

Concept Note

IPCC SYMPOSIUM IN KUALA LUMPUR: BRIDGING CLIMATE SCIENCE AND POLICY TO ACCELERATE ACTION

Proposed Dates	14 December 2024 (Saturday)
Venue	DoubleTree by Hilton Kuala Lumpur
Time	0830 -1700
Organised by	British High Commission Kuala Lumpur (BHC KL)
In partnership with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) • Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
With support from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Higher Education • Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation • Ministry of Economy • Academy of Sciences Malaysia

1.0 Introduction

The British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) that serves as the Malaysia National Focal Point for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), which jointly hosts Working Group III of the IPCC, is organising a one-day outreach event on climate science and policy on 14 December 2024. The outreach is following the Scoping Meeting for the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) scheduled in Kuala Lumpur from 9-13 December 2024, which involves global experts in climate change including the IPCC Bureau, chaired by Professor Sir Jim Skea, a renowned expert in sustainable energy from the UK.

The IPCC is the foremost international body dedicated to the assessment of climate change that provides comprehensive scientific reports on climate change, its impacts and potential adaptation and mitigation strategies. These reports are crucial for policymakers worldwide, offering a solid scientific foundation for climate action and international negotiations. Governments across the globe rely on IPCC assessments to develop and justify their climate action plans, set emissions reduction targets, and implement adaptation measures. The rigorous and inclusive process of the IPCC

ensures that its reports reflect the latest and most comprehensive scientific understanding of climate change.

With IPCC reports providing the foundation for international and national climate action, there is a pressing need to enhance the participation of scientists in the IPCC process, particularly from Malaysia. Engaging scientists including early career researchers bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and ensures the continuity of robust climate science. While there is a growing involvement of researchers from Southeast Asia, challenges such as limited resources, uneven access to opportunities and lack of awareness still hinder their full participation.

2.0 Objectives

The outreach event on **14 December 2024**, led by the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Promote stronger science-policy interface by highlighting the latest scientific research and policy developments in climate change, emphasizing the leadership of UK and Malaysia in this field.
- Engage and inspire scientists by creating awareness among early career Malaysian scientists about the IPCC, encouraging their active participation in its activities and fostering the next generation of climate leaders.
- Strengthen political and bilateral relations by enhance collaboration between the UK and Malaysia on climate action, reinforcing diplomatic ties through shared commitment and joint initiatives.

The event seeks to support the global climate action agenda and empower early career scientists from the region to play a more significant role in the IPCC, thereby contributing to more comprehensive science and inclusive policy.

3.0 Target Participants

The Prime Minister of Malaysia has been invited to officiate the event in the presence of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability and H.E. the British High Commissioner to Malaysia. Participation is limited to 150 persons from academia, government, civil society and industry. Invitations are primarily extended to academics and researchers addressing climate change across various sectors with the potential to contribute to the IPCC, and officials from ministries and technical agencies across the climate change spectrum.

4.0 Tentative Programme

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0800	Arrival of Guests and Registration		
0830	Arrival of PM, Minister and HC <i>Meeting at holding room</i>	Prof Sir Jim Skea and Prof Pereira <i>(in presence)</i>	Meeting at holding room: 15 minutes Depart to event hall at 0855
0900	Scene Setting by Event Emcee		Less than 3 minutes
0910	Welcoming Remark British High Commission KL UK leadership on climate action	David Wallace Chargé d'affaires British High Commission Kuala Lumpur	7 minutes
0920	Opening Remark Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Climate action in Malaysia, latest developments and role for science	YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability	7 minutes
0940	Officiating Address Prime Minister of Malaysia	YAB Anwar Ibrahim Prime Minister	15 minutes
1000	Keynote Address IPCC AR7 – Fostering accelerated climate action	Professor Sir Jim Skea Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (United Kingdom, UK)	20 minutes
1030	Photo Session and Tea Break		

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1100	<p>Session 1:</p> <p>Towards an actionable IPCC AR7: Empowering the next generation</p> <p>This session will focus on what is an actionable IPCC report and how to make it a reality.</p>	<p>Moderators: TBD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Bart van den Hurk, IPCC Co-Chair WG II - Netherlands 2. Dr. Kate Calvin, IPCC Co-Chair WG III - United States, US 3. Sarah Love Regional Climate Lead, British High Commission Singapore, UK FCDO 4. Representative, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRES) 	Q and A with audience
1200	<p>Session 2:</p> <p>IPCC Special Report on Cities - Bridging science and policy for accelerated actions</p> <p>This session will focus on knowledge gaps in the city scale and how to accelerate action.</p>	<p>Moderators: TBD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor Winston Chow, IPCC Co-Chair, Working Group II - Singapore 2. Professor Robert Vautard, IPCC Co-Chair, Working Group I - France 3. Dr. Siir Kilkis, IPCC WG III Vice Chair - Turkey 4. Representative, Academy of Sciences Malaysia 	Q and A with audience
1300	Lunch		
1400	<p>Session 3:</p> <p>Key sectors for climate action - Current landscape of scientific evidence</p> <p>This session will focus emerging issues in the energy and transport sectors as well as carbon capture storage.</p>	<p>Moderators: TBD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Malak Al Nory, IPCC WG III Vice Chair – Saudi Arabia 2. Dr. Jan Sigurd Fuglestedt, IPCC WG III Vice Chair - Norway 3. Dr. Oliver Geden, IPCC WG III Vice Chair - Germany 4. Representative, Ministry of Economy 	Q and A with audience

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1500	<p>Session 4:</p> <p>Perspectives on enabling international engagement of researchers</p> <p>This session will focus on how researchers can be organised to enhance their participation in global science-policy platforms such as the IPCC.</p>	<p>Moderators: TBD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor Xiaoye Zhang, IPCC Co-Chair, Working Group I - China 2. Professor Winston Chow, IPCC Co-Chair, Working Group II - Singapore 3. Dr. Kate Calvin, IPCC Co-Chair WG III – United States, US 4. Representative, Ministry of Higher Education 5. Representative, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation 6. Representative, Academy of Sciences Malaysia 	Q and A with audience
1645	Way Forward & Closing Summary	Professor Joy Pereira, IPCC Co-Chair WG III - Malaysia	
1700	End and Tea Break		

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