

The IPCC's work on communications

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The IPCC is a unique collaboration between scientists and policymakers worldwide

Special Reports	October 2014	Global warming of 1.5°C As IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty
	August 2019	Climate Change and Land As IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems
	September 2019	Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate
Methodology Report	May 2015	2015 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories
6th Assessment Report	April 2013	Working Group I contribution The physical science basis
	July 2013	Working Group II contribution Impacts, adaptation and vulnerability
	October 2013	Working Group III contribution Mitigation of climate change
	April 2014	Synthesis Report
Others	Cities	A conference on cities and special attention to cities in the Sixth Assessment Report with the launch of a Special Report on climate change and cities in the Seventh Assessment Cycle
	Expert Meetings	Several expert meetings and workshops are held to support the preparation of the Sixth Assessment Report. Reports of these meetings are published in supporting materials.
	Outreach	Communication and outreach of the IPCC process and its findings

What to expect in the IPCC 6th Assessment Cycle



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The IPCC decided to embed work on communications and stakeholder engagement from the start of the 6th assessment cycle

IPCC Communications Strategy

Adopted by the Panel at the Thirty-Fifth Session (Geneva, 6–9 June 2012), amended at the Forty-Fourth Session (Bangkok, 17–20 October 2016)

The IPCC has two main communications goals:

- to communicate its assessment findings and methodologies, by providing clear and balanced information on climate change, including scientific uncertainties, without compromising accuracy;
- to explain the way the IPCC works, selects its authors and reviewers and produces its reports and other products. This will promote the understanding of the reports and underpin its reputation as a credible, transparent, balanced and authoritative scientific body.

Conclusions and recommendations from the Expert Meeting

- Communications are an integral part of the report process and work on communications should start at the outset of developing the assessment.
- Effective outreach requires engagement with stakeholders, also from the outset, to understand what they are looking for in an IPCC report.
- The media landscape is changing rapidly and the IPCC must be nimble and responsive so that it uses the best technology when future reports appear.
- Communicating IPCC findings to diverse audiences is a huge task. The IPCC cannot do it all. Third parties have an important role to play and the IPCC must define how it will work with them.



The IPCC is carrying out engagement and outreach activities with stakeholders worldwide, including:

- Civil society
- Education sector (schools, universities, early career researchers)
- Museums
- Business and finance communities
- Media



Students attend a pop-up climate fair during the 2nd Lead Author Meeting of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land in Christchurch, New Zealand.



Valérie Masson-Delmotte, Co-Chair of Working Group I, engages with local media at the 3rd Lead Author Meeting of the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C.



Jim Skea, Co-Chair of Working Group III, addresses the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg.



The IPCC Working Group I Technical Support Unit chaired a session on Climate Change Education at the 2018 EGU General Assembly (photo: EGU).



Joy Pereira, Vice-Chair of Working Group II, speaks at an IPCC outreach event in Fiji.



IPCC Working Group III participates in regular business events such as International Petroleum week.



Preparations take place ahead of an outreach event during the 2nd Lead Author Meeting of the IPCC Special Report on Oceans and the Cryosphere in Quito, Ecuador.

Stakeholders are helping the IPCC shape its work and increase the reach of its reports and activities



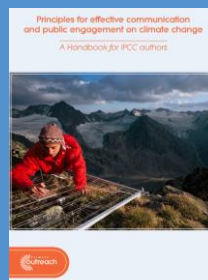
The Summary for Policymakers and the Synthesis Report are translated into the six UN languages.



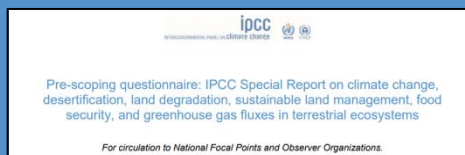
IPCC Working Group I and II carried out consultations to understand what FAQs stakeholders would like to see in the upcoming IPCC Special Reports.



The IPCC is working with cognitive scientists and climate graphic designers to increase the accessibility of IPCC visuals, particularly in the Summary for Policymakers. It is also carrying out user-testing of IPCC graphics (Photo: Tyndall Centre for Climate Research).



IPCC Working Group I collaborated with external climate change communications experts to produce a handbook for IPCC authors.



The new IPCC Bureau consulted member Governments at the start of the 6th assessment cycle to understand countries' priorities.

The IPCC is producing more online products for social media and the IPCC website.



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