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(Submitted by the Co-Chairs of the Task Group)

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At the conclusion of each assessment cycle, the IPCC generally reflects on the report preparation process and draws lessons with respect to its future work programmes and processes. The IPCC agreed at its 37th Session (Batumi, October 2013) to set up a Task Group (TG) on the Future Work of the IPCC, co-chaired by New Zealand and Saudi Arabia, and determined the terms of reference (TOR) of the TG as follows:

- The IPCC has asked the TG to develop options and recommendations for consideration by the Panel on:
 - The future products of the IPCC;
 - The appropriate structure and modus operandi for the production of these IPCC products;
 - Ways to ensure enhancement of the participation and contribution of developing countries in the future work of the IPCC.
- Governments had provided submissions on the future work of the IPCC in advance of the 37th Session (first round of government submissions in response to a letter of the IPCC Secretary dated 13 March 2013).
- Governments were invited to make further submissions by 21 February 2014 on the basis of a questionnaire attached to a letter of the IPCC Secretary dated 9 December 2013.
- An informal meeting of the TG was held in the margins of the 38th Session (Yokohama, March 2014) to inform governments about the agenda for the first meeting of the TG.
- The government submissions were compiled by the Secretariat (IPCC-XXXIX/INF.1 and IPCC-XXXIX/INF. 1, Add.1). The Secretariat also prepared a synthesis of the submissions (IPCC-XXXIX/Doc.7).
- At the first meeting held in Berlin on 6 April 2014, back-to-back with the 39th Session of the IPCC, the TG agreed to seek the input from those involved in the preparation of reports during the AR5 cycle as well through a questionnaire addressed to Authors, Contributing Authors and Review Editors; Executive Heads of International and other Organizations; and the Technical Support Units of the three Working Groups, the TFI and the Synthesis Report, and the Secretariat. The submissions were compiled by the Secretariat and are contained in documents IPCC-XL/INF.2, IPCC-XL/INF.2, Add.1, and IPCC-XL/INF.2, Add. 2. The Secretariat also prepared a synopsis of the submissions received (document IPCC-XL/INF.1). These documents served as an input for the second meeting of the TG, which was held in Geneva from 16-17 September 2014.
- As agreed at the first TG meeting, the TG Co-Chairs prepared an Options Paper (document IPCC-XL/INF.3) which was discussed at the second TG meeting held in Geneva (16-17 September 2014). Based on the discussions and views expressed the Co-Chairs agreed to prepare a refined Options Paper reflecting identified convergences by the TG and drawing on the input from governments, scientists involved in the preparations of IPCC reports, IPCC observer organizations and other relevant stakeholders.
- The refined Options Paper will be discussed at the third TG meeting which will be held on 26 October 2014 back-to-back with the 40th Session in Copenhagen and will be submitted to the 40th Session for consideration and further guidance.

- After the 40th Session the Co-Chairs will further refine their Options Paper based on the discussions at and guidance received from the 40th Session and develop a Recommendations Paper.
- January 2015: the Recommendations Paper will be made available as IPCC-41 document and governments will be invited to submit comments in advance of the session.
- The Recommendation Paper will be submitted to the 41st Session, scheduled in February 2015, for consideration and decision.