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## IPCC MEDIA ADVISORY

### The IPCC at RIO+20

Leading scientists associated with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be present at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), which takes place in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June, 2012, with preparatory meetings starting the previous week. The task of the IPCC is "to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open and transparent basis the scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation". This task is of central importance to sustainable development, the theme of Rio+20. The links between climate change and two of the summit's seven critical issues -- energy and disasters -- were the subject of special reports by the IPCC over the past year.

The IPCC is holding two high-profile events during the conference. On Friday 15 June, the IPCC is organizing a side event at the UNCSO, at the RioCentro Convention Center, entitled "Connecting the dots: science, the IPCC and the policy picture". Earlier that day, as part of the Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development, organized by the International Council for Science (ICSU), the IPCC is holding a side event on "Science for decision-making: the role of IPCC assessments" at the Pontifical Catholic University.

Both events will feature members of the IPCC Bureau and lead authors of recent IPCC reports, senior officials from partner organizations and government representatives.

The events will examine the interface between science and policy-making, and how it can be strengthened by assessment reports and other products from the IPCC and other international organizations, taking as examples the IPCC's regular major assessments, and its two recent reports, the Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation (SRREN) and the Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX).

Accredited media representatives are welcome to attend these events.

For details go to: [www.ipcc.ch/meetings/rio20/rio\\_side\\_event.pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/meetings/rio20/rio_side_event.pdf)

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