

Preliminary Agenda (version of November 25th)

WCRP/IPCC Co-sponsored Workshop on Earth System High Impact Events, Tipping Points and their Consequences (HIETP)

26-28 November 2025, Sorbonne University Paris, Jussieu-Campus

Rooms:

	26 Nov	Esclangon Building
	27 Nov	Plenary Amphi 25
	28 Nov	Plenary Tour Zamansky 24th Floor, room 2400
	27+28 Nov	Other rooms to be announced in Tour Zamansky and Tour 45

DAY 1	
08.15 - 09.00	Registration - Esclangon Building Hall
09.00 - 10.00	Opening Session - Moderator: Pascale Braconnot, WCRP JSC Welcome addresses by the hosts <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sophie Godin-Beekmann, Director L'Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace - IPSL and Sorbonne University● Gerhard Krinner, CNRS INSU● Corinne Borel, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, France● Amelie Coantic, Ministry for Ecological Transition, CGDD, France● James Palmer, Ministry for the Environment of New Zealand (videomessage) Introduction and vision for the workshop (Tim Naish, WCRP Chair, Robert Vautard, WGI Cochair)
Group photo and coffee	
10.30 - 12.00	Kick-off survey on High Impact Events and Tipping Points (HIETP) concepts and perceptions Overview and critical appraisal of HIETP in global scientific assessments - Keynotes and exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none">● WGI (Thomas Stocker, AR5 WGI Cochair)● WGII (Zelina Zaiton Ibrahim, AR6/AR7 WGII CLA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPBES (David Obura, IPBES Chair)
lunch	
13.00 - 14.00	Science Input I: Overview panel on framing, concepts, and challenges Session Facilitators: Gabriele Hegerl, Alaa Al Khourdajie (WCRP Tipping Point Assessment (TPA) leads)
14.00 - 15.00	Science Input II: Lightning talks for systems and knowledge sources Session Facilitators: Anastasia Romanou, Narelle Van der Wal (WRP TPA leads)
coffee	
15.15 - 16:45 with coffee	World Café – Research on HIETPs across Earth system components: what we know and don't know, what's new, what's coming, what's missing? - Moderators: Laura Gallardo, IPCC WGII Vicechair, Tim Naish, WCRP Chair Small group discussions in “world café style” around ~ten tables, responding to prior presentations and collecting insights on the most impactful events, areas of strongest agreement, highest uncertainty, or most controversy, key gaps and relevant new science. Participants are invited to switch tables at halftime, to open additional/alternative topical tables, and provide input for the Day 2 program. Each group will be asked to produce a report back slide capturing key findings. Tables will be facilitated by SSC members and TPA authors for the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cryosphere - Atlantic Ocean - Southern Ocean - Tropical Land (ecosystems) - Boreal ecosystem and high latitudes - Marine and coastal ecosystems - Atmospheric circulation, monsoons and clouds - Tipping in impact systems - High impact events beyond “tipping”
16:45 - 18.00	Uptake I: Panel discussion – Perspectives on HIETP across regions Session Facilitator: Anna Sörensson, WCRP JSC, Speakers: IPCC Bureau members
break	
20.30 - 23.15	Social Event: Dinner cruise on the Seine
DAY 2	
09:30 - 10:30	Report back from Worldcafé, Feedback on Day 1 Brief reflections by Co-Chairs and introduction to morning BOGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xiaoye Zhang, IPCC WGI Co-chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winston Chow, IPCC WGII Co-chair • Joy Pereira, IPCC WGIII Co-chair
coffee	
10.45 - 12.15	Breakout group phase I – Concepts and definitions Group I (Robert Vautard, Hannah Liddy): Tour 45/55 - IPSL201 Group II (Ricarda Winkelmann, Aida Diongue-Niang): Tour Zamansky TZ 2307 Group III (Gabi Hegerl, Narelle van der Wel): Tour Zamansky TZ 2402
lunch	
13.30 – 14.45	Overview of results from BOGI Uptake II: Keynotes on decision making and governance in the context of HIETP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation (Marjolin Haasnoot, WGII AR6/7 LA) • Mitigation (Holly Buck, WGIII AR7 CLA) Open exchange
coffee	
15.15 - 16.30	Breakout group phase II Rooms tbd: TZ 2402, TZ 2307, Tour 45/55 - IPSL201, LOCEAN - Tour 45/55, Room 417, LATMOS - Tour 45/46 Room 411 a. Concepts and definitions - synthesis b. Evidence and Tools I c. Adaptation and Mitigation responses d. Tipping dynamics in ecosystems e. Open (tbd for emerging topics)
16.30 – 17.45	Breakout group phase III Rooms tbd: TZ 2402, TZ 2307, Tour 45/55 - IPSL201, LOCEAN - Tour 45/55, Room 417, LATMOS - Tour 45/46 Room 411 a. Concepts, definitions, and framework - guidance for AR7 b. Evidence and Tools II c. Cascading climate impacts and regional consequences d. Carbon cycle feedbacks e. Open (tbd for emerging topics)
DAY 3	
09.00 – 10.30	Stocktake plenary Key learnings, areas of consensus, and points of divergence

	Presentation of draft guidance on definitions and framework	
10.30 - 11.00	Science communication: Improving communication around HIETP (Sue Escott, Escott Hunt Ltd)	
coffee		
11.15 – 12.30	Breakout group phase IV (TZ 2402, 2307) Remaining key issues Drafting groups for guidance	Communication Workshops Guided mini-workshops on communicating uncertainty and risk, dealing with disagreement, and developing narratives
lunch		
13.45 – 14.15	Stocktake plenary	
14:15 – 15.30	Breakout group phase V (TZ 2402, 2307) Drafting groups for guidance, conclusions, and summary slides	
coffee		
16.00 – 17.30	Final plenary Presentation and discussion of draft guidance and conclusions Summary presentation of communications workshop Closing of the session	

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Breakout sessions
TZ - Rooms 2307 & 2402

Breakout sessions
IPSL 44/55 - 201
LOCEAN 45/55 - 417
LATMOS 45/46 - 411

26 NOV.
Plenaries
Amphi Durand
Caves Esclancon
(breaks & Lunch)

27 NOV.
Plenaries
Amphi 25 &

28 NOV.
Plenaries
TZ-Room 2400

27 NOV.
Patio (breaks)

27 NOV.
Brasserie L'Ardoise
(Lunch)

28 NOV.
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(Lunch)