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What does the IPCC’s Fifth Assessment Report signal for BC’s climate future?

The public and media are invited to a special briefing in Vancouver next Monday on the climate change implications for British Columbia based on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report, by Working Group I.

The free event starts at 9:30 am at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue, and is hosted by the [Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions](#) (PICS) and the [Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium](#) (PCIC).

The briefing will provide an overview of the IPCC assessment process, the current extent of climate change, and what the future holds. It is also an opportunity to ask questions of those directly involved in writing the report, including PCIC director and vice chair of the IPCC’s Working Group I, Francis Zwiers.

The IPCC has three working groups: Working Group I deals with the physical science basis of climate change, Working Group II with the impacts and adaptation, and Working Group III with mitigation. A full assessment is done every five to seven years, with the last done in 2007. The Working Group I Summary for Policymakers will be released in Stockholm on Friday (Sept. 27).

PICS executive director Tom Pedersen says IPCC assessments are worldwide scientific collaborative roadmaps to the earth’s changing climate, and a timely reminder of the urgency to address human-caused global warming. He says knowing how climate change will shape our future is important.

“The Vancouver briefing adds value by specifically addressing what the IPCC’s findings mean for this province,” he says. “Climate change will affect our agricultural productivity, our forests, fisheries, the types of pests and diseases we face, the frequency of extreme weather events, and even our capacity to generate hydroelectricity—and policymakers must make decisions in the face of all of these.”

Editors: A summary of implications for British Columbia will be available at the Vancouver briefing.

WHAT: A public briefing on the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report and implications for BC
WHEN: 9:30 – 11: 00 a.m., Monday, September 30, 2013
WHERE: Asia Pacific Hall, Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 280 W. Hastings St. Vancouver
LIVE WEBCAST: <http://creative-services.sfu.ca/broadcast/>

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