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# news release

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Briefing on Major International Climate Report: Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation**

**OTTAWA, April 4, 2007** - On April 6, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will release the second part of its Fourth Assessment Report to the international community, at a press conference in Brussels. The Report represents the consensus of the international scientific community on the state of the world's climate. The **Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences** and the **Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction** are pleased to **invite you to a briefing** on the key findings of the report at **10am on Tuesday April 10**, in the Auditorium of the International Development Research Centre, **250 Albert Street**, in Ottawa.

The report of IPCC's Working Group II looks at what is now known about the impacts of climate change; the vulnerability of the environment, ecosystems and humans to its effects; and the need to adapt to the consequences of the changes. (The report of Working Group III, on Mitigation, will be released in Thailand, May 4 2007).

The briefing will give you the chance to hear directly from Canadians from university and government, who have contributed directly to the report. The experts will identify the main challenges for Canada and for the global community, areas of particular risk or vulnerability, and adaptation strategies. They will present key issues from the Panel's Report for Policymakers and identify the challenges that lie ahead for Canada and for the global community.

Dr. Gordon McBean, Chairman, Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences, will chair the session.

#### **Participating speakers:**

- **Paul Kovacs** is founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction; Adjunct Research Professor of Economics at the University of Western Ontario; and a co-author of the 2001 and 2007 Working Group II reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He will the review key findings in the Report;
- **Don Forbes** is a senior research scientist with Natural Resources Canada in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He is the former program manager for climate change research in the Earth Sciences Sector of NRCan and an expert on the impacts of storms and sea-level rise on coastal areas;

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- **Chris Furgal** is a leading Canadian researcher on the health and human impacts of climate change in Arctic communities. His presentation will discuss the impacts of climate change for Arctic regions and residents;
- **Ian Burton** is an international expert on natural hazards management, risk assessment and adaptation to climate change. An independent scholar and consultant, he holds emeritus positions at the University of Toronto and Environment Canada.

The briefing will be held:

**10:00am to 11:15am (followed by light refreshments)**  
**Tuesday April 10, 2007**  
**International Development Research Centre**  
**250 Albert Street (Ottawa)**  
**Auditorium, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Media representatives are required to confirm their attendance in advance with the Foundation at 613-238-2223 extension 201.**

**NOTE: Speakers will be available for media interviews following the session.**

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