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FINAL STATUS REPORT OF THE IPCC WGIII OUTREACH PROGRAMME

(Submitted by the Co-Chairs of Working Group III)

The Panel is invited to note the report on outreach activities
conducted by WG III in 2002.

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1. As a reply to a call for proposals distributed at the Wembley Plenary in September 2001, twenty project proposals were received and seven countries were selected for implementing WGIII outreach activities in 2002. In this short report, an overview of these activities is provided. Separately, a more comprehensive report also addressing findings relevant for future outreach activities will be published shortly as RIVM report. In December, in all seven countries workshops were held successfully. Most of the reports/proceedings of the workshops are available through the websites of the organisers.
2. During the outreach activities, the IPCC Third Assessment Reports and Special Reports (both summary brochures and full volumes) as well as (on request) UNFCCC materials were distributed to the participants. Unfortunately, official translations of the SPM/TS of the TAR (into Russian, into Chinese and into Spanish) were not available in due time for the WGIII outreach activities. Emphasis was on the WGIII reports (TAR-WGIII, SRTT, SRES).
3. As agreed during the IPCC Bureau Meeting-B27, national focal points were notified about the outreach workshop. Some of them participated in the outreach activities as members of the organising committee while others contributed as speakers.
4. As much as possible, arrangements were made for representation of the IPCC Bureau members at the workshops. The following IPCC Bureau Members and WGs co-chairs attended the following workshops: in Brazil - Thelma Krugg; in China - Dahe Qin, Bert Metz and Ogunlade Davidson; in Cuba - Ramon Pichs, Eduardo Calvo, Edmundo de Alba and Maria Martelo; in India - R. Pachauri; in Russia - Yuri Izrael, Bert Metz and Ogunlade Davidson; in Sri Lanka - Mohan Munasinghe and in Tanzania - Ogunlade Davidson.
5. A brief summary of the outreach activities, by chronological order of events, is as follows:
 - Russian Federation: Eco-Accord held a three-day workshop for 140 participants representing the government, academic institutions, the private sector, NGOs, international organisations and regional environmental centres in May 2002. The local organisers translated the IPCC power point presentations available on the IPCC website into Russian and published in Russian a summary analysis of the findings of the TAR-WGIII for countries with economies in transition. The outcomes, the presentations of the workshop and an electronic version of this summary publication are available at the website <http://accord.cis.lead.org/sem2002/climate.pdf>.
 - Sri Lanka: LIFE and the Department of Meteorology have carried out a series of seminars in various districts of Sri Lanka. These aimed at reaching different levels of policy makers and administrators, personnel of printed and electronic media, the middle level of the scientific community, private sector, NGOs, planners and researchers. These seminars provided general information on climate change and focused mainly on technological options, sustainable development, vulnerability, mitigation and adaptation issues. 697 participants attended these seminars. Information about these activities is available at the following website: <http://www.meteo.slt.lk/cccs.html>.
 - Tanzania: CEEST held a workshop for 52 participants from various government and non-governmental and research institutions in June 2002. Some important workshop findings were (1) the formation of a National Climate Change Committee to look at technical issues is needed, (2) a dissemination strategy for climate change information should be developed, and (3) an effective mechanism for popularising the IPCC reports locally should be developed. Information about the workshop is available at the following website: <http://www.ceest.com/ipccworkshop.pdf> and <http://www.ceest.com/powerpoint/powerpoint.html>.

- Brazil: Brasus/CentroClima-Coppe/Cenbio held a one-day seminar for 144 policy makers, NGOs (business and environment), researchers and academia in July 2002. The local organisers translated the SPMs of the TAR, of the SRTT, of the SRES and the Synthesis Report into Portuguese and these will be posted at the IPCC website soon through the link to non-UN languages. These translations, the articles released by the printed and electronic media and the presentations are available at the following website: <http://www.ipccprojeto.org.br/>. An innovative and successful component of the outreach programme in Brazil was the establishment of sectoral working groups. These groups aim at disseminating and elaborating the IPCC findings in key economic sectors. A second, concluding seminar for 87 private sector, government agencies, NGOs and academic organizations was held in December, aiming at presenting the results of these dissemination strategies. All deliverables are available at the above mentioned website.
 - China: the Research Center for Sustainable Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and the Energy Research Institute (ERI) held a two-day workshop for 150 researchers, high level policy makers, industries, NGOs and the media in September 2002. Local organisers translated the SPM of the TAR-WGIII into Chinese and elaborated a synthesis report in Chinese intending to provide a complete picture of climate change mitigation issues relevant to China. The outcomes and proceedings of the workshop are available through www.iwep.org.cn and www.ccchina.gov.cn/indexl.htm.
 - Cuba: CIEM and the Department of Meteorology held a two-day workshop for 71 policy makers, academia, industry, NGOs and national experts in September 2002. Nine regional experts from other Caribbean states and Mexico attended the workshop with separate UNDP funding. The deliverables are available at www.onu.org.cu/havanarisk/eventos/cchange4/evento.html.
 - India: TERI held a two-day workshop for around 51 middle-level government decision-makers, NGOs and industry in September 2002. The reports and presentations of these outreach activities are covered at the following website: <http://www.teriin.org/events/docs/ipccwg3.htm>.
6. The WGIII is creating a separate webpage for outreach activities. This page will have a link to all the outcomes and the proceedings of the above outreach seminars. It will also have a link to the WGIII popular booklets published by UNEP (see below).
 7. In addition to the national/regional outreach activities mentioned above, WGIII also has supported the development of a popularized booklet about TAR-WGIII published by UNEP which was finalized in October 2002: "A Simplified Guide to the IPCC's Climate Change 2001: Mitigation". The WGIII TSU and Co-chairs have provided comments on the draft texts, but the final responsibility for the contents lies with UNEP. This simplified booklet was distributed to all participants of the WGIII workshops. This booklet is available at the following link: <http://www.unep.ch/conventions/index.htm>
 8. WGIII is currently supporting the translation into all UN languages of the popularized UNEP booklet for the SRTT ("Managing Technological Change" available at the following link <http://www.unep.org/energy/publ/index.htm>) and of the above-mentioned WGIII TAR simplified guide.