



Special Event: IPCC Special Report on Climate and Land *Communicating key findings and implications for Asia and Pacific*

Organized by FAO,
in partnership with ESCAP, UNEP and ITU
And with IPCC Secretariat support

Date: Monday **October 28, 2019**
Venue: UN Conference Building, Bangkok

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released the Special Report on *climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems*. The special report covers interactions between climate change and desertification, land degradation, and food security and tackles land-related impacts and risks. The report also describes response options for sustainable land management and food security and risk management in support of adaptation and mitigation.

This Special Report was prepared by 107 leading scientists from 52 countries across all regions of the world, who acted as Lead Authors and Review Editors plus 93 contributing authors. The report assessed over 7,000 papers and responded to over 28,275 comments from experts and government, including 3,043 comments from governments.

As expected, the release of the IPCC Special Report on Land received immediate and broad media coverage in both print and TV across the globe. Since its release, a number of outreach events are organized around the world to communicate broadly the report's findings and to engage with local and regional stakeholders.

The FAO Regional office for Asia and Pacific (FAO RAP), in partnership with ESCAP, UNEP and ITU is organizing an outreach event to facilitate communicating the key findings to relevant stakeholders in the region and to support stakeholders' dialogue on the report implications for the Asia-Pacific region, especially in relation to sustainable land management, land use, and food security under climate change.

The proposed one-day special event has principal goals:

1. Communicate the report's policy findings to select decision-makers and stakeholders in Asia, including international organizations, inter-government bodies, government representatives, development partners, and donors, civil society, NGOs and media);
2. Facilitate stakeholder dialogue to build on the momentum created by the report findings and to explore opportunities for new or renewed regional initiatives that address sustainable land management and land use, food security and nutrition in the context of climate change.

Invitations are sent out to a broad range of stakeholders based in Bangkok from UN agencies, government and intergovernmental organizations, international development agencies, research and academia, civil society and media.

The event is organized in two parts. Part I will present the key findings from the Special report given by an IPCC official and lead authors. Part II will turn to regional stakeholders for their perspectives on the report findings implications for the Asia and Pacific region in relation to land and land-related resource sustainable management, food security and nutrition under accelerated climate action on adaptation and mitigation.

PROPOSED AGENDA

8:00 – 9:00 arrival and registration of invited participants

9:00 to 9:20 Opening session

Welcoming remarks and introductory presentations by the hosting agencies:

Xiangjun Yao, Regional Program Leader, FAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific

Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, ESCAP

Mozaharul Alam, Regional Coordinator, Climate Change Programme, UNEP

9:20 – 11:00 IPCC Special Report on Land: presentations on key findings and messages

Jim Skea, Co-Chair IPCC Working Group III Co-Chair

Overview of the IPCC Special Report on Land, genesis, government mandate, report preparation stages and reviews and approval (Reflections from the Special Report Co-Lead)

Gensuo Jia, Lead coordinating author

Key findings on climate impacts on land and land impacts on climate (from Section A of the Summary for Policy Makers- SPM]

Jagdish Krishnaswamy, Coordinating lead author

Response options on [Land use](#) and sustainable [land management](#) (from Section B, C and D of the SPM)

Aziz Elbehri, Lead Author

Response options for food system, [food security](#) and sustainable [diets](#) (from Section B, C, and D of the SPM]

11:00 to 11:30 **Break**

11:30 - 12:30 Parallel session 1: Regional Asian perspectives on response options for sustainable [land-related](#) resource management to address land degradation, food security, climate adaptation and mitigation

Note: All panelists are allowed 5 minutes short introductions to allow them to reflect the report key findings and its response options and offer brief perspectives on the implications for Asia, in relation to its priorities, scaling up on-going initiatives and building partnerships to achieve climate mitigation and resilience.

Moderator: **Rajendra P Shrestha**, Asian Institute of Technology

Suggested Panelists:

- **Bunjirtluk Jintaridth**, Coordinator, DS-SLM Thailand (LADA)
- **Yuji Niino**, Land Officer, FAO
- **Pitayakon Limtong**, Asian Soil Partnership

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break (provided)

13:30 – 15:00 Session 2: Asian perspectives on response options in **food system** management to address food security climate adaptation and mitigation within sustainable development goals

Possible sponsors: FAO and UNICEF

Moderator: **Aziz Elbehri**, FAORAP

Suggested Panelists

- **Emorn Udomkesmalee**, Senior Advisor to and a former Director of the Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand
- **Nicolas Bidault**, World Food Program

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 16:45 Session 3: Perspectives on digital and innovation as enabling conditions to accelerate implementation of the Special report response options related to land-related resource management and food systems

Moderator: **Ashish Narayan**, ITU

Suggested panelists:

- **Noppadon Khiripet**, Ministry of Science and Technology (Thailand)
- **Nawat Kamnoonwatana**, CHAROEN POKPHAND GROUP CO., LTD (CP Group)
- **Jothiganesh Shanmugasundaram**, Regional Integrated Multi Hazard Early Warning System

16:45 – 17:00 Final wrap up remarks. Meeting adjourn.