



INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL
ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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EIGHTEENTH SESSION
Wembley, UK
24-29 September 2001

Agenda item: 1
ENGLISH ONLY

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Participants can register at the Wembley Conference Centre from 1400 to 1700 hours on Sunday, 23 September 2001 and from 0800 hours onwards from Monday, 24 September 2001.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (Doc. 1)

The Chairman of the IPCC, Dr. Robert T. Watson, will call the session to order at 1000 hours on Monday, 24 September 2001 and make his opening remarks.

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during the plenary meetings of the session. All documentation for the session, except the draft Synthesis Report, will be in English only. While the Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish language versions of the draft Synthesis Report (including its Summary for Policymakers) are provided to governments, only the English draft text will be used in the approval/adoption process. Comments and amendments, written or oral, should refer to the text and the page and line numberings in the English draft only. The other language versions of the draft are furnished for information only and will not be used in amending, approving/adopting the draft Synthesis Report. The Synthesis Report, as approved/adopted (see agenda item 3 below), will be translated into Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish after the session and distributed. An explanation of the terms "approval" and "adoption" can be found in the Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports (available on the website www.ipcc.ch).

- 1.1 Welcoming remarks by the representative of the host government
- 1.2 Remarks by Prof. G.O.P. Obasi, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization
- 1.3 Remarks by Dr. K. Töpfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
- 1.4 Remarks by the representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 1.5 Remarks by the Secretary of the IPCC
- 1.6 Working arrangements

It is suggested that three plenary meetings be held every day, except on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, as follows:

- a. from 1000 to 1300 hours
- b. from 1500 to 1800 hours
- c. from 1930 to 2230 hours

with breaks as decided by the Chairman.

It is further suggested that there be two plenary meetings on Tuesday, 25 September 2001 as follows:

- a. from 1000 to 1300 hours
- b. from 1500 to 1800 hours

with breaks as decided by the Chairman.

1.7 Approval of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be submitted for approval. The agenda may be amended at any time during the session.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION (Doc. 2)

The Secretary will submit the draft for approval.

3. APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT SYNTHESIS REPORT (Doc. 3)

- 3.1 Approval of the draft Summary for Policymakers of the Synthesis Report (Doc. 3a)
- 3.2 Adoption of the longer part of the Synthesis Report (Doc. 3b)

The Chairman will introduce the agenda items for discussion and action.

4. FUTURE OF THE IPCC (Doc. 4)

The Chairman will introduce the item for discussion and action.

The future of the IPCC will require decisions/guidance by the Panel on the:

- a. timing and characteristics of the Fourth Assessment;
- b. timing of the election of a new Bureau;
- c. possible reorganization of the Task Force for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) as a Working Group;
- d. preparatory work on and plans for the report on Good Practice Guidance in Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry;
- e. preparation of a Special Report on Climate Change and Sustainable Development;
- f. preparation of a Technical Paper on Climate Change and Biodiversity.
- g. IPCC Communication Strategy.

The Chairman will invite the Co-Chairmen of the TFI to introduce items 4 c and 4 d. He will also invite (i) appropriate members of the Bureau to introduce items 4 e and 4 f and (ii) the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Group on Communication Strategy, Dr. R.K. Pachauri, to introduce item 4 g.

5. IPCC PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2002-2004 (Doc. 5)

The Secretary will introduce the proposal for discussion and action.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSION

8. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

9. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The session is expected to close at 2230 hours on Saturday, 29 September 2001.

