

ASIA AND THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC REGIONAL OUTREACH IN SUPPORT OF THE IPCC PROCESS

29 March 2026
Bangkok, Thailand

Venue/Address: Rachadamnoen Hall, Ground Floor, Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel ([269 Larn Luang Road, Pomprab, Bangkok 10100, Thailand](#))

The objectives of the event are to:

- Bring together National Focal Points or their designated representatives and respective representatives of academia/research institutions from the Asia and South-West Pacific region with the view to building a science-policy network.
- Increase awareness about the IPCC processes, its relevant findings and opportunities to engage.
- Enhance their contribution to the IPCC processes throughout the seventh assessment cycle and beyond.

Part 1 (Morning) Understanding the IPCC - Introduction to the IPCC's structure, seventh assessment cycle, and how to engage, followed by panel discussions on best practices, challenges, and policy uptake from Focal Points, Bureau Members, and regional stakeholders.

Part 2 (Afternoon): Strengthening Regional Engagement - Interactive sessions exploring how Asia and South-West Pacific academia, research institutions, and policymakers can enhance IPCC work, followed by networking workshops on inclusivity, knowledge diversity, and regional collaboration.

Sunday, 29 March 2026	
Session	Activity
09:30-9:50 am Opening Session (20 min)	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Moderator: Abdalah Mokssit, IPCC Secretary – Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Skea, IPCC Chair (5-10 mins) • Martin Krause, Head of the Climate Change Division at UNEP (5 mins) • Mr HAISA Yukihiro, Director, Climate Change Science and Adaptation Office, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment (5 mins)

<p>10:00 – 10:25 (25 mins) Session 1</p>	<p>Setting the scene</p> <p>Explaining key climate issues from IPCC Sixth Assessment Report in Asia and South-West Pacific (Issues include knowledge gaps) (7-8 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winston Chow (IPCC Working Group II Co-Chair) <p>Key products in the seventh cycle (7-8 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winston Chow (IPCC Working Group II Co-Chair) <p>Q&A/Discussions (10 mins)</p>
<p>10:25 – 11:05 am Session 2 (40 min)</p>	<p>Introduction to the IPCC: The process and how to engage</p> <p>Moderator: Andrej Mahecic (IPCC Head of Communications and Media) (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the IPCC (IPCC Secretary Abdalah Mokssit) (10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IPCC Role, Mandate, Institutional structure • How the IPCC produces its reports (IPCC Deputy Secretary Ermira Fida) (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role of focal points ○ Upcoming opportunities for engagement in expert reviews <p>Q&A/Discussions (10 mins)</p>
<p>11:05 – 11:15 am</p>	<p>Group photo</p>
<p>11:15 – 11:30am</p>	<p>TEA BREAK (15 minutes)</p>
<p>11:30 - 1pm Session 3 (90 min)</p>	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Effective engagement with IPCC – Three panels will explore pathways for meaningful IPCC participation:</p> <p>Panel 1: IPCC Focal Points – National engagement strategies Panel 2: IPCC Bureau Members – Opportunities in the seventh cycle Panel 3: Regional Observers & Institutions – Collaborative approaches</p> <p>Panel 1 (20 mins + 10 mins Q&A) Moderator: Ladislaus Chang'a (IPCC Vice-Chair)</p>

Perspectives from Focal Points and delegates (Member Countries and Observer Organizations), including information (each speaker has 4-5 minutes to address the following guiding questions:

- What do you see as best practices for engaging with the IPCC?
- How do these encourage participation in the work of the IPCC?
- Are there specific, practical tips?
- What are the main challenges?

Panellists:

- FP/Obs (Central Asia) Ms Saida Abdrakhim, Director of Sectoral Competencies Department, Kazakhstan
- FP (South Asia) Karma Dupchu, National Center for Hydrology and Meteorology (NCHM), Bhutan
- FP (SW Pacific) Mr Sean Harte, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia
- Agnetha Vave Karamui, Deputy Secretary Technical (DST), Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology, Solomon Islands

Panel 2 (20 mins + 10 mins Q&A)

Moderator: Hannah Chorley, Ministry for the Environment, New Zealand

Perspectives from IPCC Bureau Members on opportunities and challenges for engaging in the work of the IPCC, sharing know-how as to how they encourage participation in the IPCC activities in their regions. This can also include information on what it means to be an IPCC author.

Panellists

- Mark Howden (IPCC Working Group II Vice-Chair)
- Raman Sukumar (IPCC Working Group II Vice-Chair)
- Maheswar Rupakheti (IPCC Working Group I Vice-Chair)
- Edwin Aldrian (IPCC Working Group I Vice-Chair)

Panel 3 (20 mins + 10 mins Q&A)

Moderator: Ramon Pichs Madruga (IPCC Vice-Chair)

How inclusivity and diversity are reflected in IPCC reports and taken up in local, national and regional policy processes.

Panellists

- Mozaharul Alam (Climate Action Regional Coordinator & Head of APAN Secretariat, UNEP)
- Amita Thapa Magar, NDC In Country Facilitator: providing Technical Assistance to Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation (MoEWRI), Nepal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Kittisak Rattanakrajangsi, Executive Director of the Indigenous Peoples Foundation for Education and Environment (IPF) <p>Wrap up of session</p>
1 - 2 pm LUNCH (Princess Café)	
<p>2 – 3 PM (60 mins) Session 4</p>	<p>Enhancing IPCC work: Regional perspectives</p> <p>This session explores how Asia and South-West Pacific academia, research institutions, and policymakers can strengthen IPCC assessments and address critical knowledge gaps through two complementary panels:</p> <p>Panel 1: Strengthening the Scientific Basis (20 mins + 10 mins Q&A) <i>Focus:</i> Research institutions and universities explore platforms for enhanced evidence gathering and synthesis. Moderator: Mozaharul Alam, UNEP</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPCC Chair Prof Sir Jim Skea ICIMOD – Bhupesh Adhikary The Nature Conservancy, Micronesia and Polynesia - Yimnang Golbuu SMARTS/AIT – Joyashree Roy <p>Q&A Session (10 mins)</p>
	<p>Panel 2: Knowledge brokerage for policy and practice (Linking to Policymakers and Practitioners) (20 mins + 10 mins Q&A) <i>Focus:</i> Policymakers and practitioners discuss translating IPCC findings into action. (Connecting IPCC evidence to policymakers and practitioners through effective communication and engagement.)</p> <p>Moderator: Ramon Pichs-Madruga, IPCC Vice-Chair</p> <p>The panel will be moderated by the IPCC Vice-Chair Ramon Pichs-Madruga. He will introduce the panel, and each panellist will give very brief introductory remarks (around a minute each), the moderator will ask each panel the following guiding questions and each panellist will have the opportunity to respond. If time permits there will be a short Q&A session at the end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From your experience what are the most efficient approaches and tools to bring the IPCC findings into your activities as a policymaker or practitioner. Describe your challenges in bringing IPCC findings into local/national climate policies and climate actions? What are your views/experiences on how we can address these challenges? Can you share successful examples of communities embracing new climate policies and climate action?

	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Toshiyuki Yamasaki, Director, Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) • Albert Salamanca, Stockholm Environment Institute & Head of Secretariat, Adaptation Research Alliance • Assoc. Prof. Tavida Kamolvej, Deputy Governor of Bangkok • Dr Senaka Basanaye, Climate Services Lead, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center <p>Q&A Session (10 mins)</p>			
<p>3 – 3:45pm Session 5 (45 min)</p>	<p>Networking session (World Café): <i>Interactive networking session exploring pathways to enhance regional participation and contributions to IPCC assessments (4 workstations)</i></p> <p>Each station discussions: 25 mins Report back: 5 mins each station, total 20 mins Participants break off into four different workshop streams to share experiences and best practices regarding IPCC national and regional related activities by IPCC Bureau Members and Observers and how to build/enhance capacity in the following four themes:</p>			
	<p>Station 1: <i>Inclusivity and diversity of content and knowledge sources in IPCC reports</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Mark Howden (IPCC Working Group II Vice-Chair) Rapporteur: Davy Sao, ARA ECS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the benefits of including a broader range of voices and perspectives in IPCC reports? • How can challenges faced by underrepresented regions and groups contributing to IPCC assessments be addressed? • Which specific topics and sub regions are underrepresented 	<p>Station 2: <i>Upholding scientific rigor throughout the IPCC process</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Raman Sukumar (IPCC Working Group II Vice-Chair) Rapporteur: Le My, ARA ECS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we ensure that diverse contributions to IPCC reports meet the set standards for the scientific evidence? • How can the reviewer pool be expanded to capture more diverse representation for enhanced quality and relevance of IPCC reports? 	<p>Station 3: <i>Regional collaboration and networks</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Maheswar Rupakheti (IPCC Working Group I Vice-Chair) Rapporteur: Edvin Aldrian (Working Group I Vice-Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What mechanisms could strengthen networking among regional scientists, past authors, and aspiring contributors? • How can regional synthesis centres or platforms enhance IPCC contributions? 	<p>Station 4: <i>Engagement of Youth and Early Career Scientists</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Ladislaus Chang'a (IPCC Vice-Chair) Rapporteur: Sothea Chea, ARA ECS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can youth and early career scientists contribute meaningfully to the IPCC process? • What capacity-building support do early career researchers need? • What mechanisms can ensure sustained

	<p>or face lack of data and literature?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can Asia and the South-West Pacific region's non-peer reviewed literature, local knowledge, and expert insights enrich IPCC assessments? How can the Asia and South-West Pacific region enhance inclusivity of diverse author groups (developing countries, women, early career researchers, Indigenous communities)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can regional hubs contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of IPCC reports review processes? How can controversial issues during the review process be addressed to ensure that all views are considered? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the Asia and South-West Pacific region's unique perspectives be better represented in IPCC assessments? 	engagement of emerging climate scientists?
3.45-4pm	TEA BREAK			
4-4:45 Session 6 (45 min)	<p>Way forward Ladislav Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair Moderator to wrap up the day and present recommendations (20 mins)</p> <p>Q&A (15mins)</p>			
4:45 – 5pm Closing (15 min)	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr HAISA Yukihiro, Director, Climate Change Science and Adaptation Office, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment (5 mins) Prof. Sir Jim Skea, IPCC Chair (5-10 mins) 			