

Hoesung Lee

Position

Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC);
Endowed Chair Professor, Graduate School of Energy and Environment, Korea University

Country

Republic of Korea

Career history

Dr. Hoesung Lee is Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), elected since October 2015, and Endowed Chair Professor at Korea University Graduate School of Energy and Environment, Seoul, Korea. He is a council member of the Global Green Growth Institute, and Chairman of the Asian Development Bank President's Advisory Board on Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Lee was the founding president of the Korea Energy Economics Institute -- a government agency for national energy policy development. He was Distinguished Research Fellow at the Korea Environment Institute, senior adviser to the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Minister of Environment, senior fellow at the Korea Development Institute and economist at Exxon Company USA. He served as the president of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), a member of the International Advisory Board of the Battelle-Pacific Northwest National Lab, USA, the Board of Directors of Hyundai Corporation and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan. He served as Vice-Chair of IPCC 2008-2015, and Co-chair of Working Group III of the Second Assessment, lead author and review editor for the various IPCC assessments. He was named to the 2019 TIME 100 Most Influential People in the world. He received the 2020 IAEE Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Profession. He received The 2020 Asian Environmental Award sponsored by the Chosun Ilbo of Korea and the Mainichi Shimbun of Japan.

Areas of expertise

Economics of energy and climate change