



Jean-Pascal van Ypersele

Currently Vice-Chair of the IPCC

Belgium's candidate for the position of IPCC Chair
(Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)
The elections are due to take place in October 2015





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Personal data

- Born in Brussels, 1957
- Working languages : French, English, Dutch, some Italian
- Curious about other cultures; extensively travelled; aware of development questions
- Trained in chairing meetings and non-violent communication; works well with people of different opinions and builds consensus where possible

Academic qualifications

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

Professional experience

- Co-director of the UCL Masters programme in Science and Management of the Environment
- Stimulates a constructive dialogue between all stakeholders as Chair of the Energy & Climate Working Group of the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development
- Seasoned science communicator, sought out by media for interviews
- Joint organizer of several international scientific conferences on desertification, climate change, and sustainable development
- 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 contact groups around research on Article 6 of the Convention (education, awareness-raising, etc)
- 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); elected one of the three IPCC Vice-Chairs in 2008
- Vice-Chair member of the IPCC Communications Action Team
- Co-chaired numerous successful contact groups during IPCC meetings; most recently, the groups in charge of the entire Section C (Drivers of Climate Change) of the Working Group I Summary for Policy makers (SPM) and all Figures and Tables included in the Working Group III SPM for the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5). These sections were then adopted in minutes by the Panel

More information, including list of publications on: www.climate.be/vanyp

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