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SBSTA 50: Opening statement by the Secretary of the IPCC, Abdalah Mokssit

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- We continue to see strong interest among policymakers and the public in climate change, following the release of the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C last October.
- These are positive conditions for the launch of three further IPCC reports this year – one of the busiest years in the IPCC's three-decade history.
- Last month we finalized the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, putting our methodologies for estimating greenhouse gas emissions and removals on the basis of the latest science.
- This important update supports UNFCCC processes such as the Paris Agreement, and you will have the opportunity here in Bonn to hear more about it at a SBSTA-IPCC special event and an IPCC side event.
- In August, subject to approval by the Panel, we will release *Climate Change and Land, an IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems*.
- And in September we will release the *Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*.
- These two policy-relevant reports will provide valuable inputs into the 25th Conference of the Parties in Chile later this year.
- Meanwhile work on the main Sixth Assessment Report is advancing.
- All three working groups have held at least one lead author meeting, and the expert review of the first order draft of the Working Group I report closes next weekend [Sunday 23 June].
- We will hold a scoping meeting for the Synthesis Report in October.
- We continue to report on the findings of the IPCC and its upcoming reports through an intensive programme of outreach focusing on developing countries.
- As we implement this ambitious work programme we are grateful to Parties for their continuing support through the provision of scientific experts as authors and reviewers, and through financial contributions.

- Thank you for your attention.