

Talking points

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SBSTA Opening Session

- Thank you Chair, Dear friends and colleagues
- I am very honoured to brief the SBSTA on the work of IPCC.
- As you may know, we released the Working Group I report on the physical science basis of climate change following a virtual line-by-line approval session which was the first ever IPCC session of this kind. This report benefited from 75,000 comments from experts and governments. The release of the Working Group I report on 9 August 2021 attracted unprecedented media attention. The messages its conveys are very clear: time to act is now.
- We were pleased at the cooperation with the UNFCCC which ensures that our work is coordinated and briefed well in advance. This cooperation is key to the UNFCCC process, and central to the need for strengthening the science-policy interface under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement.
- We have come here to Glasgow COP26 to showcase the Working Group I findings and make sure that IPCC assessment reports inform your decisions. Jointly with WMO, the UK Met Office and MERI Foundation we have set up the “Science Pavilion” which you may wish to use as a “ toolbox” which can assist you in speaking the “Science” language during the COP. We look forward to meeting you at our Pavilion and engaging with all delegates during the COP26 in Glasgow.
- We also welcome the opportunity to engage with negotiators in the second Structured Expert Dialogue which will be starting tomorrow, so that we can facilitate a thorough understanding of the report for Parties.
- We are looking forward to the SBSTA-IPCC special event presenting the report on 4 November and welcome you to it.
- On 3 November, IPCC will present on the occasion of Earth Information Day at COP26 under the “Updates on Earth observation of the climate system and climate change” theme.
- I am very pleased to inform you that work is well advanced on the other parts of the Sixth Assessment Report, namely the Working Group II report on impacts, adaptation and vulnerability and the Working Group III report on mitigation of Climate Change which will be realised early next year ahead of

the Synthesis Report. In other words, all is on track for delivering the Sixth Assessment Report ahead of the COP27.

- The final government distribution of the Working Group II report started at the beginning of the month and runs until late November 2021.
- The final government distribution of the Working Group III report will run from 29 November 2021 to 30 January 2022.
- I take this opportunity to invite Governments to contribute to the Final Government Review process of the Working Group II and III reports.
- Also we invite the Governments to continue to contribute to the IPCC Trust Fund and thank those who have already done so.
- Once again, like the Special Report on 1.5 was in time for the Talanoa Dialogue the full 6th cycle package including the release of the SYR will be released in September 2022 which is key to informing the Global Stocktake.
- Thank you for your attention