

**Interviews with Representatives of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**  
during the period of the Third Lead Author Meeting for the Working Group II contribution to Sixth  
Assessment Report  
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Faro, Portugal

From 26 January to 1 February 2020, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is bringing together around 270 experts from more than 60 countries to Faro, Portugal to discuss the development of the Working Group (WG) II contribution to Sixth Assessment Report. Experts at the meeting will be from IPCC WGI II that assesses impacts, adaptation and vulnerability. The meeting is hosted by the Government of Portugal and the University of Algarve.

IPCC officials and authors will be available for interviews upon request. These interviews can be conducted at the conference centre where the meeting will take place or by phone or skype.

To submit a request please contact the IPCC Communications Team in Faro at [jllynn@wmo.int](mailto:jllynn@wmo.int) with a cc to [tsu@ipcc-wg2.awi.de](mailto:tsu@ipcc-wg2.awi.de) and [arabecasis@ualg.pt](mailto:arabecasis@ualg.pt) (hosts) indicating:

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A list of some of the IPCC experts available for interview can be found below.

This list also indicates the country of the expert, languages in which they can be interviewed, and their field of specialization.



### **Hans-Otto PÖRTNER**

Co-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC

Language: English and German

Country: Germany

Hans-Otto Pörtner is a Co-Chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle. He studied at Münster and Düsseldorf Universities where he received his PhD qualifying in Animal Physiology. As a Research and then Heisenberg Fellow of the German Research Council he worked at Dalhousie and Acadia Universities, Nova Scotia, Canada and at the Lovelace Medical Foundation, Albuquerque, USA. Currently he is Professor and Head of the Department of Integrative Ecophysiology at the Alfred Wegener Institute, Bremerhaven, Germany. He acts as an associate editor 'Physiology' for Marine Biology and as a co-editor of the Journal of Thermal Biology. He was Honorary International Associate Member of the Society for Integrative Biology, USA, between 2006 and 2013. He gave the Peter Hochachka Memorial Lecture at University of British Columbia in 2007, the Plymouth Marine Lecture in 2013, and the Bidder Lecture of the Society for Experimental Biology in Florence, 2018. During the IPCC Fourth Assessment Cycle he served as Lead Author on the Working Group III Special Report on Carbon Capture and Storage, and during AR5 as Coordinating Lead Author of Chapter 6 (Ocean Systems) of the Working Group II Report, as a member of the author teams for the Working Group II Summary for Policymakers and Technical Summary, as well as a member of the Core Writing Team for the Synthesis Report. His research interests include the effects of climate warming, ocean acidification, and hypoxia on marine animals and ecosystems with a focus on the links between ecological, physiological, biochemical and molecular mechanisms limiting tolerance and shaping biogeography and ecosystem functioning. He is a Clarivate Analytics highly cited researcher 2018.



### **Debra ROBERTS**

Co-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC

Language: English

Country: South Africa

Debra Roberts is a Co-Chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Sixth Assessment cycle. She is Head of the Sustainable and Resilient City Initiatives Unit in eThekweni Municipality (Durban, South Africa). Prior to taking up this post in 2016, she established and managed the Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department of the same municipality for 22 years (1994–2016) and was selected as the city's first Chief Resilience Officer in 2013. Dr. Roberts was a Lead Author of Chapter 8 (Urban Areas) and a Contributing Author to Chapter 12 (Africa) of the Working Group II contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report. She was elected as Co-Chair of Working Group II for the IPCC's Sixth Assessment cycle in 2015. She was a member of the South African United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiating team until December 2015, and has sat on various international advisory bodies focused on climate change issues in cities (e.g., the Rockefeller Foundation's Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network and UN-Habitat's 2011 'Cities and Climate Change' Global Report). She was a member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Thematic Group on Sustainable Cities involved in mobilising support for the creation of a city focused SDG. Dr Roberts was also a member of the Future Earth Engagement Committee until 2017 and is a fellow of the Watson International Scholars of the Environment Programme. In 2016 she was invited to deliver the Barbara Ward Lecture celebrating 'Outstanding Women in Development' in London at the International Institute for Environment and Development. She is an Honorary Professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in the School of Life Sciences and has written widely in the fields of urban open space planning, environmental management and urban climate protection, and has received a number of awards for her work.



**Thelma KRUG**

Vice-Chair of the IPCC

Language: Portuguese, English and Spanish

Country: Brazil

Thelma Krug is a Vice-Chair of the IPCC and is the former Director of the Department on Policies to Combat Deforestation of the Ministry of the Environment of Brazil. Thelma is a Senior researcher at the National Institute for Space Research (INPE) of the Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communication since 1982. She holds a PhD on spatial statistics from the University of Sheffield, UK. She was the coordinator of Earth Observation at INPE, responsible for the official estimates of deforestation in Amazonia using remotely sensed data. For many years she has participated in the negotiating process under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on issues related mainly to forestry and reporting guidelines. She has several publications related to climate and forests, and has participated in the development of innovative methodologies for reforestation under the Clean Development Mechanism. From 2002 to 2015 she co-chaired the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories of the IPCC and since October 2015 she is one of its Vice-Chairs.



**Youba SOKONA**

Vice-Chair of the IPCC

Language: English and French

Country: Mali

Youba Sokona was elected Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in October 2015. Prior to this, Youba Sokona was Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III on the mitigation of climate change for the Fifth Assessment Report after serving as a Lead Author since 1990. Youba Sokona is currently the Special Advisor for Sustainable Development at the South Centre. With over 35 years of experience addressing energy, environment and sustainable development in Africa, Youba Sokona is a well-known, leading global figure. In addition to these achievements, Youba Sokona has a proven track record of organisational leadership and management, for example as Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) and as Executive Secretary of the Sahara and the Sahel Observatory (OSS). Youba Sokona's advice is highly sought after, and as such, he is affiliated with numerous boards and organisations, including as a Member of the Board for the Institute of Development Studies, Honorary Professor at the University College London (UCL), and as a Special Advisor to the African Energy Leaders Group. In short, Youba Sokona is a global figure, with deep technical knowledge, extensive policy experience and an unreserved personal commitment to African led development.



**Patricia PINHO**

IPCC Author

Language: Portuguese and English

Country: Brazil

Patricia Pinho is an IPCC Author of the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) WGII Chapter on Poverty, livelihoods and sustainable development and the of the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C (SR15) Chapter on Sustainable development, poverty eradication, and reducing inequalities. Patricia is a Brazilian scientist, with well-established experience in climate change, ecosystem services, livelihoods, and sustainability, in the Amazon and other biomes and regions within and outside South America. She is passionate about the critical role of these unique Ecosystem (s) in delivering services for local livelihoods, regional economy, and climate resilience in Brazil, South America, and the world. She is also passionate about understanding what underpins people's and policymakers' decisions about ecosystem services, climate changes, and anticipated risks for impacts reduction on socio-ecological systems' wellbeing. Her passion is based on her first-hand experience with the ecology, the indigenous cultures, the political economy, and climate change drivers that are resulting in the conversion of the forest, loss of ecosystem services and resilience, and disproportional negative human wellbeing impacts. She focuses on multiple scales (local, regional, and international) contexts of institutional frameworks and networks of key R&D specialists that are striving to ensure robust actions on climate change and global sustainability. Specifically, she uses the lens of the intersectionality of structural poverty and inequalities (economic, gender, ethnics) that marginalize people, hinder adaptation capacity, and increase systemic climate change risks. She contributed to R&D by investigating non-linearities among the loss of ecosystem services, human wellbeing, and climate change impacts, essential for risk reduction and socio-ecological security under different global warming temperature scenarios.



**Maria LEMOS**

IPCC Author

Language: Portuguese and English

Country: Brazil

Maria Lemos is an IPCC Author of Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) WG II Chapter on Industry, settlement and society, the AR5 WGII Chapter on Climate-resilient pathways: adaptation, mitigation, and sustainable development and the AR6 WGII Chapter on Central and South America. Maria is a Doctor in Urbanism at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). She is a Professor of Urban Design and Planning at Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio). She is in the Faculty of Graduate Program of Architecture, Graduate Program of Urban Environmental Engineering (PUC-Rio and Technische Universitat Carolo-Wilhelmina Zu Braunschweig), Undergraduate Program of Architecture and Urbanism. Maria is also a Chair and faculty of Master in Sustainability in Project and Master in Urbanism. She is a Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Center for the Environment at PUC-Rio (NIMA/PUC-Rio) and Leading Researcher of the Urbanism Laboratory (U.LAB), at PUC-Rio. She is also a leading author of Urban Areas in Coastal Zones Chapter, in ARC3-2, UCCRN (Urban Climate Change Research Network) and a member of the UCCRN Latin America Hub (UCCRN-LA). Research emphasis on urban sustainability, resilience and cities adaptation for climate change.



**Jean Pierre OMETTO**

IPCC Author

Language: Portuguese and English

Country: Brazil

Jean Pierre Ometto is an IPCC Author of AR5 and AR6 WGII Chapters on Central and South America. He is a Senior Researcher at the Brazilian Institute of Space Research and Coordinator of the Earth System Science Center (CCST / INPE), CNPq Fellow and Postgraduate Professor at CCST / INPE; Collaborating Professor at NEPAM (UNICAMP). He started his scientific work with a focus on biogeochemistry, stable isotopes and interactions among the components of the biosphere, including "anthropic landscapes". Recently, his research activities are focused on the diagnosis and prognosis of anthropogenic activities and climatic change, in natural biogeochemical processes, land use and land cover, greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability indicators, including mitigation and adaptation actions; with contributions to the Brazilian government on issues related to the quantification of carbon emissions of the Land use, land-use change, and forestry (LULUCF) sector. He takes part in the IPCC WG-II and the Task Force on GHG emissions inventories; the IPBES Regional and Subregional Scope Evaluation; the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Term Climate Pollutants (CCAC) in Latin America. Jean Pierre is a Brazilian representative of the Executive Board of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI); Regional Director of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI); Member of the American Geophysical Union's Committee on International Participation (AGU-CIP); Member of the Coordination of the FAPESP Program of Research on Global Climate Change; Vice-Coordinator of the Brazilian Research Network on Global Climate Change (CLIMA Network); Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the Global Carbon Project Scientific Street (GCP).