

Provisional Programme  
**The sciences of climate change and vulnerability in the member countries of the Central America Integration System SICA**

Outreach Event of the Fourth Lead Author Meeting of the Working Group II of the IPCC  
Guatemala, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
10:00 to 12:00 local time (16:00 to 18:00 UTC)

**Objective:**

This regional webinar has three objectives. First, is the launching of the Science Panel on Climate Change for Central America, with the participation of scientific, academic, and other institutions working in the region on issues related to climate change. This panel will be modelled for the Central America region following the IPCC model at the global level. The second objective is to highlight the regional integration of the countries of the Central America Integration System SICA in matters of climate change focusing on efforts to prevent disasters, food, water and energy security to reduce the vulnerability of the region to the impacts of climate change. Finally, the webinar will include a presentation by the Vice-Chair of the IPCC highlighting the main findings of the latest reports focusing on vulnerability and adaptation.

Event facilitated by Dr. Edwin Castellanos, Professor at Universidad del Valle de Guatemala and Coordinating Lead Author of the WGII of the IPCC.

**Agenda**

**1. Opening.**

Mario Rojas, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Guatemala.  
Andrea Meza, Minister of Environment of Costa Rica (pro tempore president of SICA).  
Paola Vega, Minister of Science, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica.  
Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Joseluis Samaniego.  
Vinicio Cerezo, General Secretary of SICA.

**2. Presentation** by Dr. Thelma Krug, Vice Chair of the IPCC.

**3. Science, Technology and Indigenous Knowledge**

Carlos Alvarado, General Secretary of the Council for Higher Education in Central America CSUCA  
Ana Chan, Secretary for the Commission for Scientific and Technological Development for Central America and Panama CTCAP  
Amadeo Martínez, Main Councilor, Indigenous Council of Central America CICA

**4. Vulnerability to climate change in the region**

Damage and Loss Assessment for Guatemala and Honduras, Hugo Beteta, Director of Mexico Subregional Headquarter ECLAC.  
Leonardo Deras, Subsecretary of Energy of Honduras.

Berta Olmedo, Executive Secretary of the Regional Committee on Water Resources CRRH  
Selamawit Desta Wubet, Program Coordinator of the Climate Vulnerability Forum

**5. Questions and closing remarks**

Questions by participants

Pascal Girot, University of Costa Rica, closing remarks.