

SUMMARY REPORT

Outreach Meeting on the IPCC Special Report on “Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation” (SREX)

Meeting title: “Managing the Risks of Climate Extremes and Disasters in the Caribbean – What can we learn from the IPCC Special Report?”

The Outreach Meeting on the IPCC SREX held in Hotel Meliá-Habana, Miramar, Havana, the Republic of Cuba on the 18-19 April 2012 was co-ordinated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Instituto de Meteorología de Cuba (INSMET). The scope of the meeting included both the national context and the regional (Caribbean) perspective.

This event was organised by INSMET in co-operation with the IPCC, the Norwegian Climate and Pollution Agency (KLIF), the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) and the UK Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

The two-days event was designed for policy-makers, business leaders, academics and civil society organisations, whose policies and programmes are affected by climate extremes and disasters. Some sessions of the event were open to local and international media.

The meeting was attended by around 120 participants, including 59 national invitees (experts, officials, students, NGOs), 29 regional experts, 13 officials of international organisations based in Cuba and 16 press representatives.

The SREX Outreach Meeting in Havana included several sessions:

- *Press Conference*, with speakers from the IPCC, CITMA, OXFAM and UNDP.
- *Panel Discussion* for presentation of the Special Report by its authors.
- *Policy and Practice Forum* with national and regional speakers.
- *SREX Hard Talk and Open Dialogue* with different perspectives (IPCC, national government, Cuban Parliament, press and NGOs).
- *Two Break Out Groups (BOGs)* dealing with the regional (Caribbean) and national / local perspective.
- *Posters session* with presentations by young scientists and students.
- *Caribbean Side Event*, based on the Cuba-Norway proposals for risks reduction actions in the Caribbean.

During the SREX presentation it was highlighted that the *IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX)* was prepared over two years by 200 authors from 62 countries, involving both Working Groups I and II of the IPCC. Authors responded to 18,784 comments from governments, experts and international agencies, with governments approving the Summary for Policy Makers in November 2011 following a four day meeting in Kampala, Uganda. The full

report is available for download along with other information about the SREX report: <http://ipcc-wg2.gov/SREX/>.

This event is one in a set of seven outreach events all taking place between April and May 2012, which are designed to increase the accessibility of the report and promote discussion and connections between diverse stakeholders. For additional information on the IPCC, please check www.ipcc.ch

The preliminary *Report of the Meeting* includes the Final Programme, PPT Presentations, List of Participants, Summary of main sessions, Photo Gallery, and press reports.

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