

# NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 May 2013, 3:00-4:45PM CEST - Teleconference

## CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

### Participants:

#### *Members:*

R. K. Pachauri (Chair); I. Elgizouli; H. Lee; J.-P. van Ypersele; Q. Dahe; V. Barros; C. Field; Y. Sokona; T. Hiraishi.

#### *Advisory Members:*

R. Christ; P. Midgley; D. Dokken; J. Minx; K. Tanabe; L. Meyer.

#### *Others:*

G. Leone (minutes); J. Lynn; Z. Botao (silent observer upon request of Q. Dahe).

### 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The ExCom adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting (EXCOM-XIX/Doc.1), as attached as **Annex 1**.

### 2. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

#### 2.1 Policy on Social Media

Working Group I (WGI) had provided comments on the draft *Policy on Social Media* presented at ExCom-18. There were no negative reactions to that draft, which was, therefore, agreed by the ExCom. The Chair noted that a build-up of activities is to be expected as the IPCC gets closer to the publication of the AR5.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1.	To report to ExCom as needed on any issues arising from the use of IPCC social media sites.	J. Lynn	Regular ExCom meetings (as needed)

#### 2.2 Release of Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) Summary for Policymakers (SPMs) to media

Upon request of T. Stocker, Co-Chair, WGI, who was unable to attend the meeting, the discussion on the draft IPCC *Embargo Policy* will take place at ExCom-20.

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2.	To send comments on the draft IPCC <i>Embargo Policy</i> distributed by J. Lynn, for revision by J. Lynn and decision at ExCom-20.	ExCom members	8 May 2013
3.	To explore systems currently used by the UN for the registration of media for use at AR5 approval plenaries.	J. Lynn	ExCom-20
4.	To explore systems currently used by scientific periodicals for the registration of media for use at AR5 approval plenaries.	C. Field	ExCom-20

## 2.3 Development of background material for AR5 outreach

The Secretary referred to the note circulated on this item to the ExCom members. Members emphasized the need to move swiftly on this issue and agreed that priority is to be given to background material related to the IPCC process. Issues such as the treatment of uncertainties are best covered in the AR5 report itself. Text prepared for the AR5 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) should be used as much as possible in drafting the background material but raises issues of timing. Consistency of background material across WGs is essential. The SREX factsheets are a successful model for AR5.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
5.	To draft AR5 background material related to IPCC processes and procedures and circulate it to WGs for comments.	J. Lynn	1 June 2013

## 2.4 Follow-up on cooperation with UN Foundation (UNF)

Regular contacts are being maintained with the UNF by J. Lynn and several ExCom members. UNF is interested in supporting large-scale media training for climate scientists including AR5 authors. ExCom members stressed that the focus of the UNF support to the IPCC be on how to best deliver the IPCC narrative and the science around AR5, and that the content of the scientific messages conveyed should be that of the IPCC. Concern was expressed on the availability of authors' time during the final stages of preparation of the AR5.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
6.	To organize a teleconference of UNF and TSUs to discuss and clarify the terms of the collaboration IPCC-UNF.	J. Lynn	31 May 2013

## 2.5 Briefing notes for interaction with media – follow up to Communication Action Team (CAT) discussions

The ExCom noted the advice put forward by the CAT at its 17 April meeting for the IPCC officials who speak on behalf of the IPCC and for their interactions with the media. Y. Sokona, Co-Chair, WGIII, supported repeated media training rather than attempting to codify the messages to be delivered to media exactly in advance.

## 3. RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE ERRORS

- 3.1 Handling of translation errors
- 3.2 Posting of errata

This item was postponed to next meeting.

## 4. MATTERS OF COORDINATION

### 4.1 Publication of AR5

The Deputy Secretary informed the members that the procurement process for the publication of AR5 is almost completed and the contract with the selected company is being finalized.

## 4.2 Release of draft SMP after approval/acceptance – clarification

The Secretary referred to the decision taken at ExCom-17 on this issue and called for clarification; in particular, she expressed concern at releasing the chapters explicitly as final government draft. She emphasized that while the content of the files would be the same, the fact that the released chapters had been formally accepted by the Working Group in Plenary Session needs to be clear for the users. She noted that Governments would only be able to use “accepted reports” for policy decisions and in negotiations. The accepted chapters would be released with the disclaimer that they are subject to final edit. She also reiterated that the SPM changes in the course of the approval process and therefore the draft SPM contained in the final government draft will not have the same status as the accepted chapters. Upon request by T. Stocker, Co-Chair, WGI, it was agreed that this matter will be discussed further and decided on at ExCom-20.

## 5. COOPERATION WITH UNFCCC: JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING

The Executive Secretary, UNFCCC is expected to attend the JWG meeting scheduled from 09:00-10:30 on 13 June in Bonn. As reported by the Secretary, a draft agenda is being developed in consultation with the UNFCCC Secretariat.

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7.	To circulate the draft agenda of the JWG to the ExCom, and the expected attendance of UNFCCC Secretariat representatives.	R. Christ	8 May 2013

The Secretary also reported on the Research Dialogue being organized by UNFCCC on 4-6 June, where an IPCC presentation would be welcome and opportune on 6 June morning. C. Field, Co-Chair, WGII would be available to give a presentation on SREX on that occasion.

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8.	To circulate to the ExCom for comments a note on the possible involvement of IPCC in events at the UNFCCC Research Dialogue.	R. Christ	8 May 2013

## 6. TGICA

### 6.1 Selection of developing country co-chair

The Secretary informed the ExCom that the current interim Co-Chairs of TGICA have agreed to continue in their functions until the end of the AR5 assessment cycle. The ExCom expressed appreciation for this development.

## 7. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Secretary informed the ExCom of progress made on greening the IPCC and it was agreed that the subgroup would continue working on this. The Secretary also suggested that this item be put on the agenda of ExCom-20.

Following a suggestion by J.-P. van Ypersele, Vice-Chair, it was agreed that, starting with ExCom-20, members will receive annotations to the agenda of the ExCom meetings.

C. Field, Co-Chair, WGII, suggested considering holding ExCom-20 in Oslo during the SYR CWT-2 in June 2013 that most ExCom members will attend.

The meeting closed at 04:45PM.

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(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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