

IPCC 1.5°C Report:

What are the main messages and EU policy implications?

Agenda

Date: October 15, 2018

Time: 14:30-17:00

Location: University Foundation, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels.

Background

The Paris Agreement officially entered into force on 4 November 2016 and aims to pursue "efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels".

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) agreed in early 2016 in Nairobi on a timeframe for its next major series of climate reports – including a special report in 2018 on the ramifications of a 1.5degree Celsius increase in global temperatures above pre-industrial levels.

The IPCC has responded to this "temperature goal" by working on a special report on "Global warming of 1.5°C" that has been adopted by Governments less than 10 days ago in Incheon (Republic of Korea).

This report attempts to put in perspective, through the most recent scientific literature, the impacts of a 1.5°C world and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways to get us there.

But what policy implications does the 1.5°C target have, both globally and for the EU's climate policy? How will it affect the new EU Long Term Climate Strategy, currently being developed by the European Commission, and how might it affect the potential enhancement of the EU's NDC?

14:00 **Coffee and registration**

14:30 **Welcome and introduction**

A. Marcu, Director of ERCST and Senior Fellow at ICTSD

Moderator: J.Y. Caneill, Senior Advisor at ERCST

14:40 – 14:50 **Opening remarks**

J.P. van Ypersele, Former Vice-Chair of IPCC and Professor at Louvain La Neuve

14:50 – 15:40 **Presentation of the IPCC 1.5°C Report**

- R. Sférian, CNRN/Meteo France/CNRS and Lead Author Chapter 2
- J-C. Hourcade, CIRED and Lead Author Chapter 4
- B. Metz, ECF and former co-Chair of WG III

15:40 – 16:40 **Initial reactions to the Report followed by a roundtable discussion**

- T. van Ierland, DG Clima
- F. Vladu, UNFCCC
- N. Campbell, Arkena
- S. van den Plas, WWF

16:40 – 17:00 **Q&A with participants**

17:00 **Concluding remarks and wrap-up of the meeting**