

PRESS RELEASE

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**Université Paris-Saclay hosts an IPCC team
at ENS Paris-Saclay**

As of 1 December 2023, Université Paris-Saclay is hosting the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group I Technical Support Unit (TSU). Hosted at ENS Paris-Saclay, the team of approximately fifteen people in the long term, will provide scientific, technical, operational and communication support to the members of the Working Group I Bureau and to all authors for the preparation and production of IPCC climate assessment reports.

The IPCC provides policymakers with rigorous, transparent and objective scientific assessments on climate change, its implications and potential future risks, and puts forward adaptation and mitigation options (<https://www.ipcc.ch/>).

The IPCC is divided into three Working Groups:

- Working Group I deals with the Physical Science Basis of Climate Change,
- Working Group II focuses on Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability,
- Working Group III studies the Mitigation of Climate Change.

Each Working Group is supported by a Technical Support Unit (TSU), hosted in the country of nationality of the Co-Chair(s) of the respective Working Groups. Following the election of Robert Vautard in July 2023 (with Xiaoye Zhang of the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences in Beijing as Co-Chair), the French government, via the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of ecology (via ADEME), and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, set up and funds the Working Group I TSU.

Robert Vautard* is Co-Chair of Working Group I, and is a meteorologist and climate scientist. He is a Research Director at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and was head of the Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace (IPSL: CEA, CNRS, École des ponts ParisTech, École polytechnique, IRD, Sorbonne Université, Université Paris-Saclay, UVSQ) from 2019 to 2023, which coordinates climate research laboratories in the Paris area. He has worked previously with the IPCC as one of the Coordinating Lead Authors of the Chapter 12 on “Climate change information for regional impact and for risk assessment” (Sixth Assessment report).

Université Paris-Saclay has welcomed the Working Group I TSU at ENS Paris-Saclay as of 1 December 2023. Hosting the IPCC team is strongly aligned with the university’s strategy, as through its sustainable development charter, it is committed to fostering greater ties between science and society. This means supporting the production of knowledge about environmental change, associated risks and the necessary technical and natural means to achieve sustainability.

* From 2015 to 2023, Valérie Masson-Delmotte was Co-Chair of Working Group I.

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay was born from the shared ambition of French universities, *grandes écoles* and national research organisations. As a leading university in Europe and the world, it covers the fields of science and engineering, life sciences and health, and humanities and social sciences. The university's science policy closely intertwines research and innovation, incorporating both basic and applied science to tackle major societal challenges. Université Paris-Saclay offers a varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level degrees, including programmes with its *grandes écoles*, all of which are focused on achieving student success and employability. The university prepares students for an ever-changing world where the ability to think critically, remain agile and renew one's skills are crucial. Université Paris-Saclay also offers a comprehensive range of lifelong learning courses. Located to the south of Paris, the university extends across a vast and rich local area. Its location strengthens both its international visibility and its close ties with its socio-economic partners (major companies, SMEs, start-ups, local authorities, charities).

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