

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – FORTY NINTH MEETING
Teleconference, 1 March 2017 at 1400 CET

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants

Members

Hoesung Lee (IPCC Chair and Chair the Executive Committee); Ko Barrett (IPCC Vice Chair); Thelma Krug (IPCC Vice Chair); Youba Sokona (IPCC Vice Chair); Valerie Masson Delmotte (WGI Co-Chair); Panmao Chai (WGI Co-Chair); Debra Roberts (WGII Co-chair); Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair); Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair).

Advisory members

Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary); Anna Pirani (Head of WGI TSU); Melinda Tignor (Head of WGII TSU); Raphael Slade (Head WGIII TSU, Science); Andrej Kranjc (Head of TFI TSU).

Apologies

Joy Pereira (WGII Vice-chair, representing Region V).

Others

Kerstin Stendahl (IPCC Deputy Secretary); Jonathan Lynn (IPCC Head of Communications); Elizabeth Huntley (Head WGII TSU, Operations).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair of the IPCC, Mr Lee opened the meeting. The attached provisional agenda (EXCOM-XLIX/Doc.1) as attached in Annex 1, was adopted.

2. URGENT ISSUES RELATED TO IPCC PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK THAT REQUIRE PROMPT ATTENTION BY THE IPCC BETWEEN PANEL SESSIONS

2.1 AR6 Scoping

The Chair noted with appreciation that comments to the Vision document (Part A) had been received from all Co-chairs of the Working Groups. Also the Working Groups' specific input to part B of the Vision document had been substantive and timely.

The ExCom took note of the following time lines for the Vision document: the Secretariat will send as soon as possible no later than the week of the 13th of March the revised Vision document to governments and observer organizations for review by mid-April; the Scientific Steering Committee for the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) scoping will complete the revision in the week of 6th of March. The revised Vision document will consist of the IPCC Chair's vision (Part A), Working Group (WG) contributions (Part B) and cross-cutting issues (Part C). The Scientific Steering Committee consists of the Chair, IPCC Vice-chairs, Co-chairs of Working Groups and the Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFB).

AR6 Scoping meeting invitation

The Secretary of the IPCC, Mr Mokssit informed the ExCom that the information for participants for the AR6 Scoping meeting would be finalized and posted within the next few days. The list of 180 experts has been received from the Technical Support Units (TSUs) and invitations will be sent to selected experts starting 2 March. All bureau members are to be invited. The secretariat, together with the TSUs, is finalizing the invitation.

The ExCom took note of the information.

AR6 Scoping meeting operational task team

The TSUs informed of their willingness to form part of an operational task team for the AR6 Scoping meeting to assist the Secretariat and handle practical arrangements.

The Secretary of the IPCC welcomed the initiative.

The ExCom took note of the arrangement.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Head of Communications and Media Relations of the IPCC secretariat, Mr Lynn provided an update of communications and outreach activities that had recently been undertaken and which included activities during the Dublin Scoping meeting; a lecture by one of the members at the University College Dublin, the Chair's meeting at IIEA, meetings with ministers, a meeting with Mary Robinson, and a visit to Cool Planet Experience. The Chair had also given a keynote speech at the International Petroleum Week and one of the sessions had been chaired by a member.

The Secretariat had participated and given a presentation at the World Symposium on Climate Change Communication. The Secretariat also provided an update on forthcoming outreach in Guadalajara, Kathmandu and Saudi Arabia.

The ExCom took note of the report from the Secretariat.

4. RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE ERRORS IN COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER IPCC PRODUCTS

4.1 Update on the implementation of the Error Protocol

The Deputy Secretary of the IPCC, Ms Stendahl noted that the only difference from the previous report to the ExCom meeting in February was that the error claim on Table 22-4 of Working Group II AR5, which was opened on 8 February, had been closed on 24 February 2017. The status of all the other previous claims is unchanged.

The ExCom took note of the information.

5. COORDINATION BETWEEN WORKING GROUPS AND TASK FORCES ON ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PRODUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT IPCC PRODUCTS

The Deputy Secretary of the IPCC provided an update on the IPCC Library and noted that a brief outlining the processes to access publications and subscriptions would be sent to the TSU heads 2 March 2017.

The ExCom took note of the information.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The ExCom discussed the request from two governments to discuss at the 45th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-45) the proposal to include an agenda item on the modification of the mandate of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) short-lived climate forcing agents. The Secretary of the IPCC proposed that additional agenda items could be included under the agenda item of any other business upon a proposal from the floor.

The ExCom took note of the Secretary's proposal and advised that preparations should be made by the TFI and the relevant Working Groups to address the additional agenda item under any other business of IPCC-45.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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