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(Submitted by the Co-Chairs of the Task Force Bureau)

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Wetlands Supplement and KP Supplement

1. The two Methodology Reports prepared by the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) at the invitation of UNFCCC, were adopted and accepted by the IPCC Plenary at its 37th Session in Batumi, Georgia, on 14-18 October 2013. Those two reports are: the *2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement)*, and the *2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol (KP Supplement)*. The TFI released their pre-publication versions on its website on 2 November 2013 for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

2. The SBSTA, at its 39th Session (SBSTA 39) in Warsaw in November 2013, welcomed the timely completion of the IPCC's work on these two reports. Further, the SBSTA concluded to continue the discussion to explore the use of the *Wetlands Supplement*. Following the SBSTA discussion, the Conference of the Parties serving as Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its 9th Session decided that the Annex I Parties shall apply the *KP Supplement* for the purpose of providing information on anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Kyoto Protocol, in the second commitment period. The CMP also decided to encourage the Kyoto Protocol Parties to use the *Wetlands Supplement* for reporting on wetland drainage and rewetting activity under Article 3, paragraph 4 of the Kyoto Protocol.

3. In order to provide more information to the delegates, IPCC TFI and SBSTA jointly held a Special Event on the two Methodology Reports during SBSTA 39 featuring presentations by their authors.

4. The TFI released the final publication versions of these two reports after final-copyediting on its website¹² on 28 February 2014. In order to document the drafting and review process, the TFI also made public the drafts of these reports that were subject to formal review, all written review comments by expert and government reviewers on those drafts and responses by the authors to the review comments. Review Editors' reports were also made public. These final publication versions in English will be translated into other UN languages and will be printed for distribution later this year.

Emission Factor Database

5. The TFI continued its efforts to maintain, improve and promote the Emission Factor Database (EFDB)³ by, among others, organizing the 11th Meeting of Editorial Board and the 7th and 8th Data Meetings in Ghent, Belgium on 25-27 November 2013; by distributing CDROM version at the 19th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP19) in Warsaw in November 2013; and by presenting on EFDB at various international meetings and workshops. The TFI extends its appreciation to Belgian authorities for their support by hosting the afore-mentioned meetings.

6. Terms of some members of the Editorial Board expired at the end of 2013. In addition, terms of some other members will expire as the end of 2014. The TFI called for nominations of experts to replace the outgoing members on 9 December 2013. The due date for nomination was 7 February 2014, and the TFI TSU received 86 nominations from 32 governments and 3 international

¹ The *Wetlands Supplement* is available at: <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/wetlands/>

² The *KP Supplement* is available at: <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/kpsg/>

³ <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/EFDB>

organizations. Selection of new members from the nominees by the Task Force Bureau is currently under way.

IPCC Inventory Software

7. The IPCC Inventory Software implementing the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* was launched in May 2012 and has since been improved through a continuous process of rectification of bugs and errors detected. The latest version of the software was introduced at the *Expert Meeting on Improving National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Using the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and Related Tools* in Sapporo, Japan on 11-13 December 2013. The TFI extends its appreciation to the Government of Japan for their support by hosting this meeting.

8. The TFI will continue to make efforts to improve and enhance the usefulness of the software by actively collecting feedback from Software users. In addition, the TFI will produce additional modules for the *Wetlands Supplement*.

Task Force Bureau

9. The Task Force Bureau (TFB) has not been convened since the last progress report to the IPCC Plenary at its 37th Session in October 2013. The next meeting will be convened later this year.

Other activities

10. In addition to the activities mentioned above, the TFI will hold the following meetings in 2014 as approved by the IPCC Plenary at its 37th Session.

- a) Expert Meeting on Application of 2006 Guidelines to Other Areas
- b) Expert Meeting on Systematic Assessment of TFI Products
- c) Expert Meeting to Collect EFDB and Software Users Feedback
- d) 12th Meeting of EFDB Editorial Board
- e) 9th and 10th Data Meetings for EFDB