

Preliminary Agenda (version of November 12th)

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
	All	Other rooms to be announced

DAY 1	
08.15 - 09.00	Registration - Esclangon Building Hall
09.00 - 10.00	Welcome addresses by the hosts • L'Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace - IPSL (tbd) • Government of France (tbd) • Government of New Zealand (tbd) Introduction and vision for the workshop (Tim Naish, WCRP Chair, Robert Vautard, WGI Cochair)
coffee	
10.30 - 12.00	Kick-off survey on High Impact Events and Tipping Points (HIETP) concepts and perceptions Keynotes: Overview and critical appraisal of HIETP in global scientific assessments • WGI (Thomas Stocker, AR5 WGI Cochair) • WGII (Zelina Zaiton Ibrahim, AR6/AR7 WGII CLA) • 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?
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 • Xiaoye Zhang, IPCC WGI Co-chair • Winston Chow, IPCC WGII Co-chair • Joy Pereira, IPCC WGIII Co-chair
coffee	
10.45 - 12.15	Breakout group phase I – Concepts and definitions
lunch	
13.30 – 14.45	Overview of results from BOGI Uptake II: Keynotes on decision making and governance in the context of HIETP • Adaptation (Marjolin Haasnoot, WGII AR6/7 LA) • Mitigation (Holly Buck, WGIII AR7 CLA) Open exchange
coffee	
15.15 - 16.30	Breakout group phase II 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 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 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 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	