

FORTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Teleconference, 1 February 2017 at 1400 CET

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

Ko Barrett (Chair); Thelma Krug (IPCC Vice Chair); Youba Sokona (IPCC Vice Chair); Valerie Masson Delmotte (WGI Co-Chair); Panmao Zhai (WGI Co-Chair); Debra Roberts (WGII Co-Chair); Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair); Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo Buendia (TFI Co-chair); Joy Pereira (WGII Vice-Chair, representing Region V).

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:

Hoesung Lee (IPCC Chair and Chair the Executive Committee); Hans-Otto Pörtner (WGII Co-Chair); Priyadarshi Shukla (WG III Co-Chair).

Others:

Jonathan Lynn (IPCC Head of Communications); Elizabeth Huntley (Head of WGIII TSU, Operations).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ms Barrett, IPCC Vice-Chair, and chair of the meeting, opened the meeting. The provisional agenda (EXCOM-XLVIII/Doc.1), as attached in Annex 1, was adopted with additions to items 2 and 3.

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

2.1. Deadline for the selection of experts for AR6 scoping

The ExCom was briefed on the process for the selection of experts for Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) scoping currently underway. Each Working Group will select a preferred list of 60 invitees by 10 February 2017. The Bureau will combine these into a final list of 180 by 22 February, which will be forwarded on 23 February to the Secretariat to issue invitations.

The ExCom took note of the information.

2.2. Preparation of the vision document for the AR6 scoping meeting

Vision document for AR6

The ExCom discussed the preparation of the Vision document for the AR6, the first draft of which the Chair had sent to the Co-Chairs. The Working Groups would submit their contributions to the Chair by 20 February with the aim of developing an integrated document. A further group discussion among ExCom members was also deemed useful.

The ExCom took note of the information.

Design of the AR6 scoping meeting

Members discussed the process for designing the AR6 scoping meeting.

The chair of the meeting, Ms Barrett, suggested that she would propose to the Chair of the IPCC that the members of the ExCom would become a Scientific Steering Committee for AR6, working under their own terms of reference, not ExCom procedures.

The ExCom took note of the suggestion.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1. Ongoing and planned activities

Ms Barrett invited Mr Lynn, Senior Communications Manager, to report on communications activities. Mr Lynn briefed the ExCom on plans for media and outreach activities at the the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems scoping meeting in Dublin on 13-16 March, and around the 53rd Session of the Bureau and 45th Session of the IPCC in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 26-31 March.

The ExCom took note of the report.

One member noted that the AR6 scoping meeting was to be held in Addis Ababa. The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa would welcome some IPCC outreach activities to be conducted jointly with it at the time of this meeting.

The ExCom took note of the proposal.

Article on the frequency of IPCC contributions

Following a discussion about the frequency of IPCC reports and their contribution to decision-making it was agreed that it would be useful for some members of the Bureau to prepare an article communicating the fact that the IPCC, under its current work programme, would be releasing timely information on policy-relevant matters in the coming years. It was emphasized that this article should be balanced across IPCC areas.

The ExCom decided that comments on the text and the presentation of the article should be sent to Ms Tignor, Head of the Working Group II Technical Support Unit, by the end of the week, with the IPCC Chair deciding on how the authorship of the article should be presented.

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

4.1 Update on the implementation of the Error Protocol

The Secretary of the IPCC informed the ExCom that no new claims of errors had been made since the last meeting. Six cases remained outstanding.

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

Ms Barrett invited comments under this item.

Members briefed the ExCom on the preparations for the first Lead Author Meeting of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C; on the preparations for the scoping meeting for the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems ; on the follow-up to the scoping meeting for the Special Report on Climate Change, Oceans and the Cryosphere; and the selection of authors for the update to the Methodology Report titled *“2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories”*

The ExCom took note of the reports.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

One member asked the IPCC Secretariat to confirm the accuracy of the IPCC meeting calendars to facilitate travel arrangements.

The ExCom was briefed on the selection of a location for the conference on climate change and cities.

The Secretary of the IPCC briefed the ExCom on the briefing for members of the Panel to be held on 27 March in advance of the 45th Session of the IPCC. The Secretariat is also exploring options for a face-to-face meeting of the ExCom during the Bureau or Panel sessions in Guadalajara.

The ExCom took note of this information.

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(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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