

## OUTREACH EVENT ON THE ACTIVITIES AND FINDINGS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE – THE IPCC

Tehran, Iran

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Date:** 18 June 2018

**Venue:** The event will be kindly hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran Meteorological Organization (IRIMO).  
Address: Azadi Square, Meraj Blvd, Tehran: <http://bit.ly/irimoadress>

#### **Background:**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change. Since its inception in 1988 the IPCC has produced five comprehensive Assessment Reports and several Special Reports on specific topics. IPCC has also produced Methodology Reports, which provide practical guidelines on the preparation of greenhouse gas inventories for the inventory reporting requirements of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The IPCC is currently in its Sixth Assessment cycle, during which it will produce three Special Reports, a Methodology Report and the Sixth Assessment Report.

#### **Objective:**

This event will present the activities and findings of the IPCC and the production of the Sixth Assessment cycle. It will **raise awareness, especially among policymakers**, about the IPCC the work plan, priorities and findings, **enlist the participation of the local science and research community** in climate research and encourage regional contribution to the work of the IPCC.

#### **Target audience:**

Policymakers at national, state and city government level; international and intergovernmental organizations; climate and disaster risk management community; business leaders and organizations; civil society organizations; local science and research community; national, regional and international media; students, youth groups and media representatives.

**Language:** The languages will be English. Interpretation will be kindly provided by the hosts.

### Provisional Programme

- 08:00 – 09:45:**      **Media Workshop and Press Conference**
- 10:00 – 13:30:**    **Official Opening and Session for Policymakers, Meteorological Community and Practitioners**
- 13:30 - 15:00:**    **Lunch Break**
- 15:00 - 17:30:**    **Session for Academia and Students**

## 08:00- 09:45 Media Workshop and Press Conference

Moderator: Asadolah Aflaki, Journalist and Secretary of the Ecosystem Group

- Introduction by the Moderator (5 min)
- Introduction to climate science by Edvin Aldrian, Vice-Chair of Working Group I and Youba Sokona, IPCC Vice-Chair (20 min)
- Communicating IPCC and its findings by Jonathan Lynn, IPCC Head of Communications (20 min)
- Climate change in Iran: the journalist perspective by Ghasem Biniaz, Head of the Communications and Information Center of the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development (15 min)
- Q&A Session and Brainstorming ideas (15 min)

**Press conference** moderated by Jonathan Lynn, IPCC Head of Communications; panellists Davood Parhizkar, National IPCC Focal Point and President of the IRIMO; Youba Sokona, IPCC Vice-Chair, Edvin Aldrian, Vice-Chair of WGI (30 min)

## 10:00– 13:30 Official Opening and Session for Policymakers, Meteorological Community and Practitioners

Moderator: Dr Davood Parhizkar, IPCC National Focal Point and President of IRIMO

### Official Opening

- National anthem and recitation of Quran
- Welcoming remarks by Dr Davood Parhizkar, IPCC National Focal Point and President of IRIMO
- Speech by Dr Abbas Akhoundi, Minister of Roads and Urban Development
- Speech by Dr Isa Kalantari, Vice President of Iran and Head of Department of Environment
- Opening remarks by Dr Youba Sokona, Vice-Chair of the IPCC

### Session on IPCC Findings

- Key messages of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report by Dr Youba Sokona, IPCC Vice-Chair (15 min)
- The Physical Science Basis of Climate Change by Dr Edvin Aldrian, Vice-Chair of WGI (15 min)
- Climate Change: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability by Dr Muhammad Mohsin Iqbal, IPCC Lead Author (15 min)
- Climate Change Mitigation by Mostafa Jafari, IPCC Lead Author (15 min)
- Climate Extremes and their Impacts by Mohammad Rahimi, IPCC Lead Author (15 min)
- Q&A 15 min

### Session on IPCC Role and Activities

- Overview of what is the IPCC, its process and ways to be involved, including the AR6 assessment report expectations and constraints with special consideration of Developing Countries participation by Dr Youba Sokona, IPCC Vice-Chair (20 min).
- Working with the IPCC: experiences from Iran by Davood Parhizkar, IPCC National Focal Point and President of IRIMO (15 min)
- Q&A followed by discussions and brainstorming ideas with Davood Parhizkar and international participants sharing best practices on how to improve participation in the IPCC (30 min)
  - Point of view by Iraq Representative, Rana Shakir (5 min)
  - Point of view by Azerbaijan Representative, Rafiq Verdiyev (5 min)
  - Discussions

**13:30 – 15:00 Lunch Break**

**15:00 – 17:30 Session for Academia and Students**

Moderator: Abbas Ranjbar, Head of Atmospheric Science and Meteorological Research Centre (ASMERC)

- Climate Change – key findings from the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report relevant to Iran – joint presentation by Edvin Aldrian, Vice-Chair of WGI; Muhammad Mohsin Iqbal, IPCC Lead Author; Mostafa Jafari, IPCC Lead Author (30 min)
- Q&A (20 min)
- Overview on the future activities of the IPCC from 2016 to 2022 and the production of the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) by Youba Sokona, IPCC Vice-Chair (30 min)
- Towards a more Integrated Role for Early Career Researchers in the IPCC process by Mohammad Rahimi, IPCC Lead Author (15 min)
- Climate modelling and future climate change projection by Azar Zarrin, IPCC Review Editor (15 min)
- Q&A (20 min)