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Francisco J. Doblas, the director of the Earth Sciences Department, has been selected to take part in the Scoping Meeting of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). The event, that will be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) on 1–5 May, will bring together 200 experts from some 60 countries. The participation of Prof Doblas evidences the increasingly prominent role of BSC in international climate research fora and initiatives.

The AR6 of the IPCC will collect the knowledge regarding all aspects of climate, including climate change due to anthropogenic factors and the expected impacts gained since 2013. AR6, which will be prepared in the next four years by a multi-national team of experienced scientists, is the main source of scientific information for the international negotiations on climate change, its mitigation and adaptation strategies.

The Scoping Meeting will draft the outline and indicative coverage of the contents of the three Working Group contributions to the AR6. The draft will be circulated for comments to governments and will then be submitted for consideration and approval to the Sessions of the three IPCC Working Groups and the 46th Session of the IPCC, scheduled to be held in September 2017. In line with the procedure followed in the past, another scoping meeting dedicated to draft the outline of the AR6 is planned at a later stage.

"With this meeting we are taking a decisive step to advance the work plan of the IPCC. During the AR6 cycle we will see one or more policy-relevant reports released almost every year from 2018 until 2022." said Hoesung Lee, Chair of the IPCC. "The AR6 Synthesis Report will be delivered in time for the first global stocktake in 2023 by the UNFCCC under the Paris Agreement."

## **About IPCC**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the leading international body for the assessment of climate change. It was established by the <u>United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</u> and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide the world with a clear scientific view on the

current state of knowledge in climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic impacts. In the same year, the UN General Assembly endorsed the action by WMO and UNEP in jointly establishing the IPCC.

The IPCC reviews and assesses the most recent scientific, technical and socio-economic information produced worldwide relevant to the understanding of climate change. It does not conduct any research nor does it monitor climate related data or parameters.

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