

Interviews with Representatives of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
during the period of the Second Lead Author Meeting in Ecuador for Special Report on the Ocean
and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate
12-16 February 2018
Quito, Ecuador

From 12 to 16 February 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is bringing together around 100 experts from more than 30 countries to Quito, Ecuador to discuss the development of the Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC). Experts at the meeting will be from IPCC Working Group I, that assesses the physical science basis of climate change, and Working Group II that assesses impacts, adaptation and vulnerability. The meeting is hosted by the Government of the Republic of Ecuador.

IPCC officials and authors will be available for interviews upon request. These interviews can be conducted at the conference centre where the meeting will take place or by phone or skype.

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A list of some of the IPCC experts available for interview can be found below.

This list also indicates the country of the author, languages in which they can be interviewed, and their field of specialization.



Ko BARRETT

Vice-Chair of the IPCC

Languages: English

Country: USA

Ko Barrett is the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) where she supervises daily operations and administration of NOAA's research enterprise. In 2015, Ms. Barrett was one of the first women elected to serve as a vice chair of the IPCC. For over 15 years, Ms. Barrett has represented the United States on delegations charged with negotiating and adopting scientific assessments undertaken by the IPCC. She has also served for over a decade as a lead negotiator for the United States on the United Nations treaty on climate change. She is widely recognized as an expert on climate policy, particularly on issues related to climate impacts and strategies to help society adapt to a changing world.



Valérie MASSON-DELMOTTE

Co-Chair of Working Group I of the IPCC

Languages: English and French

Country: France

Valérie Masson-Delmotte is a physicist and a senior climate scientist from Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement, Institut Pierre Simon Laplace (France). Her own research is focused on past changes in climate and water cycle, using records from tree rings, ice cores, combined with results from climate models. She has published 195 scientific papers in the peer-reviewed literature (and is a "Highly cited scientist" from Thomson Reuters) and received several awards such as "Women scientist of year 2013" in France and the "Martha Muze prize" in 2015 for Antarctic research. She is very active in communication and outreach, and has published several books on climate-related issues for children and for the general public. She has been a lead author of the SCAR report on Antarctic climate and the environment, a coordinating lead author of IPCC AR5 and is now Co-Chair of IPCC WGI for the Sixth Assessment cycle.



Panmao ZHAI

Co-Chair of Working Group I of the IPCC

Languages: English and Chinese

Country: China

Prof Panmao Zhai is Chief Scientist and Ph.D. supervisor at the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences. He has more than 30 years working experience in climate change and variability studies. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 papers and 3 monographs in Chinese and English. He has been involved in the IPCC assessment activities since 1998. In October 2015 he was elected Co-Chair of Working Group I of the IPCC for the Sixth Assessment cycle. As a well-known climatologist in China, he has developed the Global Climate Monitoring and Diagnostic System, and established the ENSO Monitoring and Prediction System in China. Prof. Zhai was the Director- General of Department of Forecasting and Networking in China Meteorological Administration and the Vice President of Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences and the Secretary General of the Chinese Meteorological Society.



Hans-Otto PÖRTNER

Co-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC

Language: English and German

Country: Germany

Hans-O. Pörtner studied at Münster and Düsseldorf Universities where he received his PhD and habilitated in Animal Physiology. As a Research and then Heisenberg Fellow of the German Research Council he worked at Dalhousie and Acadia Universities, Nova Scotia, Canada and at the Lovelace Medical Foundation, Albuquerque, NM. Currently he is Professor and Head of the Department of Integrative Ecophysiology at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Marine and Polar Research, Bremerhaven, Germany. Until the end of 2014 he served as a Coordinating Lead Author of IPCC WGII AR5, chapter 6, Ocean Systems and as a member of the author teams for the WGII Summary for Policymakers and Technical Summary, as well as a member of the Core Writing Team for the IPCC AR5 Synthesis Report. In October 2015 he was elected Co-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC.



Debra ROBERTS

Co-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC

Language: English

Country: South Africa

Debra Roberts is currently head of the Sustainable and Resilient City Initiatives portfolio in eThekweni Municipality (Durban, South Africa). Prior to taking up this post in 2016, she established and managed the Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department of the same municipality for 22 years (1994–2016) and was selected as the city's first Chief Resilience Officer in 2013. Dr. Roberts was a Lead Author of Chapter 8 (Urban Areas) and a Contributing Author to Chapter 12 (Africa) of the Working Group II contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report. She was elected as Co-Chair of Working Group II for the IPCC's Sixth Assessment cycle in 2015. She was a member of the South African United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiating team until December 2015, and has sat on various international advisory bodies focused on climate change issues in cities (e.g., the Rockefeller Foundation's Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network and UN-Habitat's 2011 'Cities and Climate Change' Global Report). She was a member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Thematic Group on Sustainable Cities involved in mobilising support for the creation of a city focused SDG. Dr Roberts was also a member of the Future Earth Engagement Committee until 2017 and is a fellow of the Watson International Scholars of the Environment Programme. In 2016 she was invited to deliver the Barbara Ward Lecture celebrating 'Outstanding Women in Development' in London at the International Institute for Environment and Development. She is an Honorary Professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in the School of Life Sciences and has written widely in the fields of urban open space planning, environmental management and urban climate protection, and has received a number of awards for her work.



Carlos MÉNDEZ

Vice-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC

Languages: Spanish and English

Country: Venezuela

Carlos Méndez es el jefe del Laboratorio de Ecología de Ecosistemas y Cambio Global del Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas (IVIC) y el Vicepresidente del Grupo de Trabajo II sobre Impactos, Adaptación y Vulnerabilidad al Cambio Climático del Panel Intergubernamental de Expertos sobre Cambio Climático (IPCC por sus siglas en inglés).



Bolívar CÁCERES

IPCC Author

Languages: Spanish and English

Country: Ecuador

Trabaja en el INAMHI desde el año 2002 sobre la investigación relacionada con la Criósfera en el Ecuador. Su investigación ha estado enfocada en la evolución de los Glaciares, balance de masa y la actualización del inventario Nacional de Glaciares. También ha llevado adelante investigaciones en la Península Antártica desde el 2010 en colaboración con el INAE con estudios relacionados con el comportamiento de un pequeño Glaciar en la Isla Greenwich. Es el corresponsal nacional para el Servicio Mundial de Monitoreo de Glaciares (WGMS).



Carolina ADLER

IPCC Author

Languages: Spanish and English

Country: Chile and Australia

Carolina Adler (née Roman), de nacionalidad chilena y australiana, es científica ambiental y geógrafa con una carrera internacional que abarca tanto la investigación científica como la práctica en los sectores público y privado. Obtuvo su doctorado en la Universidad de Monash (Australia) en 2010, con un enfoque hacia la adaptación al cambio climático y los procesos de políticas pertinentes para el desarrollo sostenible en las regiones de montaña. Su pasión por las montañas y su gente se extiende a través de muchos dominios de su trabajo. A través del alpinismo, comparte su experiencia ambiental como delegada en la Comisión de Protección de las Montañas de la Unión Internacional de Asociaciones de Alpinismo, la UIAA, más tarde en 2016 asumiendo el papel de Presidente de tal comisión. En el ámbito de investigación, trabaja en el laboratorio de investigación transdisciplinaria (TdLab), en ETH Zurich en Suiza, particularmente en la temática relacionada al desarrollo sostenible en las montañas. Como actual Directora Ejecutiva de la Iniciativa de Investigación en la Montaña (Mountain Research Initiative, MRI), con el auspicio de la Academia Suiza de las Artes y las Ciencias, tiene la tarea de coordinar las agendas de investigación científica y apoyar redes regionales y temáticas sobre la investigación del cambio global en las montañas. También es autora principal actual del capítulo "Alta Montaña" del informe especial del Panel Intergubernamental de Expertos sobre el Cambio Climático (IPCC) sobre océanos y criosfera (SROCC), el cual se presentara en 2019.



Evelia RIVERA-ARRIAGA

IPCC Author

Languages: Spanish and English

Country: Mexico

Estudió la Licenciatura en Biología en la Facultad de Ciencias, UNAM y la Maestría y el Doctorado en Política Marina de la Universidad de Delaware con el Área de concentración en Relaciones Internacionales. Sus áreas de especialidad son la Política Marina, Legislación y Manejo Costero para el Desarrollo Sustentable; Política y tratados internacionales en materia de océanos; y Políticas públicas para el ambiente y el cambio climático. Ha laborado por 27 años como Profesor Investigador del Instituto de Ecología, Pesquerías y Oceanografía del Golfo de México, de la Universidad Autónoma de Campeche; 6 años como Profesor externo en la Universidad Marista de Mérida y 3 años en la Facultad de Ciencias de la UNAM, Campus Sisal, Yucatán; 4 años como investigador asociado al Center for the Study of Marine Policy, University of Delaware y recibió el nombramiento como titular de la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Aprovechamiento Sustentable del Gobierno del Estado de Campeche del 2009 al 2015. Ha sido consultora para el Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo en proyectos de manejo costero en Latinoamérica y el Caribe y para PNUD e INECC como

Coordinadora Nacional de la 6ª Comunicación de Cambio Climático. Actualmente es miembro del Scientific-Policy Advisory Committee del Inter-American Institute for the Research of Global Change y Autor Líder en el Grupo de Expertos para elaborar el Reporte Global Especial sobre Océanos y Criosfera para el IPCC. Ha dirigido y participado en 40 proyectos de investigación, impartido más de 100 conferencias, ha impartido más de 150 cursos de licenciatura, maestría y doctorado, ha dirigido tesis de licenciatura y posgrado a 20 estudiantes y diseñó, implementó y operó la política ambiental estatal del Estado de Campeche en los temas forestal, silvícola y REDD+, conservación de la biodiversidad, áreas naturales protegidas y suelos, cambio climático y calidad del aire, conservación y manejo sustentable de recursos hídricos, manejo integrado de la zona costera-marina, protección y acceso a la justicia ambiental, entre otros.