

FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9 December 2016, Monte Carlo, Monaco

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

K. Barrett; E. Calvo; T. Krug; H. Lee; V. Masson-Delmotte; H. Pörtner; D. Roberts;
P. Shukla; J. Skea; Y. Sokona; P. Zhai.

Advisory Members:

A. Kranjc; A. Mokssit; A. Pirani; R. Slade; M. Tignor.

Apologies:

J. Pereira; K. Tanabe

Secretariat:

J. Baidya ; J. Lynn ; C. Martin-Novella.

Others:

E. Huntley. J. Kim

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Provisional Agenda (EXCOM-XLVI/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. Matters arising from the 44th Session of the IPCC.

Mr Martin-Novella, Deputy Secretary of the IPCC, informed the Executive Committee that an updated version of the Strategic Planning Schedule for AR6, as adopted by the Executive Committee after consideration of comments made at the 44th Session of the IPCC has been posted in the IPCC website.

The Executive Committee took note of the report.

2.2. Arrangements for scoping the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems.

Mr Sokona, Vice-Chair of the IPCC and Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee for the scoping of the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems, reported on the timing for the selection of experts to be invited to participate in the scoping meeting as well as on logistical matters.

Concerns were raised regarding the procedures for obtaining entry visas for some participants. It was pointed out that sending invitations early could help but would not solve the problem of additional travelling costs for some delegates who may need to travel in advance to third countries to obtain their entry visas. A letter from the host country facilitating obtaining entry visas on arrival was mentioned as a possible solution while some members mentioned that such a procedure is not easy in some countries.

The Executive Committee took note of the report.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1. Ongoing and planned activities.

Mr Lynn, Head of Communications and Media Relations, reported on recent communications work, including the IPCC programme of activities and meetings at COP22, and the outreach events in Vietnam and the Caribbean. He outlined plans being worked on for 2017 and reported on progress in updating the Implementation Plan of the Communications Strategy.

The Executive Committee took note of the report.

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

4.1. Update on the implementation of the Error Protocol.

Mr Martin-Novella reported that 4 new cases have been reported since the last meeting of the Executive Committee making a total of six cases currently opened.

The Executive Committee took note of the report.

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

5.1. Arrangements for Scoping AR6

Mr Lee, Chair of the IPCC, shared with the Executive Committee his views on how to proceed in the preparations and conduction of this scoping meeting.

The Executive Committee agreed the following:

1. Total number of scoping participants will be 180.
2. The meeting will have four break-out groups; one for each Working Group and one for the Synthesis Report. Each Working Group bureau will select 60 participants for scoping its Working Group contribution.
3. The participants for scoping the Synthesis Report will be drawn from the 180 Working Group participants by the Chair, based upon recommendations by the Working Group Co-Chairs, with advice from the IPCC Vice-Chairs, the Secretary and further inputs from the Working Group Co-Chairs.

4. To address cross-cutting issues, a Special Task Group (STG) will be formed during the scoping meeting. Working Group Co-chairs will identify STG participants.
5. A scientific steering committee for the AR6 scoping meeting will be established, chaired by the IPCC Chair.
6. The completion date for participant selection will be determined by the Secretariat and the Technical Support Units.

Regarding the vision paper, the Executive Committee agreed to the process below:

1. The vision paper: it will consist of two parts as indicated during the Forty-Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee. The first part will cover the framework and flavor of the Sixth Assessment Report, i.e. the overall goals and focuses; and the second will cover each Working Group assessment. The vision paper will be distributed for government comments/reviews in the first week of March as announced at the Forty-Fourth Session of the Panel.
2. By mid-January, the Chair will send a rough draft of the first part of the vision paper to members of the Executive Committee for review and inputs by mid-February. Working Group Co-Chairs will prepare drafts for second part and send them to the Chair by the end of February.
3. By the end of February, the Chair will produce a draft vision paper incorporating inputs to the first part and contributions from Working Group Co-Chairs to the second part.
4. In the first week of March, the Secretariat will send the draft vision paper to governments for review/comments. They will provide feedback within four weeks.
5. By end of April, the Chair will prepare a revised vision paper, incorporating government comments as much as possible, for use in the Scoping Meeting in May.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Executive Committee was informed that Mr Martin-Novella will assume new responsibilities within UN Environment as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS Conventions) on the 1st January 2017. He will be replaced as Deputy Secretary of the IPCC by Ms Kerstin Stendahl who is currently holding the position of Deputy Executive Secretary of the BRS Conventions.

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(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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