

# Havana 18-19 April 2012

## 'Managing the Risks of Climate Extremes and Disasters in the Caribbean – What can we learn from the IPCC Special Report?'

### Agenda: Wednesday, 18 April 2012

#### 9:30 – 9:45 **Welcome Address**

**América Santos.** *Vice Minister of Science, Technology and Environment (CITMA), Cuba*

#### 9:45 – 10:45 **Press Conference**

Moderator: **Gladys Hernández,** CIEM-Cuba

- **Orlando Rey,** *Director Environmental Division, CITMA, Cuba*
- **Chris Field,** *IPCC WGII Co-chair*
- **Beat Schmid,** *Oxfam*
- **Barbara Pesce.** *Coordinator of the UN System and UNDP Representative in Cuba*

#### 11.00 – 13.00 **Panel Discussion of Major Findings of SREX for the Caribbean Region**

Moderador: **Eduardo Calvo,** *IPCC WG II Bureau*

- **Ramon Richs,** *IPCC WGIII Co-Chair:* 'General Information on the IPCC and the AR5 Cycle'
- **Chris Field,** *IPCC WGII Co-Chair:* 'SREX Key Findings'
- **Allan Lavell,** *SREX Co-ordinating Lead Author:* 'Risk, exposure and vulnerability'
- **Carolina Vera,** *SREX Lead Author:* 'Regional observations and projections of extremes'
- **Avelino Suarez,** *SREX Review Editor:* 'Regional impacts and losses'
- **Luis Ernesto Romano,** *SREX Lead Author:* 'Risk management measures, incremental and transformative'
- **Asuncion Lera St. Clair,** *AR5 Lead Author:* 'Towards a sustainable and resilient future'
- **Avelino Suarez,** *SREX Review Editor:* 'Regionally focused case studies'

*Lunch*



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## 14.15 – 15.45 **Policy and Practice Forum**

Moderator: **Bárbara Garea**, *INTEC-Ministry of Higher Education, Cuba*

- **TBC**, *Cuban Civil Defense*
- **Abel Centella**, *INSMET, Cuba*
- **Patricia Leon**, *Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) Office*
- **Ian King**, *Programme Manager, Disaster Risk Reduction, UNDP-Barbados*
- **Azalia Arias**, *Cuban Association for the United Nations*
- **Osvaldo Martínez**, *Director CIEM-Cuba; President of Commission for Economic Affairs, Cuban Parliament.*

## 16.00 – 17.30 **SREX Hard Talk** (*Chaired debate on key questions raised by SREX*) – OPEN to Press

Moderator: **Mariana Saker**, *Press Director, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (CITMA), Cuba*

- **Eduardo Calvo**, *IPCC WG II Bureau and SREX Author Team*
- **Gisela Alonso**, *President of the Environment Agency, Cuba*
- **Oliver Zamora**, *Journalist, Cuba*
- **Héctor Amigo**, *President of Commission for Energy and Environment, Cuban Parliament*
- **Armando Fernández**, *Fundación “Antonio Núñez Jiménez” para la Naturaleza y el Hombre*

## 19.00 – 21.00 **Official reception co-hosted by the Institute of Meteorology (INSMET, Cuba) and the Embassy of Norway in Cuba**



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## Agenda: Thursday, 19 April 2012

09.30 – 09.45 **Recap on Day 1**

09.45 – 10.00 **Introduction to Break Out Groups (BOG)**

*BOG 1 will work only in English, BOG 2 will work in English and Spanish with simultaneous translation*

10.00 – 12.45	<b>Break Out Group 1</b> Regional Action: Responding to the SREX Report Findings  Chair: <b>Eduardo Calvo</b> Rapporteurs: <b>Marlene Attzs, Juan Llanes</b>  Key Messages / Caribbean Perspective: <b>TBC</b>  <i>Guiding Questions:</i> Are regional institutions and policy frameworks adequate for dealing with the challenges set out in SREX? If not, what needs to change? Are these incremental or transformative? Is the use of science and social science in guiding policy and decision-making sufficient? How can action become more evidence based? How can uncertainty in projections be dealt with regionally?	<b>Break Out Group 2</b> National and Community Action: Responding to the SREX Report Findings  Chair: <b>Héctor Conde</b> Rapporteurs: <b>Luis Paz, Maritza González</b>  Key Messages / National Perspective: <b>Tomás Gutiérrez, INSMET-Cuba.</b>  <i>Guiding Questions:</i> Are national institutions and policy frameworks adequate for dealing with the challenges set out in SREX? If not, what needs to change? Are these incremental or transformative? Is the use of science and social science in guiding policy and decision-making sufficient? How can action become more evidence based? How suited are community-based approaches to future changes in extreme events, vulnerability and exposure? What changes are needed at community level to reduce impacts? How can uncertainty in projections be dealt with nationally?
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### Lunch

#### **Poster Session: (lunch time)**

*Poster exhibition and presentations by young scientists and students of different educational levels. Questions as appropriate.*

#### **Young scientists:**

1. **José Manuel Guzmán**, *Institute of Ecology and Systematic (IES), Cuba.*
2. **Nivaldo González**, *INSMET-Cuba.*
3. **Enrique Pérez**, *INSMET-Cuba.*

## Side Event (*lunch time*)

(Co-organized by CITMA and the Embassy of Norway in Cuba)

*Cuba- Norway Collaboration Proposal: Risk reduction actions*

Coordinator: **Herminia Serrano**, Environment Agency, Cuba

14.00 – 15.00 **Report back from Break Out Groups**

15.00 – 15.30 **Closing remarks**

- IPCC Representative
- **Tomas Gutierrez**, INSMET General Director and National IPCC Focal Point
- **Patricia Leon**, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) Office
- **Øyvind Christophersen**, KLIF, Government of Norway