

Hoesung Lee

ICEF Steering Committee;

Former Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Nationality

Korea

Career History

Hoesung Lee was the Chair of the IPCC elected in 2015 for its Sixth Assessment cycle completed in July 2023. He is chair of the Asian Development Bank President's Advisory Board on Climate Change and Sustainable Development. He was an endowed chair professor at Korea University Graduate School of Energy and Environment. He was the founding president of the Korea Energy Economics Institute -- a government agency for national energy policy development. He was a distinguished research fellow at the Korea Environment Institute, senior adviser to the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Minister of Environment, a 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, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan, and the Global Green Growth Institute. He was Co-chair of the IPCC Working Group III (the socio-economic dimensions of climate change) of the Second Assessment which provided a scientific basis for the UNFCCC's Kyoto Protocol. He served as Vice-chair of IPCC 2008-2015, and lead author and review editor for the various IPCC assessments. He was named to the 2019 TIME 100 Most Influential People in the World and the 2021 Bloomberg 50 List.

Awards / Publications

2020 IAEE Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Profession

National Merit Order of Dongbaek Medal 2023, Republic of Korea

Climate Change 2023: Synthesis Report. Contribution of Working Group I, II, III to the Sixth



Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [Core Writing Team, H. Lee and J. Romero (eds)], IPCC, Geneva, Switzerland, 184 pp.