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NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES PROGRAMME

Proposed Procedures for Agreement on the Products of the National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Programme

(Submitted by the Co-Chairman of the
Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories
on behalf of the Bureau of the Task Force)



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Procedures for Agreement on the NGGIP Products

1. As recognised by the Panel at its XVIIIth session, the methodology development has features that differ from usual IPCC work, i.e. the assessment of existing scientific knowledge. It is believed that to enhance transparency the procedures for the NGGIP should be defined more precisely, but taking the specific features of the imminent methodological work into account.
2. Bearing this in mind, the Task Force Bureau (TFB) recognised the necessity to clarify the procedures for agreement on the NGGIP Products to be produced in relation to the Land-Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) programme, which includes the following specific tasks:
 - Task 1 - Development of good practice guidance for the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories and supplementary methods and good practice guidance arising from the Kyoto Protocol.
 - Task 2 - Development of definitions for direct human induced 'degradation' and 'devegetation' and methodological option to inventory and report on emissions from these activities.
 - Task 3 - Development of practicable methodologies to factor out direct human-induced changes in carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks from changes in carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks due to indirect human-induced and natural effects (such as those from carbon dioxide fertilization and nitrogen deposition), and effects due to past practices in forests.
3. The TFB, at its 8th session (Eisenach, Germany, 14-15 March 2002), discussed this issue and concluded to propose the following procedures to the IPCC for consideration at its XIXth session.

Procedures for agreement on the LULUCF Task 1 Report

4. According to the table of contents endorsed by the Panel at its XVIIIth session, the report on Task 1 will comprise an introductory chapter including a summary of the structure of the report (Chapter 1) and subsequent 4 chapters (Chapters 2-5). In view of the technical and political complexity of this report, the following procedures will be followed.
 - 1) First Governments and Experts Review (8weeks)
 A first draft should be distributed by the IPCC Secretariat to governments through the designated Government Focal Points, and to all the coordinating lead authors, lead authors and contributing authors and expert reviewers.

Governments should send one integrated set of comments for the report to the Task Force through their Government Focal Points.

Non-government reviewers should send their further comments to the Task Force Co-Chairs with a copy to their appropriate Government Focal Point.

2) Further elaboration by the authors/experts

An authors/experts meeting will be held to further elaborate the draft report.

3) Second Governments and Experts Review (8 weeks)

The first draft should be revised by Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors in consultation with the Review Editors taking into consideration the comments obtained through the first governments and experts review. After the endorsement by the Task Force Bureau, the revised draft should be subject to the governments and experts review again in the same manner as the first government and experts review.

4) Preparation of Final Draft Report and Final Government Consideration (6 weeks)

Preparation of a final draft report, taking into account government and expert comments, for submission to a Session of the Panel for approval/acceptance should be undertaken by Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors in consultation with the Review Editors.

After the endorsement by the Task Force Bureau, the final draft should be distributed by the IPCC Secretariat to governments for their final consideration 6 weeks prior to a Session of the Panel.

5) Approval/acceptance of the report by the Panel

Chapter 1, the introductory chapter, should be subject to final approval by a Session of the Panel. The other chapters (Chapters 2-5) should be subject to acceptance by the same Session of the Panel.

Procedures for agreement on the LULUCF Task 2 Report

5. The terms of reference and table of contents are not yet endorsed by the Panel. Nevertheless, it is presumable that the report on Task 2 will be developed in tandem with, or even combined with, the report on Task 1. The same procedures as those for Task 1 should therefore be followed.

Procedures for agreement on the LULUCF Task 3 Report

6. The terms of reference and table of contents are not yet endorsed by the Panel. If the report on Task 3 should be a Special Report in view of its subject that goes beyond the scope of a methodological report, the procedures should be identical to the existing "Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports", which require Panel's approval of the SPM, and acceptance of the other parts of the report.

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