



## Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele

IPCC Chair candidate

IPCC Vice-Chair (2008 — 2015), involved in IPCC and the UNFCCC since 1995;  
full professor of climate and sustainable development;  
co-author of the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019

**I want the IPCC to be the « Voice of Climate »  
in order to provide all policymakers  
with the best and most useful scientific information**

Prof. van Ypersele's candidacy has the official support of the Belgian Government

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## My vision for the IPCC

- The IPCC must be the most scientifically solid « Voice of Climate » at the international level
- The IPCC must become even more useful for policymakers, without being prescriptive
- The IPCC work must contribute to the achievement of the Agenda 2030 and of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals
- As an international body, the IPCC needs to include considerations of climate justice to facilitate shifting development pathways towards sustainability and just transition
- The IPCC must be inclusive (gender balance, developing countries participation...), respectful of all people and cultures, open to more disciplines and more interdisciplinarity, and help train more young scientists into the IPCC process, recognising the essential role of young people with fresh ideas

## Professional experience

- Seasoned climate physicist with 40 years of interdisciplinary experience in research and science-policy dialogue
- Awarded science communicator, sought out by media for interviews about climate change and sustainable development issues; trained in non-violent communication and the chairing of meetings
- Participated in the Rio and Rio+20 Earth Summits (1992 and 2012), and almost all UNFCCC Conferences of the Parties, as scientific advisor; co-chaired numerous successful contact groups
- Elected one of the three IPCC Vice-Chairs from 2008 to 2015, and involved with the IPCC since 1995 (contributed to the famous sentence « The balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on global climate »); Lead Author for the Third Assessment Report (2001); elected Vice-Chair of IPCC Working Group II (Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability) (2002-2008); co-author of the IPCC AR5 Synthesis Report (2014)
- Co-chaired numerous successful contact groups during IPCC meetings, for all three Working Groups
- Appointed by the UN Secretary General in 2016 as co-author of the first Quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report, published in 2019
- Joint organizer of several international scientific conferences on climate change, desertification, and sustainable development
- Member of the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development since its inception (1992) and Chair of its Energy & Climate Working Group and Co-Chair of its Financing the Transition Working Group, where he stimulates a constructive dialogue between all stakeholders and experts

## Academic qualifications

- Physicist specialized in climatology holding a Ph.D. obtained in 1986 at Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain, Belgium) thanks to research work done at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, NCAR (USA)
- Full professor of climatology and sustainable development at UCLouvain
- Specialized in modelling climate change and its effects on human activities; has worked with economists and social scientists in an interdisciplinary perspective to move sustainable development forward
- Member of the Belgian Royal Academy; holder of numerous awards and distinctions

More information, including list of publications on: [www.climate.be/vanyp](http://www.climate.be/vanyp)

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