

TITLE: The 5th IPCC Assessment Report and Implications for the GEF Programme

WHEN: Sunday, May 25th / 12:30 PM – 2 PM

WHERE: Moon Palace Hotel / Side Events Room 1 - www.moonpalacecancun.com

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Side Event Panel Members:

1. Rosina Bierbaum, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the GEF, Chairperson
2. Bob Dixon, GEF Secretariat, Head of Climate Change and Chemicals
3. Michael Taylor, The University of the West Indies, Jamaica, Head of Department of Physics
4. Ralph Sims, STAP Member on Climate Mitigation
5. Anand Patwardhan, STAP Member on Climate Adaptation
6. Diann Black-Layne, Ambassador and Focal Point for the GEF from Antigua and Barbuda

Summary

The 5th Assessment Report (AR5) of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is currently underway and expected to be completed by the end of 2014. The first three reports from the IPCC WG I to III were released. Working Group I Report on the Physical Science Basis, has concluded the following: “Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, and since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia. The atmosphere and ocean have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, sea level has risen, and the concentrations of greenhouse gases have increased.” In addition, “Human influence on the climate system is clear. This is evident from the increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, positive radiative forcing, observed warming, and understanding of the climate system.”

This Side Event will provide an overview of the main findings of the three released IPCC 5th Assessment Reports (on physical science of climate change, on climate adaptation and mitigation) and discuss their implications for GEF Programming Strategies from a developing country perspective.

The programme will last 90 minutes and will be moderated by STAP Chair, Rosina Bierbaum. It will consist of the five short presentations by the event panel, followed by a moderated discussion with the audience.

Time (min)	Topic of Discussion	Presenter
5	Welcome and opening remarks	Rosina Bierbaum
10	Impact of the IPCC AR4 findings and other assessments on GEF programming in GEF-4 and GEF-5 (retrospective on the role of climate science in informing GEF programming)	Bob Dixon

15	Overview of IPCC WG 1 Findings (the Physical Science) to frame the discussion highlighting climate change variability and vulnerability within the Caribbean	Michael Taylor
15	Implications of the IPCC WG 3 assessment for climate mitigation activities in GEF-6 and beyond	Ralph Sims
15	Implications of the IPCC WG2 assessment for climate adaptation activities in GEF-6 and beyond	Anand Patwardhan
15	Retrospective and future role of the GEF financing in addressing climate change impacts from a country and/or regional perspective. Role of science supported by the GEF in evidence-based policy making at the national level.	Diann Black-Layne
15	Questions and comments from the audience and concluding remarks	Moderated by Rosina Bierbaum