

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7 May 2014, 3:00-4:30 PM CET - Teleconference

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

R. K. Pachauri (Chair); C. Field; T. Hiraishi; T. Krug; R. Pichs-Madruga; Dahe Qin; Y. Sokona; T. Stocker; J.-P. van Ypersele.

Advisory Members:

R. Christ; D. Dokken; L. Meyer; J. Minx; G.-K. Plattner; K. Tanabe.

Others:

B.Milani; J. Lynn; S. Schlingemann, Botao Zhou (Silent listener).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

2. URGENT ISSUES RELATED TO IPCC PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

2.1 Correction of errors in the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) Working Group III (WGIII) Summary for Policymakers (SPM)

(Please refer to the Secretariat's email of 2 May 2014 to Focal Points, containing the letter ref.: 5190-14/IPCC/AR5 and the list of errors to be corrected)

The background for the errata to the SPM of WGIII was presented by Mr Jan Minx, Head of WGIII TSU, who explained the reason for requesting the rapid response option of the Error Protocol.

Provided no objection is received from the Panel Members by Friday 9 May 2014 at 10:00 am Geneva time, the Secretariat shall inform the ExCom of acceptance of delegation of authority (DoA). The ExCom members should in turn approve the errata to the SPM of WGIII through an email round on Monday 12 May 2014, the deadline for receiving the files for printing being 14 May 2014. The erratum statement would be posted on the web.

Should no decision nor consensus be reached in time for SBSTA 40, the WGIII TSU would produce an erratum note indicating that these errata are under consideration for formal approval by the Panel consistent with the IPCC Error Protocol.

	Action Item	Responsibility	Deadline
1.	DoA to ExCom	Panel	9 May 2014
2.	Message on DoA to Excom	Secretariat	9 May 2014
3.	Approval of WGIII SPM corrigendum through email	ExCom members	12 May 2014

2.2 Correction of errors in the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) Working Group II (WGII) Summary for Policymakers (SPM)

In order for WGII to include in the print out of the SPM the errors submitted and registered in the Error Protocol on 12 April 2014 before SBSTA 40, a decision was taken to also follow the rapid response procedure and to request the Panel delegation of authority to ExCom for approving the correction, taking into account that the SPM printing deadline is 14 May 2014.

The Secretariat is requested to check whether there would be a possibility to postpone printing to a later date, for example 16 May 2014.

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4.	Letter from the Secretariat to the Panel Members	Secretariat	9 May 2014
5.	DoA to ExCom	Panel	13 May 2014
6.	Approval of WGII SPM corrigendum through email	ExCom Members	14 May 2014

3. MATTERS OF COORDINATION

3.1 IPCC-39: Decisions and follow-up of relevance to the ExCom

Request from FAO on IPCC Technical Paper on Agriculture and Climate Change

(Letter dated 16 April 2014 from Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Coordinator for Natural Resources, FAO, attached)

Following consultation by the Panel at its 39th Session in Berlin on an earlier and similar request put forward by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), a letter dated 16 April 2014 was addressed to the Secretary of the IPCC by the Deputy Director-General of the FAO, Ms Semedo, who requested IPCC to give high priority to the production of a technical paper on agriculture and climate change. She highlighted that *“it would be very useful to extract and summarize the key findings related to agriculture and climate change from the three working group reports (physical science, vulnerability of socioeconomic and natural systems, and options for mitigation) and to make these widely available especially for key upcoming UNFCCC meetings.”*

The matter will be submitted for decision to the next Plenary in October 2014 and revisited and reconsidered accordingly.

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7.	Item to be addressed by the next Plenary	Panel	October 2014
8.	Response to FAO	Secretariat	

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

4.1. Overview of ongoing and planned communication and outreach activities

An overview of the results of the communications and outreach activities undertaken during IPCC Plenaries in Yokohama and Berlin was presented by Mr Jonathan Lynn. He reported extensive media coverage of both IPCC-38 and IPCC-39 in the major western media, stressing the need for

further efforts to reach developing countries and countries with economy in transition (EITs). The focus now is on a series of media events to be organized in the coming months, including the SBSTA in Bonn in June 2014 and in Southeast Asia following the core writing team meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

The Chair noted the heartening response IPCC received from the media and the public in general throughout the AR5 cycle due to the pro-active approach of the communications team and their planning and capacity-building efforts.

4.2. Presentation at SBSTTA 18 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (23-28 June 2014, Montreal, Canada)

Mr Chris Field indicated the timing of the meeting did not allow WGII to be represented at CBD, but he would examine the documentation and present some relevant material.

4.3. Participation in IPCC-related events at WMO Executive Council (EC-66, 19 June 2014, Geneva)

(The report of the IPCC Chair has been scheduled for 19 June 2014. That same day at lunch time, the schedule includes a special event for the presentation of the AR5 report)

The ExCom approved the following decisions:

In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Mr Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, will present the report of the IPCC Chair to the WMO Executive Council. The WMO report will be sent to him ahead of the event by the Secretariat.

With regards to the special event on the AR5 report, Mr Jean-Pascal van Ypersele will start with introductory words, followed by a presentation by Mr Chris Field for the WGII contribution, and by Mr Youba Sokona for the WGIII contribution.

In the absence of WGI Co-Chairs, the WGI contribution will be presented by the Head of the WGI TSU or another speaker (tbc).

4.4. Participation in IPCC-related events at the UN Environment Assembly, UNEP (23-27 June 2014, Nairobi)

Ms Renate Christ informed the ExCom that the normal procedural input to the documentation has been provided by the Secretariat and that no climate related side events with IPCC participation are planned during UNEA.

4.5 Communications and outreach activities at the UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit (23 September 2014)

The Chair reported on his meeting with the UN Secretary General and his team on 17 April 2014 to discuss the possible role of the IPCC during the summit.

In order for the IPCC to take a collective view of what it needs to do in advance of the conference, the Chair will send a request for clarification and further information and circulate the response to the committee.

5. ANY OTHER MATTERS

5.1. Expert meeting on the potential study of the IPCC process

(Following the discussion held at ExCom-25, the Chair and the Secretariat will report on progress made on this matter)

Ms Sophie Schlingemann informed the committee that a first teleconference of the Steering Committee for the Expert Meeting (EM) about the Potential Study of the IPCC Process was held on 17 February 2014. At that meeting, members of the steering committee were requested to propose names of experts who could be invited to participate in the EM. However the number of suggested names was very limited. The next teleconference, scheduled on 3 April 2014, had to be cancelled due to insufficient attendance. Consequently the room booked at WMO for the EM as planned in May 2014 was cancelled.

The ExCom expressed its renewed interest in the mandate of the Steering Committee and requested the Secretariat to circulate the report of the first teleconference in order for its members to suggest additional expert names and find a way to move this important process forward.

5.2. Date for next ExCom meeting

Ms Renate Christ noted that a doodle would be launched to find a convenient date for the next ExCom meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:30 PM

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(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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