

# THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7 January 2015, 15h00 (CET), teleconference

## CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

### Participants:

#### *Members:*

V. Barros; C. Field; I. ElGizouli; T. Hiraishi; T. Krug; H. Lee; R. K. Pachauri (Chair); R. Pichs-Madruga; D. Qin; Y. Sokona; J.-P. van Ypersele.

#### *Advisory Members:*

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

#### *Secretariat:*

J. Lynn ; C. Martin-Novella (minutes).

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Executive Committee (ExCom) adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting (EXCOM-XXXII/Doc.1), as attached in Annex 1, adding some additional points under agenda Item 4 on any other matters.

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

### 2.1 Update on correction of errors

Mr Martin-Novella recalled that the erratum for the Summary for Policymakers of Working Group I contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report (Section E.1, Bullet 4 and Section E.8, Bullet 6) was approved by the ExCom on 18 December 2014 following the rapid response procedure foreseen in the Error Protocol.

Mr Martin-Novella informed that the notification to National Focal Points regarding the use of the rapid response procedure foreseen in the Error Protocol for the errors found in both the Working Group III contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report (WGIII figure SPM 4) and the Synthesis Report (SYR figure SPM 11/3.2) was signed today.

## 3. MATTERS OF COORDINATION

### 3.1 Expert meeting on potential studies of the IPCC process

The ExCom clarified the mandate of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC). All members of the SSC will be considered as experts invited to attend the Expert Meeting (EM). The SSC will coordinate the production of the EM recommendations to be agreed at the meeting in order to be submitted to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC. The SSC will also coordinate the production of the full report of the meeting through a drafting group to be established at the Expert Meeting. The 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau will be informed about the provisional agenda and list of participants for the Expert Meeting. The members of the Bureau who have expressed interest in participating in the EM will be invited to fully participate.

### **3.2 Expert meeting on climate change, food and agriculture**

Mr Field informed that the organizing committee will meet via teleconference later in the day and that a progress report will be submitted to the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau.

## **4. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

### **4.1 Overview of ongoing and planned communication and outreach activities**

Mrs Christ reported about the outreach activities organized in Lima at the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Mr Lynn reported about an outreach event in Serbia and planned outreach events in Nairobi (Kenya) and Arusha (Tanzania) immediately before and after the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC.

Mr Lynn also informed the ExCom about the launching of a call for tenders for obtaining technical support for the organization of outreach activities during 2015. Mr Sokona emphasized the importance of organizing outreach events in French speaking countries and Mr Lynn gave details on the preparations of an outreach event in Morocco.

Responding to a question from Mrs Christ regarding the IPCC representation at the Science Conference in Paris in July 2015, Mr Pachauri and Mr Field informed the ExCom that they will attend this Conference.

## **5. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Mrs Christ informed that the translations of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories supplements on wetlands (2013 Supplement of the IPCC Guidelines on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands) and on the Kyoto Protocol (2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol) produced by the consultant were found to be of very poor quality and will need to be re-done. This will cause delays in the production of the language versions of these reports.

Mrs Christ informed that due to the delay in delivering the final English versions of most reports by the Technical Support Units the translation services of the World Meteorological Organization did not receive the materials within the expected deadlines. This will cause additional delays in the production of the translations as the translation services have other scheduled commitments. Mr Field stated that while avoiding delays in the production of materials to be translated the use of translation scientific editors should continue in order to ensure the quality of the products.

Mrs Christ informed that she will introduce the requested document on “Lessons learnt on how to handle approval sessions” at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau. Mr Plattner emphasized the importance of addressing issues surrounding the extension of sessions beyond previously announced hours. Mr Pachauri suggested organizing a meeting with the upcoming ExCom to follow up on these issues.

Mr Minx informed about the preparations for the Expert Meeting on Scenarios. The organizing committee will meet via teleconference next week. A progress report will be submitted to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC.

Mr Field introduced a proposal for an Expert Meeting on enhancing participation of authors from developing countries. Mr Pachauri and Mr Lee concurred on the importance of this topic to be addressed by the forthcoming session of the Bureau. Mrs Christ said that this topic is already addressed in the context of the discussions on the future of the IPCC. Mr Pichs-Madruga suggested that an expert meeting could draft recommendations for the forthcoming session of the

Bureau. The Chair of the IPCC concluded that this issue should be addressed at the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC in the context of the discussion on the future of the IPCC. Mr Field suggested that this should also be discussed at the next session of the Bureau.

Mr van Ypersele requested that these minutes reflect the fact that he was unable to fully participate in the meeting. He connected to the teleconference while driving his car and was muted to avoid disrupting background noise. He mentioned that this should not happen again.

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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