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The IPCC’s Fifth Assessment Report: what does it mean for Ethiopia’s development?

United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, 18 -19 August, 2014

# Agenda: Day one

## 8:30 – 9:00 – Registration

## 9:00 – 10:00 – Welcome and Opening Presentations

Mr. Robi Redda, Country Engagement Lead – Ethiopia, CDKN (Facilitator)

* Mr. Fetene Teshome, Director General, National Meteorology Agency (NMA), IPCC Country Focal Point, Government of Ethiopia
* Mr. Carl Wesselink, Africa Regional Director, The Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)
* Ms. Emma Williams, Team Leader, Department for International Development (DFID) – Ethiopia

Remarks -

* About the IPCC and its Fifth Assessment Report
* Significance of the IPCC’s findings for Ethiopia
* Outline of the day’s discussions
* Dr Youba Sokona, IPCC coordinating author–Summary presentation on IPCC findings
* Dr. Tewolde Berhane Gebre Egziabher, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of Ethiopia - **Welcome address and initial remarks on Ethiopia’s strategic response to climate change**
* H.E. Mr. Alemayehu Tegenu, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy (MOWIE) –**Official Opening**

**10:00-10:30 –Break**

* Refreshments available

## 10:00 – 10:30 – Press Conference

* Opportunity for accredited press to pose questions to and arrange interviews with the IPCC Scientists and Representatives of NMA, MoWIE, AUC and MEF

## 10:30 – 11:45 – Climate Change Trends, Impacts and Vulnerability

Mr. Kinfe Haile Mariam, Director, National Meteorological Agency

* Prof. Chris Reason, Lead Author, IPCC Working Group I on the physical science of climate change
* Dr Diriba Korecha, IPCC focal person for Ethiopia
* Mr. Tesfaye Gissila, Director, National Meteorological Agency
  + What is the world’s climate change pathway? How might Ethiopia’s climate look in the future?
  + Exposure and vulnerability to climate change: Ethiopia’s prospects
  + Interactive question and answer session with audience

## 11:45 – 13:00 – Adaptation and climate resilience: Best practice lessons from Africa

Dr Girma Balcha, Director, Climate Change Forum Ethiopia **(Session Chair)**

* Dr Katharine Mach, IPCC Working Group II, Technical Support Unit
* Dr Balgis Osman-Elasha, Coordinating Lead Author, Adaptation needs and options, Working Group II
* Prof. Joseph Hella, Lead Author - Key Economic Sectors and Services, IPCC Working Group II
  + Risk-informed decision-making: the IPCC’s guidance on strengthening resilience to climate change
  + Best practices in building climate resilience: the Sub-Saharan African experience
  + Interactive question and answer session with audience

## 13:00 – 14:15 – Lunch

* All are invited

## 14:30 – 16:00 – Ethiopia’s low carbon development opportunities

Dr Tewolde Berhan Gebre Egziabher, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest **(Session Chair)**

* Dr Youba Sokona, Co-Chair, Working Group III
* Dr Shuaib Lwasa, Lead Author - Human Settlements, Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Working Group III
* Mr. Berhanu Solomon, Director, Ministry of Environment and Forest (MEF)
  + Global emissions trends and the role of ethics and justice in determining who takes theshare of emissions reductions: implications of the IPCC’s findings for an international climate deal
  + Opportunities for clean and efficient development through avoided emissions: African and Ethiopian case studies
* *Interactive question and answer session with audience*

## 16:00 – 17:00 – How do we pay for climate action?

* Dr Mulugeta Mengist Ayalew, Associate Advisor, Prime Minister’s Office **(Presenter)**
* Dr Alemu Mekonnen, Researcher, Addis Abeba University / Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) **(Presenter)**
* Mr. Shimelis Fekadu, Independent Consultant **(Session Facilitator)** 
  + Presentation focusing more on the Ethiopian context on -
    - Economics of adaptation
    - Opportunities for mobilising finance for low carbon development
    - Securing climate finance for mitigation that delivers benefits for climate adaptation and resilience
* *Interactive Discussion*

## 18:00 – 20:00 – Networking reception

* All participants are welcome

# Agenda: Day Two

## 9:00 – 9:20 – Review of Day One’s findings from the IPCC

Mr. Dula Shanko, Deputy Director General, National Meteorological Agency **(Session Chair)**

## 9:20 – 11:00 – Policy and Practice Forum

## Prof. Ensermu Kelbessa, Head of Department, Addis Ababa University (Session Chair)

Presentation by national and subnational policy makers and practitioners on related topics, reflecting on the implications of the report for existing approaches

* The health effects of climate variability, with emphasis on the epidemiology of highland malaria in Ethiopia
  + Dr Adugna Woyessa, Director, Ethiopian Health & Nutrition Research Institute (EHNRI) **(Presenter)**
* Emerging responses to climate change in the Ethiopian pastoralist system
  + Dr Yohannes Gebre-Michael, Addis Ababa University **(Presenter)**
* Climate change impacts on the distribution of Coffee Arabicana in Ethiopia
  + Dr Tadesse Wolde-Mariam, Director, Ethiopia Environment and Coffee Forest Forum **(Presenter)**
* *Interactive question and answer session with the audience*

## 11:00– 11.30 – Break

* Refreshments available

## 11:30 – 13:00 – Group Session and feedback from group sessions

## Prof. Yealemteshay Mekonnen, Addis Ababa University (Session Chair) plus group facilitators (policy and practice forum presenters – will facilitate sessions)

## Mr. Shimelis Fekadu, Independent Consultant (Session Facilitator)

* Working groups (by sector/interest group as in the session above) with nominated facilitators
* Groups each produce 1-3 major recommendations for action and report it to the plenary
* Group recommendations are captured by the note-takers for the post-meeting report

**13:00 - 14:00 – Lunch**

* All invited

## 14:00 – 15:00 - How should Ethiopia respond to the IPCC’s findings? Mr. Fetene Teshome, Director General, NMA (Session Chair)

Mr. Shimelis Fekadu, Independent Consultant **(Session Facilitator)**

* Opportunity for Ethiopian stakeholders to respond to the IPCC’s findings.

**14:30 – 15:00 – Formal close of event**

* Representative from the Ministry of Environment and Forest and/or Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy

## 15:00– 15.30 – Networking

* Refreshments available

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