

THIRTY- EIGHTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4 May 2016, 14h00 (CET), teleconference

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

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

Advisory Members:

M. Sivakumar; A. Pirani; M.Tignor.

Apologies:

H. Lee; K. Barrett; T. Krug; J. Pereira.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In the absence of Mr Lee, Mr Sokona chaired the session. He suggested the addition of an item on the establishment of the sub-committee of the Conflict of Interest (COI) Committee under the agenda item 6 on any other matters. With this addition the Executive Committee (ExCom) adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting (EXCOM-XXXVIII/Doc.1), as attached in Annex 1.

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

2.1. Follow up to the 43rd Session of the Panel. Schedule for AR6

Mr Pörtner referred to the proposal for Scoping Meetings for the two Special Reports: SR2 and SR3. He referred to the letter addressed to the IPCC Secretariat by the Government of Monaco that they would provide funding to support the Special Report on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere and that they could provide logistical assistance for organizing the scoping meeting for this special report. Hence Mr Pörtner confirmed that Working Group II (WGII) Technical Support Unit (TSU) is ready to take the steps for the organization of the scoping meeting for the Special Report on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere, first. As Monaco also offers logistical assistance but no funding 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, such a scoping meeting could happen at the same venue in parallel or consecutively (to be decided) if funding and an organizational lead could be identified.

Ms Masson-Delmotte referred to the comments made on the strategic planning schedule by Ms A. Pirani and Ms M.Tignor in their email message. She expressed her concern regarding the establishment of the Scientific Steering Committee for the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways and suggested that it should be established as soon as possible. Also there is a need to clearly identify who will do what for the scoping meeting for this special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. She asked as to what level of support will be provided by the Secretariat for the scoping meeting, and who will send the invitations. Mr Sivakumar assured that the Secretariat will provide the full organizational support for the scoping meeting including sending invitations.

Ms Masson-Delmotte also referred to the treatment of the Regional Issue in the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) and suggested that time be allocated for discussion of this item in the next meeting of the ExCom in Bonn on 19 May.

Mr Skea referred to the proposed scoping meetings for SR2 and SR3 in the strategic planning schedule and asked if they will be held simultaneously at the same venue.

Mr Pörtner mentioned that WG II can organize the scoping meeting for the Special Report on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere.

Ms Masson-Delmotte pointed out the decision on 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 needs to be taken.

Ms Masson-Delmotte mentioned that Ms A. Pirani and Ms M. Tignor could come to Geneva soon to discuss the schedule for AR6 report. Mr Sivakumar agreed with the proposal and suggested that they could come to Geneva after 2 June since both himself and Mr Martin-Novella will be on travel from 16 May till the end of the month. Mr Skea stated that Working Group III would like to be engaged in any such meeting.

Mr Pörtner expressed the view that some decisions mentioned in the draft report of IPCC-43 were not sufficiently discussed and asked if the members of the ExCom can make some amendments. Mr Sivakumar requested the members of ExCom to send their comments on the draft report by Friday, 13 May so that the Secretariat can revise the draft report.

Ms Masson-Delmotte asked as to what is expected to be done in terms of engaging with stakeholders in scoping SRs and AR6. Future Earth International has expressed interest in working with IPCC and other partners to discuss and develop a strategy for involving stakeholders in the scoping process. Ms Masson-Delmotte and Ms Roberts indicated that on the one hand Future Earth International is a source of expertise in this area since it is a hub for all global change programs and as it is leading the development of the co-design and co-production principle, it has an engagement committee and a structured regional presence. On the other hand, concern was expressed that IPCC engaging directly and only with Future Earth International would be an unbalanced approach to take.

Mr Pörtner suggested that as a pre-scoping meeting is neither a category of an IPCC Meeting nor is financially supported by the IPCC Trust Fund, it would be better to have communications with the stakeholders before the actual scoping meeting for AR6. Ms Masson-Delmotte referred to the discussions in the Expert Meeting on Communications in Oslo and the suggestions made to involve NGOs, business organizations etc., in this process. Mr Pörtner mentioned that ExCom could think of several models in this process and keep separate models if needed.

Mr Calvo mentioned that IPCC cannot directly engage with any particular organization such as Future Earth unless it is decided by the Plenary. He indicated that during the preparation of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), they worked with other organizations and this was decided by the Plenary sessions. Currently for the AR6 in term of engaging with any particular organization, this normal procedure should be used.

Mr Skea pointed out that the IPCC-43 took a decision based on the recommendations from the Oslo meeting. There are quite a wide range of methods to engage the stakeholders.

Mr Pörtner asked if the vision paper for the scoping meeting of the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways could be circulated electronically, requesting input that would feed into the scoping process. The consultation would be undertaken by the Secretariat with the national focal points, observer organisations and the Bureau. Ms Masson-Delmotte pointed out that the development of

the vision document depends on the establishment of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC). Ms Roberts indicated that by merely seeking written comments, the full range of stakeholders (especially those from the global South) may not be engaged.

Mr Pörtner expressed his concern regarding the tight schedule for the preparation of the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways and suggested that the Working Group Co-Chairs, in consultation with their Vice-Chairs, can prepare the pre-scoping paper. Mr Sivakumar supported this proposal and mentioned that such a pre-scoping paper could be considered by the SSC, once it is established.

Mr Pörtner asked if they could proceed with the consultations with Monaco regarding the scoping meeting for the Special Report on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere in early December 2016. The ExCom confirmed that WGII should proceed with planning for the scoping meeting for the Special Report on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Mr Sivakumar made a short presentation on the current activities and plans and suggested that since Mr Lynn was on leave, this agenda item could be taken up for discussion in the future meeting of ExCom.

Mr Sokona agreed with the suggestion.

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

4.1. Update on the implementation of the Error Protocol

Mr Sivakumar provided an oral report on the four outstanding error claims i.e., Case numbers 93, 167, 169, 171 and 173 that are being processed in accordance with the Error Protocol.

Ms Masson-Delmotte informed that the resolution of case 167, which was opened on 20 January 2016, was pending because of the translation into French of the errata listing. Mr Sivakumar said Mr Shongwe would get in touch with the WG I TSU.

Ms Melinda Tignor informed that on cases 171 and 173, the WGII Co-Chairs are contacting the relevant Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs) and WGII TSU will have the information by the next meeting of ExCom.

Mr Shukla informed that on case 169, the WG III co-chairs are contacting the CLA and that the CLAs agreed on the action to be taken.

Mr Tanabe reported that on case 93, the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) TSU will address the matter soon.

The ExCom took note of this oral 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. Workshop with PROVIA and Future Earth

Ms Tignor referred to the scoping paper on the workshop in EXCOM-XXXVIII/Doc.3 and reported that the Future Earth is taking the lead for the organization of the workshop, which is co-sponsored by IPCC. The workshop will be held in Stockholm, Sweden. The Scientific Steering Committee for

the workshop is led by the Co-Chairs of Future Earth, PROVIA and IPCC WGII and will include experts from AR5 from all working groups, representing the full range of expertise. Invitations to participants will be sent in June 2016.

The ExCom took note of the oral report.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1. Establishment of the sub-committee of the COI Committee

Mr Sokona referred to the decision made by IPCC-43 to set up a sub-committee (SC) of the COI Committee with the mandate to review the IPCC COI Policy and its implementation arrangements. He requested WGs and TFI to send nomination of their representative to be member of the sub-committee to Ms Schlingemann in the Secretariat.

Mr Tanabe asked as to whether the SC will work only online or there will be face-to-face meetings. Mr Sokona responded that the meetings will be mainly online and if there are opportunities, face-to-face meetings could be held.

Mr Tanabe also asked whether the SC will have to work after the 52nd Session of IPCC Bureau (IPCC B-52) in August, noting that the SC needs to come up with recommendations for consideration by the IPCC Bureau at that session. Mr Sokona responded that they will have to work also after the IPCC B-52 to revise the recommendations following the discussion by the Bureau.

6.2 Concern regarding the omission of a decision in the EXCOM-XXXVII report

Mr Zhai informed about some amendment to the draft report of ExCom-37 sent to the Secretariat. *In particular he referred to adding a sentence that should read "The 1.5-degree report will be developed under the joint scientific leadership of WGs I, II, and III with support from the TSU of WGI" and to amending the list of participants.* The Secretariat is incorporating this and other amendments received in the new draft to be circulated for approval.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the Acting Secretary of the IPCC)

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