THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

16 October 2014, 2:00-3:00 PM CET - Teleconference

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

V. Barros; O. Edenhofer; T. Hiraishi; T. Krug; H. Lee; R. K. Pachauri (Chair); R. Pichs-Madruga; Y. Sokona; T. Stocker; J.-P. van Ypersele.

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

Secretariat:

C. Martin-Novella (minutes); B.Milani.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Executive Committee adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting (EXCOM-XXX/Doc.1, Rev.1), as attached in Annex 1.

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

2.1 Update on correction of errors

The Secretariat provided an oral debriefing on the state of play regarding the correction of errors with a particular focus on the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of Working Group III (WGIII) contribution to the 5th Assessment Report (AR5).

Further to the to the Secretariat's letter 5290-14/IPCC/AR5 to designated IPCC Focal Points and Ministries of Foreign Affairs dated 15 September 2014 regarding the Rapid Response procedure for errors found in SPM WG III AR5, three sets of comments were received from the National Focal Points from Canada, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. Canada and the United Kingdom, while not objecting to the Rapid Response procedure, referred to some details of the proposed errata. Saudi Arabia referred to several substantive issues of the proposed errata and objected to the use of the Rapid Response procedure in this case. The response of Saudi Arabia was sent after the deadline was closed and the Rapid Response procedure was already launched.

Concerning the typographical errors detected in SPM WGIII, The Executive Committee confirmed that the procedure as per Section 2, Step 4B of the Error Protocol should be completed.

Regarding errors other than typographical, although the objection from Saudi Arabia was sent well after the deadline formally set and while the Rapid Response procedure was already under way, the Executive Committee decided to stop the above procedure and defer the matter to the next meeting of the Panel. The Secretariat was therefore requested produce a revised draft agenda for IPCC-40 and to submit a document with errata for consideration by the Panel.

3. MATTERS OF COORDINATION

3.1 Request for a possible technical paper or other appropriate action on climate change, food and agriculture

The Secretary recalled that the matter is on the draft Agenda of IPCC-40. However, it was considered important for the Executive Committee to get to a shared understanding of the options available.

In the light of the short time available and the absence of some members of the Executive Committee particularly involved on this matter, it was decided to postpone discussions until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

3.2 Expert meeting on the potential study of the IPCC process

The Secretary reported briefly on the outcomes and follow up to the meeting of the Scientific Steering Committee held on 6th October 2014.

Additional experts from outside the IPCC community were being identified and the Secretariat reported that it was preparing a new proposal on the list to be recommended. It was also reported that the Scientific Steering Committee was considering the draft agenda for the Expert Meeting. As soon as the list and agenda are agreed, invitations will be sent out.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Secretariat informed the Executive Committee that the WHO has produced a set of guidelines for international meetings with participants from Ebola-affected countries. These guidelines will be implemented at the occasion of IPCC-40

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Saturday 25 of October in Copenhagen.

ANNEX 1

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – THIRTIETH MEETING Teleconference, 16 October 2014

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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