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## REPORTS

### **Communication and outreach activities**

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### Communication and outreach activities

This is a brief report on communications activities since the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Panel in Dubrovnik in October 2015.

#### Communications Strategy

The Communications Action Team, a sub-group of the IPCC Executive Committee set up under the Communications Strategy, has met twice. Once the Technical Support Units have been set up it will meet more regularly.

#### AR5 Outreach Programme

An outreach event hosted by the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science was held on 12-13 November, with the participation of the Chair of the IPCC, Working Group II Co-Chair Mr Hans-Otto Pörtner, IPCC authors from the University of Miami, the Caribbean and Latin America, other University of Miami scientists, and practitioners from Florida and the Caribbean. The IPCC funded the participation of 10 participants from the Caribbean island states. There was a request for a follow-up event to be held on one of the islands. Details of the programme are here: <http://ipcc.ch/apps/outreach/eventinfo.php?q=321>.

An outreach event was also held in Croatia (<http://ipcc.ch/apps/outreach/eventinfo.php?q=317>), speakers were provided to a non-specialist event in the French Alps (Rencontres Alpines on 23 November <http://www.rencontresalpines.org/>), and African authors and secretariat staff took part in the Climate Change and Development in Africa meeting at Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe at the end of October (<http://ipcc.ch/apps/outreach/eventinfo.php?q=319>).

Approximately CHF 300,000 remains in the Fifth Assessment Report outreach budget, which will allow further events to be conducted in 2016, but we will need to turn to the generosity of member states and other donors to help us continue at the same pace.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

IPCC speakers were in high demand for media interviews and side events at the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, given the role of the IPCC in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, interest in the new Bureau and cycle, and the need for scientific explanations of the impacts of 1.5°C and 2.0°C. There was also keen interest from officials to meet the new Chair and other Bureau members.

Activities at COP21 by the IPCC delegation included the following:

- Dec 3 – IPCC press conference with the Chair of the IPCC and other Bureau members
- IPCC side events:
  - Nov 30 – IPCC side event on communications
  - Dec 4 – Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories side event
- Interviews, mainly with the Chair, were conducted by Climate Wire, EFE, Climate TV, Korean media, i24, ABC, Reuters and Danish TV
- Interviews with weather presenters brought to Paris by the WMO were provided by the Chair of the IPCC, Ms Ko Barrett, Vice-Chair of the IPCC, Mr Chris Field, Ms Katie Mach, and the Co-Chairs of Working Group III, Mr P.R. Shukla and Mr Jim Skea

- IPCC Outreach event (outside the COP)  
(<http://ipcc.ch/apps/outreach/eventinfo.php?q=325>)  
Dec 7 – with UNESCO aimed at French stakeholders and the UNESCO community (including a meeting with the Children’s Climate Panel)
- Official COP events  
([http://www.ipcc.ch/presentations\\_and\\_speeches/presentations\\_and\\_speeches.shtml](http://www.ipcc.ch/presentations_and_speeches/presentations_and_speeches.shtml))  
Dec 1 – Opening of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA) (Chair of the IPCC)  
Dec 7 – COP high-level segment (Chair of the IPCC)
- COP side events and events outside the COP  
Dec 3 – EU event (Mr Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair of Working Group II)  
Dec 3 – Brazil event (Mr Chris Field, Ms Thelma Krug, Vice-Chair of the IPCC, Mr Jim Skea, Co-Chair of Working Group III)  
Dec 3 – Cicero event on IPCC communications (Mr Jonathan Lynn)  
Dec 4 – Oceans event (Mr Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair of Working Group II)  
Dec 4 – Climate policy and science (Mr Youba Sokona, Vice-Chair of the IPCC)  
Dec 5 – Asean (Mr Chris Field)  
Dec 6 – Landscapes forum (Ms Thelma Krug, Vice-Chair of the IPCC)  
Dec 7 – UN: food security (Mr Chris Field, Ms Katie Mach)
- Official meetings for the Chair of the IPCC  
Dec 2 – meeting of the IPCC/UNFCCC Joint Working Group – meeting with Ms Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, and other UNFCCC leaders (with participation of former U.S. Vice-President Mr Al Gore)  
Dec 2 – World Energy Council  
Dec 3 – People’s Republic of China  
Dec 4 – Australia  
Dec 4 – Climate Summit for Local Leaders  
Dec 6 – French Senate  
Dec 7 – UNESCO  
Dec 8 – U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Dec 8 – Members of the Committee on Environment of the European Parliament  
Dec 9 – Singapore  
Dec 9 – Regional development banks  
Dec 9 – Saudi Arabia  
Dec 9 – United Kingdom  
Dec 10 – Mr Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General

### **Expert meeting on communications**

The Expert Meeting on Communication was held on 9-10 February 2016 in Oslo, Norway, generously funded by the Norwegian Environment Agency. Please see separate report (IPCC-XLIII/INF. 6).

### **Rapid response**

There were no communications events requiring a rapid response.

### **Other communications activities**

Ahead of COP21 the Secretariat handled a large number of requests for interviews and contributed articles, mainly to the Chair of the IPCC.

The translations of the Synthesis Report and the subtitled versions of the AR5 synthesis report video are available on the website.