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Press conference

IPCC Special Report on Extremes First Authors Meeting, 9-12 November 2009

Panama- More than 90 world experts from the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** will gather in Panama City on 9-12 November 2009 to discuss the contents of a new IPCC assessment in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

In its Fourth Assessment Report, the IPCC predicted more frequent and severe extreme events such as storms, droughts and floods in the future due to climate change. The new Special Report called: “Managing the Risk of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation” will assess measures that governments and people can take to build resilience to weather and climate hazards.

This is the first time that the IPCC authors meet to develop the contents of the Special Report, which will be completed in 2011 after technical and governmental reviews.

In order to present the objectives of the report, the UN International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction is convening all media to participate in a press conference that will be held at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Edificio Tupper — 401, Ave. Luis F. Clement, Ancon, Panama, on Wednesday 11 November 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Main speakers:

Mr. Vicente Barros, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II

Mr. Salvano Briceno, Director of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Mr. Ricardo Mena, Regional Coordinator, Americas, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Interviews can also be arranged after the press conference upon request.

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