

**REPORT OF THE 37TH SESSION  
OF THE IPCC BUREAU**

Budapest, 7-8 April 2008

**1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1.1 The Chair of the IPCC, Mr Rajendra K. Pachauri, opened the session at 10 a.m.

1.2 Mr Pachauri paid tribute to the memory of Prof. Bert Bolin, IPCC Chairman Emeritus, and the assembly observed a minute of silence. Mrs Renate Christ made a short speech recalling the most recent involvement of Prof. Bert Bolin in IPCC events, followed by a number of interventions in memoriam from Bureau members

1.3 The annotated agenda as approved is attached as **Annex 1**. The list of participants is attached as **Annex 2**.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

The Bureau approved the draft report of its 36<sup>th</sup> Session without any amendments.

**3. FINALIZATION OF THE TECHNICAL PAPER ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER.**

Mr. Pachauri recalled that, as stipulated in the IPCC procedures, Technical Papers “are finalized by the Lead Authors, in consultation with the IPCC Bureau which functions in the role of an Editorial Board, based on the comments received”. He then chaired a discussion on the content of the document, chapter by chapter, and comments were submitted to the Lead Authors. The Bureau felt that a specific effort should be made in an extension of the executive summary, which should more explicitly present the main conclusions of the report. A revised summary was prepared during the session and finally approved by the Bureau. The Technical Support Unit (TSU) then prepared a revised version to be distributed at the Plenary. After the meeting, a final edited version will be prepared by the TSU for printing and translation in all UN languages by the Secretariat.

**4 ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS**

The Deputy Secretary introduced a proposal for admission of observer organizations (BUR-XXXVII/Doc.3) that was prepared based on submissions received. The Bureau agreed to endorse the Secretariat proposal and submit it to the Panel for consideration: the proposed list includes 3 new Intergovernmental Organizations and 14 new Non Governmental Organizations, out of which twelve are already accredited by the UNFCCC. The two additional ones, the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEst) based in the United Kingdom, and Wetland International, based in the Netherlands have provided a complete set of documents as required by the IPCC Policy. A third one, Au Sable Institute for Environmental Studies, based in the United States of America, did not provide sufficient documentation.

## **5. LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE FOURTH ASSESSMENT PERIOD AND FUTURE OF THE IPCC**

The Bureau was invited to express its views on lessons learnt from the fourth assessment period, and on aspects of the IPCC structure or working arrangements which may be reviewed and revised in the light of past experience. The Bureau was also invited to consider key aspects of the future IPCC work programme and the future structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau. A number of comments illustrated or complemented material already available in the documents submitted on this subject to the Plenary. It was agreed that the Plenary should come up with a small number of key decisions which are required for the election process to be held in September, such as the number and broad definition of the Working Groups, the size of the future Bureau and the length of the next assessment cycle. Other major issues which were highlighted, such as the Working Group coordination, the relative weight of main topics, the exact sequence of the reports, the preparation of the synthesis, and the further development of outreach, should be left to be handled by the next Bureau, with the help of inputs received from delegations.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Bureau held discussions on three important matters in preparation for the Plenary, on the use of the Nobel Prize funds, on the development of new scenarios, and on the preparation of the celebration of IPCC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- It was agreed that the Nobel Prize funds should help develop a sustainable action in support to awareness and capacity building on climate change issues in developing countries. This action should be clearly distinct from the regular range of activities of IPCC. The funds could form the nucleus of a new trust fund, which could be fed by additional donations, to be run by a small committee under the supervision of the FiTT. It was proposed that this trust fund could be baptized in memory of Bert Bolin.

- Mr. Richard Moss presented and entertained a discussion on the project of development of new scenarios. The Bureau was of the opinion that the development of new scenarios should be done in close coordination with government representatives. It suggested that a summary report finalized by the steering committee be printed, widely distributed and translated in all UN languages.

- The Bureau made a number of suggestions on the organization of the IPCC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to be organized in Geneva on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

## **7. CLOSING**

The Bureau concluded its 37<sup>th</sup> Session at 17.00 on 8 April 2008, and no new Session was scheduled ahead of the upcoming elections.

**ANNEX 1**

IPCC BUREAU  
THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION  
Budapest, 7-8 April 2008

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Agenda item: 1  
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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**

- 1.1 Tribute to Prof. Bert Bolin IPCC Chairman Emeritus
- 1.2 Working arrangements
- 1.3 Adoption of the agenda

**2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION**

**3. FINALIZATION OF THE TECHNICAL PAPER ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER.**

As stipulated in the IPCC procedures, Technical Papers “are finalized by the Lead Authors, in consultation with the IPCC Bureau which functions in the role of an Editorial Board, based on the comments received”. The Bureau will have before it the final draft of the Technical Paper on Climate Change and Water, which has been reviewed by experts and governments as mandated by the IPCC procedures.

**4. ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANISATIONS**

Consistent with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organisations, the Bureau has to consider and review the list of organizations which applied for observer status in the IPCC before the list is submitted to the Panel for consideration and acceptance.

**5. LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE FOURTH ASSESSMENT PERIOD AND FUTURE OF THE IPCC**

The Bureau is invited to express its views on lessons learnt from the fourth assessment period, and on aspects of the IPCC structure or working arrangements which may be reviewed and revised in the light of past experience. The Bureau is also invited to consider key aspects of the future IPCC work programme and the future structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION**

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