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To designated IPCC Focal Points and
Ministries of Foreign Affairs
(if no focal point has been designated)

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Geneva, 14 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of Working Group I (WGI) I would like to invite you to participate in a set of informal webinars organized by WGI to support the Government review of the WGI Summary for Policymakers (SPM) taking place on 25, 26 and 27 May 2021.

The objective of holding these webinars is to present core concepts and the underpinning assessment of the SPM synthesis and to clarify any questions delegates might have, so that the Final Government Distribution (FGD) review is as effective as possible in guiding the drafting team on how to finalise a clear SPM that is policy relevant and accurately reflects the underlying assessment. By supporting the FGD review in this way, we are contributing to an effective approval process.

At the 60th Session of the IPCC Bureau and in the 4th issue of the IPCC Newsletter, Working Group I introduced plans to hold informal webinars. We thank national Focal Points for their helpful input in response to our solicitation in the Newsletter. Four themes have been identified by the WG I Bureau and the SPM drafting team that also reflect these suggestions:

1. Estimates of global warming and emergence of the climate change signal.
2. Future projections, including constrained global surface temperature and global mean sea level rise.
3. Regional climate information, linking global to regional climate aspects, how regions are assessed, and climatic impact-drivers.
4. Aspects related to limiting climate change, including cumulative CO₂ emissions, remaining carbon budgets, and non-CO₂ emissions.

The webinars will include brief overviews of core concepts, the assessment of multiple lines of evidence, how SPM visuals complement the synthesis statements in the SPM.

Two sessions will be held with two themes per session and will be facilitated by WGI Bureau members. The sessions will be repeated twice, at times that are convenient for all time zones. Please see the informal webinar programme attached.

The webinars will be an opportunity to discuss the topics and address clarification questions with drafting authors of the SPM. The presentations will be pre-recorded and available on the review portal, where questions can also be submitted using the online question and answer forum. The presentations will be 10 minutes long, followed by 40 minutes for clarification questions.

Participation will be open to delegates that have been registered by the Focal Point in the FGD system for the specific session.

A copy of this letter is being sent for information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Permanent Representatives from your country to the World Meteorological Organization and to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Abdalah Mokssit', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC

Informal Working Group I Webinar Programme

Session 1

26 May 2021 - 16:00 Santiago, 22:00 Paris, 06:00+1 Melbourne

27 May 2021 - 07:00 Santiago, 13:00 Paris, 21:00 Melbourne

Theme 1

Maisa Rojas (Chile), Blair Trewin (Australia) - Estimates of global warming, including attributed warming, and emergence of the climate change signal

Theme 2

Erika Coppola (Italy), Izidine Pinto (South Africa/Mozambique) - Regional climate information, linking global to regional climate aspects, how regions are assessed, and climatic impact-drivers

Session 2

25 May 2021 - 07:00 NYC, 13:00 Paris, 20:00 Seoul

27 May 2021 - (06:00 Vancouver) 09:00 NYC, 15:00 Paris, 22:00 Seoul

Theme 3

June-Yi Lee (Rep. Korea), Helene Hewitt (UK) - Future projections, including constrained global surface temperature and global mean sea level rise.

Theme 4

Vaishali Naik (USA), Joeri Rogelj (UK/Belgium) - Aspects related to limiting climate change, including cumulative CO₂ emissions, remaining carbon budgets, and non-CO₂ emissions.

Participation information

Please register participants in the FGD portal from the menu "Extra / Registration" for each session.

A unique Zoom credential will be sent to registered participants in due time. More information is available [here](#).