

IPCC statement to the opening of SBSTA

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Mr Chair, Madam Executive Secretary, Distinguished Delegates

In taking the floor, allow me to convey sincere regrets from the Secretary of the IPCC, Mr Abdalah Mokssit, for not being able to be here with you today. I would also like to convey the best wishes of the IPCC Chair, Dr Hoesung Lee, for the work of SBSTA. The IPCC is grateful for this opportunity to inform you about the work of the IPCC and how we are contributing to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The Sixth Assessment Report and the three special reports produced during this cycle will be valuable resources for policymakers and completed in time for the first global stocktake under the Paris Agreement in 2023.

Last week the IPCC held a scoping meeting for the Sixth Assessment Report in Addis Ababa. The constructive deliberations there produced outlines to be submitted for approval to the next Session of the IPCC in Montreal in September.

The outlines of the *Special Report on Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*, and the *Special Report on Climate Change and Land* were approved by the 45th IPCC Plenary in Guadalajara, Mexico in March.

The first lead author meeting for the report on *Global Warming of 1.5°C* as requested by COP 21 of the UNFCCC was held in São Paulo, Brazil in March. A second Lead Author Meeting will take place in Exeter, UK, in June and the first draft of the report will be opened to expert review in August. This report is scheduled for completion in September 2018, in time for the facilitative dialogue at COP 24 later that year.

The Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories is finalizing its list of selected authors for the *2019 Refinement to the 2006 Guidelines* and has held several related meetings.

Several other expert meetings and workshops to support the assessments have been held since the beginning of the year.

The financial stability of the IPCC is a cause of concern and specific resource mobilization efforts have been put in place to ensure delivery of the products of the sixth assessment cycle.

Thank you for your attention.