

Dialogue on "Towards IPCC AR7: How can ASEAN climate experts be involved?"

Thursday, 24 October 2024, 17:00 – 18:30 hr SGT
Moderator's Brief

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

- Hybrid
 - Platform: Zoom <https://smu-sg.zoom.us/j/91265990295>
 - In-person
- Location: RWS Convention Centre, Gemini Room
- Audience: Approx. 100 participants including ASEAN researchers and scientists, NGOs, media, and other interested parties.
- Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/ipccar7outreach>
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Speakers to arrive at 16.30 for the event, as the event starts at 16.45, and panel at 17.15. Organizers will reserve a table for speakers and panelists.

Moderator - Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Science Officer, IPCC WGII TSU, Singapore Management University

Slides can be found [here](#).

Speakers -

- Riyanti Djalante - Assistant Director for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, ASEAN Secretariat, Indonesia
- Melinda Tignor, Head of Working Group II TSU
- Joy Jacqueline Pereira, Co-Chair, Working Group III, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- Winston Chow, Co-Chair Working Group II, Singapore Management University

Event Details

- Date: Thursday, 24 October 2024
- Time: 17:00h – 18.30 h SGT (registration begins at 16:30)
- Venue: RWS Convention Centre Gemini Room
- Address: Resorts World Convention Centre (Resorts World Sentosa), Singapore 098269 Gemini Function Room
- Note: All panelists are welcome to join the reception at the end of the event

Programme

- 17.00-17.05: Emcee (Woo Qiyun) to open the room and share house rules (5 mins)
- 17.05-17.10: Context setting by Melinda Tignor, Head of TSU (5 mins)
- 17.10 - 17.15: Opening statement: Dr. Riyanti Djalante on the importance of ASEAN researchers and experts to engage with the IPCC (5 mins)
- 17:15-17:20: Emcee to invite Moderator (Mukesh) onto the stage
- 17.20 - 17.25: Introduction by each Co-Chair for 5 mins (10 mins)
- 17.25 – 17.40: Co-chairs discussion with opening questions from Mukesh focusing on IPCC participation for researchers in ASEAN, SW Pacific and Asia region (15 mins)
- 17.40 – 18.15: Moderated discussion between speakers and participants (35 mins)
- 18.15 – 18.25: Reflections on discussion (10 mins)

- 18.25 – 18.30: Closing (5 mins)

Administrative Note for Participants

Emcee will highlight at the start of the event for housekeeping rules, for phones to be silent. Participants will be informed that media will be present in the room, and the call will be recorded as well.

PANEL DISCUSSION

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

17.15 Good evening, everyone, and a very warm welcome to today's dialogue on 'Towards IPCC AR7: How can ASEAN climate experts be involved?' I'm Mukesh Gupta, Science Officer, and I have the pleasure of being your moderator for the panel discussion today.

This event is a hybrid event, with some of you joining us online via Zoom and others attending in person. We're here to discuss the vital importance of ensuring that the diverse voices and experiences from ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific are well-represented in the IPCC's upcoming seventh assessment report, AR7.

We'll explore how experts from our region can meaningfully contribute to the global climate conversation and address the unique challenges faced by our communities.

Before we begin, I would like to kindly ask Professor Joy & Winston here to introduce themselves to our participants.

MODERATED DISCUSSION

17:25 – 17:40: Co-Chairs Discussion with Opening Questions from Mukesh (15 mins)

We'd like to start the discussion by asking our audience this question: [What challenges have you faced when trying to engage with the IPCC process?](#) If you look to the screen, you can see the MENTI code and we would kindly ask you take a few minutes to fill in your thoughts.

Professor Chow, Professor Pereira, I'd like to start by asking both of you: [How did the both of you get started with the IPCC? At which stage of your career were you at?](#)

[Looking at the responses from the Mentimeter](#), what have been the key barriers preventing greater participation of ASEAN researchers in previous IPCC assessment cycles? How do you see these barriers being overcome in the lead-up to AR7?

Extra: Additionally, how can ASEAN voices enhance the IPCC's work, especially considering the region's unique vulnerabilities and climate challenges?

AUDIENCE Q&A

17.40 - 18:15

Thank you for that insightful discussion. We now open the floor to questions and reflections from our audience. If you're here in person, please raise your hand, please kindly type your question into the chat.

Internal: In case we do not get sufficient questions from the audience, here are few questions that the moderator can raise to spark insightful discussions:

- How can early-career researchers from ASEAN overcome the hurdles of contributing to the IPCC process, particularly given the region's limited research funding?
- How does IPCC balance the need for inclusivity, integration of diverse knowledge systems including local and indigenous knowledge with its commitment to producing high-quality, evidence-based assessments?
- What steps should be taken to build capacity and networks among ASEAN climate experts to encourage more active participation in future IPCC reports?
- Could you both share some advice for aspiring ASEAN contributors to the IPCC, especially those attending this event today?
- Can you share some examples where ASEAN-specific climate change adaptation and mitigation knowledge made a difference in the past?
- (Please add your potential questions that you think could be asked from the audience or questions that should be answered.)

REFLECTIONS

18:15 – 18:25

Thank you all for those wonderful questions and contributions. I'd now like to invite both Prof. Chow and Professor Pereira to reflect on today's discussions. What key takeaways would you emphasize from our conversation, and what should our next steps be to ensure more ASEAN involvement in IPCC AR7?

CLOSING REMARKS

18:25 – 18:30

On behalf of the entire organizing team, I'd like to thank our panelists Prof. Winston Chow and Prof. Joy Pereira for their time, expertise, and valuable insights. Thank you Melinda and Dr. Riyanti for setting the context for the discussion to take place. A special thank you to our audience, both online and here in person, for actively listening and participating in this important discussion.

It's clear that we need to strengthen the presence and voices of ASEAN experts in the IPCC process to ensure that the region's unique challenges are addressed on the global stage. I hope today's discussion has inspired you to get involved and make a difference.

HAND OVER BACK TO EMCEE

Thank you, Professor Joy, Professor Winston and Mukesh, for that enlightening panel. Before we conclude, I'd like to invite all participants to provide us your thoughts on the program through this feedback form. For those of you attending in person to join us for a networking reception right after this session. This will be a great opportunity to continue the conversation, connect with fellow climate experts, and explore potential collaborations. For our online participants, we hope to see you at future events.

Thank you all for joining us, and I wish you a wonderful evening.

End at **18.30**

Annex - Panelists

	<p>Riyanti Djalante</p> <p>Riyanti Djalante is the Assistant Director for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance at the Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). She has vast experiences related to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation research and policy. She is the Lead Author of IPCC Assessment Report 6 Working Group II, IPCC Special Report on impacts of 1.5 degree warming, and the Global Environmental Outlook 6 of the UN Environment Programme. She is the scientific editor of the Journal of Sustainability Science and Progress in Disaster Science Journal. Dr Djalante has been working closely with the UN organizations, particularly UNDRR, UNFCCC, UNEP, UNESCO and UNESCAP.</p> <p>Her current appointments include a member of the Scientific Committee of the IRDR, research fellow of the Earth System Governance Network, Social Science Fellow of the International Council for Science. Previously, she worked as a Research Associate at the UNU Institute of Environment and Human Security in Germany. She also worked for the government in Indonesia accumulatively for 10 years where she has been involved in disaster management and emergency preparedness, development planning and implementations. She has consulted for internationally funded projects on issues related to governance, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in South-East Asia.</p>
	<p>Melinda Tignor</p> <p>Melinda Tignor is the Head of the IPCC Working Group II Technical Support Unit (WGII TSU) for the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report cycle.</p> <p>As Head of the WGII TSU, she is responsible for managing the administrative, governance and procedural aspects of the TSU. She works closely with the WGII Co-Chairs and Bureau in shaping and guiding the strategic and organizational aspects of the cycle. She leads the external relations and serves as overall project manager for the activities and products of the WGII.</p> <p>Melinda is an advisory member of the IPCC Executive Committee and serves on the IPCC Gender Action Team, IPCC Communications Action Team and IPCC Operations Action Team. She participates in IPCC Bureau and Panel Sessions and represents WGII at meetings of the IPCC Financial Task Team and other Task Groups as needed.</p> <p>Melinda has been working at the science–policy interface for almost 20 years. Melinda has extensive experience in developing and managing large international projects and leading multi-cultural teams. Prior to this cycle, she served as Head of TSU for the WGII TSU during the Sixth Assessment Report cycle; as Deputy Head, Director of Operations for the Working Group I (WGI) TSU during</p>

	<p>the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report cycle; and as Project Administrator for the WGI TSU during the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report cycle.</p>
	<p>Winston Chow</p> <p>During the IPCC’s Sixth Assessment Cycle, Dr. Chow was first engaged as a Scoping Expert, then as a Lead Author for the IPCC chapters on “Cities, Settlements and Key Infrastructure,” and “Cities and Settlements by the Sea” in Working Group II’s Sixth Assessment Report published in 2022, and a selected Member of the Task Group on Data Support for Climate Change Assessments.</p> <p>The three assessment reports were released from August 2021 – April 2022, and are essential reading for policymakers and other stakeholders in understanding the current state of global climate change.</p> <p>Together with his author colleagues, who also volunteer their time freely for the organisation, his contributions helped the IPCC to receive the 2022 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity.</p>
	<p>Joy Jacqueline Pereira</p> <p>Joy Jacqueline Pereira obtained a Ph.D. from University of Malaya in 1996, Master of Science from University of Leicester in 1991 and Bachelor of Science with Honours from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 1989, specialising in the field of geoscience. She is a Professor and Principal Research Fellow at the Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative of the Institute for Environment and Development in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (SEADPRI-UKM) and Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia.</p> <p>Her research covers disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and mineral resource management for sustainable development, with a focus on linking science to policy. In 2009, Joy Pereira led the team that developed the National Policy on Climate Change under the aegis of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia. She also developed the National Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan in conjunction with the National Security Council of the Prime Minister’s Department. She is also actively involved in the Science to Action Initiative under the aegis of the Office of the Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia.</p> <p>Joy Pereira is Immediate Past President of the Geological Society of Malaysia, Council Member of the Institute of Geology Malaysia, and Member of the Malaysian Board of Professional Geologists. She was active in the Commission on Geoscience for Environmental Management of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS-GEM) for about a decade, before taking compulsory retirement after serving as Chair from 2004 to 2008. She also served as Senior Advisor to the United Nations International Year of Planet Earth, 2006-2009, prior to her involvement in the IPCC.</p>

Annex – Moderator

[@Mukesh Kumar GUPTA](#) please input your details so I know how to introduce you

Mukesh is the Science Officer of the IPCC Working Group II Technical Support Unit at Singapore Management University. Mukesh provides scientific support in the development of IPCC reports. He has developed a multidisciplinary outlook by working with academia, NGOs, and corporate in different dimensions of energy, climate change, and wider fields of sustainable development. Mukesh holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences and Policy from the Central European University, Budapest.

Annex I – Poster

[Webinar] Towards IPCC AR7: How can ASEAN climate experts be involved?

Dr Winston Chow
Co-Chair, Working Group II
Professor, Singapore Management
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Dr Joy Jacqueline Pereira
Co-Chair, Working Group III
Professor, Universiti Kebangsaan
Malaysia



Join us for a community dialogue with South-East Asian climate scientists, experts, practitioners and IPCC Co-Chairs to discuss ways and opportunities to engage with the IPCC. This is a hybrid event.

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24 October 2024, Thursday
5pm to 6:30pm (UTC+8)
Zoom

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