

IPCC

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPCC_Fifth_Assessment_Report

The Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) will consist of three Working Group (WG) Reports and a Synthesis Report. The first Working Group Report was published in 2013 and the rest will be completed in 2014.

- WG I: The Physical Science Basis – 30 September 2013, [Summary for Policymakers](#) published 27 September 2013.^[4]
- WG II: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability – 31 March 2014
- WG III: Mitigation of Climate Change – 11 April 2014
- AR5 Synthesis Report (SYR) – 31 October 2014

The AR5 provides an update of knowledge on the [scientific](#), technical and [socio-economic](#) aspects of [climate change](#).

More than 800 authors, selected from around 3,000 nominations, are involved in writing the report. Lead authors' meetings and a number of workshops and expert meetings, in support of the assessment process, have been held. A schedule of AR5 related meetings, review periods, and other important dates has been published.^[7]

On 14 December 2012, drafts of the Working Group 1 (WG1) report were leaked and posted on the Internet.^[8] The release of the summary for policymakers occurred on 27 September 2013.^[4] Halldór Thorgeirsson, a UN official, has warned that, because big companies are known to fund [the undermining of climate science](#), scientists should be prepared for an increase in negative publicity at this time.

"Vested interests are paying for the discrediting of scientists all the time. We need to be ready for that," he said.^[9]

Marking the finalization of the *Physical Science Basis* UN Secretary General [Ban Ki-moon](#) addressed the IPCC at Stockholm on 27 September. He stated that "the heat is on. We must act". Jennifer Morgan, from the [World Resources Institute](#), said "Hopefully the IPCC will inspire leadership, from the Mom to the business leader, to the mayor to the head of state."^[10] US Secretary of State [John Kerry](#) responded to the report saying "This is yet another wakeup call: those who deny the science or choose excuses over action are playing with fire."^[11]