

## **BONN, 8 June 2026 – IPCC Deputy Secretary Ermira Fida**

### **Opening of the 64th Session of the SBs**

Thank you, Chair.

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the IPCC, I thank you for giving me the floor to update you on the progress made by the IPCC, nearly three years into the seventh assessment cycle.

I am pleased to inform you that all planned reports for this cycle have been scoped, all authors have been selected, and we are making steady progress on each report.

The first IPCC report to be published in this cycle is the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities. Its second-order draft is currently being reviewed by experts and governments, through early July, while the initial draft of the Summary for Policymakers is under way.

Both methodology reports - the one on Short-Lived Climate Forcers and the one on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage, are also progressing towards their release next year. The Expert Review of the First Order Draft of the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers concluded in February, and the Government and Expert Review of the Second Order Draft will begin in September. The authors of the 2027 Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage, began their work in mid-April and will meet again in August to advance their work on the report.

Progress has also advanced across other reports: our three Working Groups have advanced First Order Drafts of their contributions to the Seventh Assessment Report. Working Groups I and II authors met in April and May respectively, while Working Group III met virtually due to travel restrictions in the Middle East, and they plan to meet in person in September.

Work has progressed on several Panel-mandated expert meetings and workshops across diverse topics, including inventories, land use, carbon removal, inclusivity, tipping points, atlas, adaptation metrics and indicators, health and agriculture. Other workshops, including co-sponsored ones, are under preparation, including a workshop on climate change and biodiversity and an Expert Meeting on Communication.

Distinguished Delegates,

As the timelines for the three Working Groups' reports are yet to be agreed by the Panel, the Chair of the IPCC is currently conducting consultations with member governments on this matter, with a view to reaching consensus at the next Plenary Session scheduled for October.

Before I close, allow me to inform you that, as in the previous sessions, the IPCC delegation led by the IPCC Chair will be here in Bonn for the SBs. The IPCC Chair will address the opening of the 18th Research Dialogue tomorrow morning, offering more insights into the current cycle and the scientific considerations of the 7<sup>th</sup> assessment report.

You are also cordially invited to join us for the two side events, one on the progress of the 7th assessment cycle and another one on Diverse Knowledge Systems, taking place in room Bonn on Wednesday and Thursday, both starting at noon.

In closing, we thank all our member governments for their continued scientific and financial contributions. However, with only 19% of the approved 2026 budget received to date, this raises serious concerns for the successful completion of the Seventh Assessment Cycle and the long-term sustainability of the IPCC Trust Fund. We therefore strongly encourage increased and sustained contributions to ensure a fully functional Trust Fund and to support the effective participation of developing countries in the IPCC's work.

Thank you, Chair.

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