

TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
16 January 2014, 3:00-4:30 PM CET - Teleconference

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

R. K. Pachauri (Chair); I. Elgizouli; H. Lee; J.-P. van Ypersele; T. Stocker; V. Barros; C. Field; O. Edenhofer; R. Pichs-Madruga; T. Hiraishi.

Advisory Members:

R. Christ; P. Midgley (on behalf of G.-K. Plattner); D. Dokken; J. Minx; K. Tanabe; L. Meyer.

Others:

G. Leone (minutes).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The ExCom adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting (EXCOM-XXVI/Doc.1), as attached in **Annex 1**.

The Chair of the IPCC and members congratulated C. Field, Co-Chair, Working Group II (WGII), on having been awarded the 2013 BBVA *Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award* in the climate change category. They also expressed appreciation to P. Midgley for her work as Head of the Working Group I (WGI) Technical Support Unit (TSU) and welcomed G.-K. Plattner, who has now replaced her in that function. P. Midgley will continue working at the WGI TSU as Director of Communications and International Relations. Finally, the ExCom expressed satisfaction at the recently held meeting of the Synthesis Report Core Writing Team meeting (SYR CWT-3) and appreciation to all those who were involved.

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS OF EXCOM-25

The draft conclusions and decisions of ExCom-25 were adopted and will be finalized once the discussion on the item "Handling of Review Editors' Reports" is completed.

3. URGENT ISSUES RELATED TO IPCC PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

2.1 Handling of Review Editors' Reports

It was noted that two Bureau members have suggested that this matter be discussed by the Bureau. Given the urgency, the ExCom felt that a decision was needed now. However, a discussion on this issue will also be scheduled in the next meeting of the Bureau. The ExCom, therefore, agreed on the need for a uniform approach; Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) Review Editors' Reports will be made publicly available upon finalisation of the respective reports along with the review comments and author responses, and in line with the WGI approach as described at ExCom-25. The relevant Working Groups (WGs) will interact with their Review Editors as appropriate before publication of their Reports.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1.	To develop and distribute to the ExCom a draft email addressed to Review Editors on the matter of the publication of their Reports.	T. Stocker	17 January 2014

J.-P. van Ypersele, IPCC Vice-Chair, emphasized the need for openness and for proactively making Review Editors' Reports available. T. Hiraishi, Co-Chair, Task Force Bureau (TFB), confirmed that the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) will make the Review Editors' Reports related to its two most recent Methodology Reports available to the public at the same time as the review comments and author responses.

4. MATTERS OF COORDINATION

4.1 IPCC-39: Preparation of documents of relevance to the ExCom

The Secretary of the IPCC referred to the IPCC-39 agenda and called the attention of the ExCom members to the deadlines for the submission of documents to the Panel, i.e. 10 March 2014 (four weeks in advance of the session) and 6 February 2014 (sixty days in the case of financial documents). The members will receive requests for the documents under their responsibility (mostly those under item 9. of the agenda, i.e. "Progress Reports") from the Secretariat in the near future. The Secretary also highlighted that IPCC-39 will last only one day and, therefore, the time for the presentation of reports will be very limited.

5. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

5.1. Overview of ongoing and planned communication and outreach activities

The Secretary of the IPCC referred to the discussion held at the meeting of the Communication Action Team (CAT) on 15 January 2014 and the agreement to translate the summary volumes of all AR5 components in all UN languages. WG II confirmed that this was also the case for their report. The ExCom expressed appreciation for this agreement.

The Secretary of the IPCC also referred to the following events of relevance for the IPCC work, scheduled during the month of June. Participation at the adequate level and, for the WMO and UNEP sessions, organization of side events need to be planned:

- (i) UNFCCC: Bonn Climate Change Conference (4-15 June 2014, Bonn, Germany): 40th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), 40th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), 3rd session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP)
- (ii) WMO: Executive Council, 66th Session (18-27 June 2014, Geneva, Switzerland);
- (iii) UNEP: United Nations Environment Assembly of the UNEP (UNEA), 1st Session (23-27 June 2014, Nairobi, Kenya).

The Senior Communications Manager described the communications-related plans at the upcoming IPCC sessions in Yokohama, Japan. He also referred to the 2014 overview that he had previously distributed to the ExCom.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

C. Field, Co-Chair, WGII, raised a question on the issue of accommodation for participants in the Yokohama meetings and the U.N. Daily Subsistence Allowance granted to the participants sponsored by the IPCC Trust Fund and to the IPCC Secretariat. The Chair of the IPCC suggested that he would set up a teleconference including the Chair of the IPCC, the Co-Chairs of WGII, and the Secretary of the IPCC to discuss this matter.

The meeting closed at 04:30 PM.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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