

Outreach event

Understanding Climate Science: The Role of the IPCC and its Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

Thursday 27 March 2025

9:00-10:45

Bizkaia Aretoa

Overview

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body tasked with assessing the science related to climate change. The IPCC provides the science that underpins climate policies and climate action.

The Spanish Climate Change Office, with the support and participation of the IPCC TFI Bureau members and the IPCC Secretariat, are hosting an outreach event at Bizkaia Aretoa on 27 March from 9.00 to 10.45. This event follows the First Lead Author Meeting for the Methodology Report on Short-lived Climate Forcers, held by the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI), from 24 to 26 March in Bilbao, Spain.

During this outreach event, **Sara Aagesen**, Third Vice-President of the Government of Spain and **Elena Pita Dominguez**, the General Director of the Spanish Climate Change Office, will examine the role of the IPCC as a science-policy interface, how the IPCC assessment reports help the understanding of climate change and adaptation and mitigation options for Spain. The IPCC Secretariat will provide information on the IPCC, its mandate, the work plan for the seventh cycle and ways to engage in the IPCC process. The Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) Co-Chair and TFI Bureau Members will provide an overview of the Methodology Report on SLCF and the outcomes of LAMI, they will also present an overview of the TFI and the IPCC inventory software and the Emission Factor Database.

This outreach event is designed to inform representatives from the academia, NGOs, policymakers, Spanish media outlets, and experts from Spanish research institutes and universities. At the end of the session, there will be a question-and-answer segment where IPCC TFI and Bureau Members and the Secretariat will address questions from the audience.

Objectives:

- To present the Methodology Report on Short-lived Climate Forcers, work of the TFI including inventory software and Emission Factor Database
- To raise awareness, especially among local policymakers and the scientific community, about the IPCC, its role, activities and workplan for the AR7.
- To enlist the participation of the local science and research community in climate research and encourage regional participation in AR7.
- To foster a better understanding among the news media about climate science, solutions to climate change and the IPCC process.

Programme

9:00 – 9:20

Welcome, introduction and overview of the IPCC

Introduction by **Maria Sáenz Sánchez**, TFI Bureau Member

Sara Aagesen, Third Vice-President of the Government of Spain
(Video message) 5 – 10 mins

Elena Pita Dominguez, The General Director of the Spanish Climate Change Office (10 mins)

Regional government representative

9:20 – 9:40

IPCC: Shaping the future with climate science

Climate change: Findings from IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report
(10 mins)

Sophie Sozpa, Coordinating Lead Author, Working Group I Sixth Assessment Report and Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

IPCC: Its role, the seventh assessment cycle and how to get involved (10 mins)

Andrej Mahecic, IPCC Head of Communications

9:40 – 09:55

Question and Answer Session

Moderator: **Maria Sanz Sanchez**, TFI Bureau Member

9:55 – 10:10

Break

10:10 – 10:20

TFI Bureau role in a global context – its role and products.
(Including a presentation of the inventory software and Emission Factor Database – possibly as a later session)

Mazhar Hayat, TFI Co-Chair
TFB members

10:20 – 10:30

Short-lived Climate Forcers Methodology Report

Overview of the report (10 mins)

Mazhar Hayat, TFI Co-Chair
TFB members

10:30 – 10:45

Question and Answer Session

Moderator: **Maria Sáenz Sánchez**, TFI Bureau Member

Logistics:

Location

Bizkaia Aretoa (Oteiza Room)

Abandoibarra Etorb., 3, Abando, 48009 Bilbao, Bizkaia

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/C58uCxb44h1zmEvo7>

Interpretation

[Consecutive interpretation will be available from English to Spanish.]

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