interviews







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## **Topics often in the news**

Balance of reports Selection of authors Grey literature Review process Confidentiality of drafts Approval process Errors www.ipcc.ch









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