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PUBLIC DISCUSSION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE IPCC*

What is climate change for Latvia – its inhabitants and economy?

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

30th May 2018, “Zemgales reģiona kompetenču attīstības centrs”, Jelgava, Svētes iela 33

13:40-14:00	Registration and welcome coffee	
14:00-14:05	Opening	Ilze Prūse, Director of Climate change department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia
I What is climate change?		
14:05-14:20	Introduction to climate change science or in other words – why we are sure of climate change?	Lucka Bogataj, IPCC Author
14:20-14:30	Introduction to the IPCC – the source of the most trusted information on climate change	Jonathan Lynn, IPCC Head of Communications
II What is the face of climate change – globally and in Latvia?		
14:30-14:45	Climate Change Global and Local Impacts, Need for Adaptation	Hans-Otto Poertner, Co-Chair of IPCC WGII
14:45-15:00	Past and Future Climate Change in Latvia	Andris Vīksna, Head of the Forecasting Department of the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre
15:00-15:45	Discussion panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hans-Otto Poertner, Co-Chair of IPCC WGII • Andris Vīksna, Head of the Forecasting Department of the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre • Uģis Rotbergs, Chairman of the World Wildlife Fund Latvia (tbc) • Dr.oec., assoc.prof. Dina Popluga, Vice Dean of Science and International Studies of the Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies 	
III What is the solution for climate change – globally and in Latvia?		
15:45-16:00	Mitigation of Climate Change	Diana Urge Vorsatz, Vice-Chair of IPCC WGIII



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16:00-16:15	Paris Agreement's influence	Elīna Baltroka, Head of Climate Change and Adaptation Policy Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia
16:15-17:00	Discussion panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diana Urge Vorsatz, Vice-Chair of IPCC WGIII• Elīna Baltroka, Head of Climate Change and Adaptation Policy Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the• Artūrs Jansons, Director of HomoEcos (tbc)• Andris Vanags, Chairman of the Board of Fortum Jelgava (tbc)	

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- **The IPCC Working Group II (WG II)** assesses the vulnerability of socio-economic and natural systems to climate change, negative and positive consequences of climate change, and options for adapting to it.
- **The IPCC Working Group III (WG III)** assesses options for mitigating climate change through limiting or preventing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing activities that remove them from the atmosphere.