

Women in Science

December 7, 11:30 - 13:00

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Short description:

A moderated discussion exploring the importance of expanding opportunities for women scientists generally and within the IPCC. The session will explore areas where gender related scientific research is expanding and remaining knowledge gaps, as well as how this research is factored into the IPCC assessment process.

Provisional Programme

Moderator: Johanna Nalau, Griffith University		
Time	Description	Speaker
11:30-11:35	Welcome/Introduction	Johanna Nalau, Griffith University
11:35-1:00	Moderated Discussion & Audience Q&A	Ko Barrett, IPCC Vice Chair Zinta Zommers, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Maisa Rojas Corradi, University of Chile Laura Ramajo, El Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Zonas Áridas (CEAZA) Michael Weisberg, University of Pennsylvania

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PANELISTS:**Ko Barrett, IPCC Vice Chair**

In 2015, Ko Barrett was one of the first women elected to serve as a vice chair of the IPCC. For over 15 years, she has represented the United States on delegations charged with negotiating and adopting scientific assessments undertaken by the IPCC. She has also served for over a decade as a lead negotiator for the United States on the United Nations treaty on climate change. Ko Barrett is widely recognized as an expert on climate policy, particularly on issues related to climate impacts and strategies to help society adapt to a changing world.

Zinta Zommers, IPCC Author (SRCCL)/UN Office of Disaster Risk Reduction

Dr. Zinta Zommers is a Program Officer with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. She is a Lead Author of the IPCC Special Report on Land and Food Security and a Review Editor of AR6, the first Latvian to join the IPCC. Zinta has worked with the Chief Scientist's Office of UN Environment in Kenya and with the Food and Agriculture Organization in Sierra Leone. In 2015 she was part of the UN Secretary General's Climate Change Support Team, during the negotiation of the Paris Agreement. Zinta has a M.Phil. in Development Studies and a D.Phil. in Zoology from the University of Oxford, where she was a Rhodes scholar and a Junior Research Fellow. She has authored two books on early warning systems and adaptation to climate change.

Maisa Rojas Corradi, University of Chile

Maisa is an Associated Professor of Geophysics at the University of Chile, who specializes in Paleoclimate and regional climate change modelling. Her paleoclimate research is centered in understanding the evolution and dynamics of the climate system in the Southern Hemisphere over the last 25,000 years.

Maisa was a lead author of the IPCC's 5th Assessment Report ([IPCC-AR5](#)), and is a Coordinating Lead Author of the forthcoming 6th Assessment Report.

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Laura Ramajo, El Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Zonas Áridas (CEAZA)

Laura Ramajo is a biologist with a PhD in Global Change. She has a position as Researcher at the Center for Advanced Studies in Arid Zones in Chile. Her research evaluates the biological mechanisms and physiological thresholds of marine biota to climate stressors. Laura is Lead Author for the Sixth IPCC Assessment Report (Chapter 12: Central and South America) and she is part of the Chilean Scientific Committee for the COP25.

Michael Weisberg, University of Pennsylvania

Michael Weisberg is Professor and Chair of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. He also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Biology and Philosophy and co-director of the Penn Laboratory for Understanding Science and the Galápagos Education and Research Alliance. His research focuses on methodological issues arising in the life and social sciences, especially the ways that highly idealized models and simulations can be used to understand complex systems. Dr. Weisberg also co-leads several community science and community conservation initiatives in the Galápagos archipelago.

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