

SBSTA COP30 opening – 10 November 2025 (TBC)

Remarks by IPCC Secretary Abdalah Mokssit

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to start by thanking the government of Brazil and the city of Belem for hosting this year's COP.

As the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – the IPCC – I am grateful for this opportunity to provide you with a brief update on the status of IPCC activities and work.

The IPCC seventh assessment cycle is now into its third year. I am pleased to inform you about our steady progress on our six reports, which include three traditional Working Group reports, a Special Report on Climate Change and Cities and two Methodology Reports, one on Short-Lived Climate Forcers and another one on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage.

Our work on all reports is progressing, and I'm pleased to inform you that as of today:

- All reports have been fully scoped and are in different stages of development.
- The entire scientific content of the reports has been agreed upon by the Panel.
- The key scientific issues and knowledge gaps have been identified.
- More than 660 appointed authors for the three Working Group reports will be gathering for the first-ever joint Lead Author meeting in the first week of December and will begin their work in earnest.
- The First Order Draft of the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities is currently undergoing Expert Review, which will conclude by mid-December 2025.
- The Methodology Report on Short-lived Climate Forcers concluded its second Lead Author Meeting four weeks ago.
- And, with the recently agreed scope, the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage will now be seeking nominations of authors.

On this last point, I would like to seize the opportunity to invite the IPCC member governments and observer organizations to submit strong nominations of experts to serve as authors on this methodology report.

Since the start of the cycle, we have also expanded access to scientific literature for authors from developing countries, secured support for Chapter Scientists from developing countries, and have successfully delivered the Expert Meeting

on Gender, Diversity and Inclusion this September. All these efforts affirm our strong commitment to inclusivity, diversity and equity across every segment of IPCC's work.

Work is underway on two co-located Workshops on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems and on Methods of Assessment, and an Expert Meeting on Methodologies, Metrics and Indicators for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation, both scheduled for early next year.

Also, a co-sponsored workshop on Earth system high-impact events, tipping points and their consequences with the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), is scheduled for 26-28 November 2025 in Paris. An Expert Meeting on Regional Climate Information and Atlas was approved at IPCC-63 and is scheduled to take place in the first half of 2026, aiming to support the conceptual design and technical implementation of the AR7 WGI and WGII Interactive Atlases.

We are also collaborating with a few other organizations to organize co-sponsored events, including agriculture, health and biodiversity.

During the COP30, the IPCC will participate in several mandated, high-level and other events. As in the past, together with our partners, the WMO and the MERI Foundation, we are running the "Science for Climate Action" pavilion in the Blue Zone. We have a rich programme focused on science related to climate change and our work. We look forward to greeting and meeting you there!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In performing its mandate of assessing climate science, the IPCC relies on voluntary funding from member governments, with the majority of its funding supporting the participation of developing countries and economies in transition. I take this opportunity to encourage and invite IPCC member countries to consider and offer sustained support for the vitally important work of the IPCC. A healthy portfolio of government funding commitments, preferably on a multi-year basis, will enable the IPCC to successfully deliver, with confidence, the six policy-relevant reports agreed by member governments for the Seventh Assessment cycle. This will ensure that decision-makers worldwide have access to robust, policy-relevant scientific knowledge reflecting the full range of views and perspectives.

Thank you.

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