

Key Messages in [video](#) by Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, IPCC Chair candidate nominated by Belgium

Hello,

Most of you know me: I have probably had the opportunity of meeting you during an IPCC meeting or when I was visiting one of the 60 Member States in which my campaign to be elected IPCC Chair has led me to.

For the last 36 years, I have been working as a climate scientist on the issues raised by climate change. My collaboration with the IPCC started 20 years ago and as Vice-Chair since 2008, I have helped the IPCC to go through some rough turbulence. I have also attended nearly every “COP”, the Conferences of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change: this helped me to understand what kind of information policymakers really needed.

For an IPCC that plays its full part

I am convinced that the IPCC has an increasingly important part to play in the years to come: it will have to provide worldwide policymakers with the best scientific data, the most objective and most rigorous information concerning all aspects of climate change.

For an IPCC that communicates better

IPCC will have to better communicate, to explain better its assessments in every language of the United Nations, with words understandable by everybody in its Summaries for Policymakers.

For a more open and collaborative IPCC

To provide this policy-relevant information while remaining neutral about the different choices policymakers must make, I am convinced we need a more open and collaborative IPCC. We need a better collaboration between the different parts of IPCC, between the different people involved in IPCC, so that there is a real team spirit for our common purpose. I will also seek to develop new partnerships, to achieve together what the IPCC cannot do by itself.

For an inclusive IPCC

As Chair of the IPCC I would like to further enhance inclusiveness: I will work on ways to increase and facilitate the participation of scientists from developing countries in the IPCC process. My dream is to build an IPCC where everybody feels acknowledged and respected, fully respected. An IPCC in which women have a larger role to play, a dynamic IPCC, where young people can benefit from the experience and rigour of authors who have a longer participation in the IPCC process.

For an IPCC that listens more

Remaining at your disposal to listen to any of your suggestions or difficulties that the IPCC can help solve is also one of my priorities. I will be a **full-time** IPCC Chair, thanks to the generosity of my university. If I am elected, I am committed to serve all Members of the IPCC.

I am ready!

Thank you for your trust.