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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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The IPCC 33rd Session will take place from 10-13 May 2011 at Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Centre (ADNEC), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during the plenary meetings of the session. All documentation will be in English only.

It is suggested that the working hours be from 10.00 – 13.00 and from 15.00 – 18.00 hours. If required, arrangements will be made for evening meetings. A draft schedule of meetings is attached as Annex 1 to this document.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Chairman of the IPCC will call the session to order at 10:00 hours on Tuesday, 10 May 2011. The programme of the opening session includes the following:

- a. Opening remarks by Mr. R.K. Pachauri, IPCC Chair
- b. Address by H.E. Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jabber, UAE Special Envoy for Energy and Climate Change, CEO and Managing Director of Masdar
- c. Address by Mr Jeremiah Lengoasa, Deputy Secretary General of WMO
- d. Address by Mr Peter Gilruth, Director DEWA on behalf of the UNEP Executive Director
- e. Address by Mr Florin Vladu, Adaptation, Technology and Science Programme, on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

The provisional agenda as contained in document IPCC-XXXIII/Doc. 1 and distributed with the invitation to the session, will be submitted to the Panel for approval at its first meeting on 10 May 2011, following the opening session. The agenda may be amended at any time during the Session.

Additional information on the IPCC 33rd Session is available on the dedicated web page at www.ipcc.ch

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 32nd SESSION IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.8

The draft report of the 32nd Session, as amended following comments submitted by governments, will be presented to the Panel for approval.

3. IPCC PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2011-2015 IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.2; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.2, Add.1; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.2, Add.2; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.2, Add.3; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.2, Add.3, Rev.1; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.2, Add.4; IPCC-XXXIII/INF.2

Comprehensive information about income and expenditures during the year 2010 will be submitted to the Panel for information. In accordance with Appendix B to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, a budget proposal for the year 2012 will be submitted to the Panel for consideration and approval. The Panel will also be invited to note the forecast budget for the year 2013 and the indicative budget proposals for the years 2014 and 2015.

As a follow up to the provision for external audit noted by the Panel at its 32nd Session and in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) adopted by WMO as of 1 January 2010, IPCC will be audited by the WMO External Auditor, the United Kingdom National Audit Office (NAO). The Terms of Reference of the United Kingdom National Audit Office are provided to the Panel for consideration and approval. The Panel will also be invited to consider changes required in this context to Appendix B of the Principles Governing IPCC Work.

The Panel is further invited to consider budgetary and possible procedural implications of decisions taken under agenda item 5 "Review of the IPCC Processes and Procedures".

The Panel will also be informed about changes in the WMO travel rules.

The IPCC Chair will call on the Financial Task Team (FiTT) to consider the documentation and proposals before submitting them for consideration and decision to the Panel.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE 11th SESSION OF WORKING GROUP III ON THE SPECIAL REPORT ON RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION (SRREN)

Under this agenda item, the Panel will formally accept the Summary for Policymakers of the SRREN. Section 4.3 of the IPCC procedures stipulates that "for a Summary for Policymakers approved by a Working Group to be endorsed as an IPCC Report, it must be accepted at a Session of the Panel. Because the Working Group approval process is open to all governments, Working Group approval of a Summary for Policymakers means that the Panel cannot change it. However, it is necessary for the Panel to review the Report at a Session, note any substantial disagreements, (in accordance with Principle 10 of the Principles Governing IPCC Work) and formally accept it."

5. REVIEW OF THE IPCC PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.9

- 5.1 Procedures
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.12; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.12, Add.1; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.12, Add. 2
- 5.2 Governance and Management
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.10, IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.10, Add.1
- 5.3 Conflict of Interest Policy
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.11, IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.11, Add.1
- 5.4 Communications Strategy
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.13

At its 32nd Session, the Panel agreed to immediately implement several recommendations of the InterAcademy Council (IAC) Review of the Processes and Procedures of the IPCC. On others, the Panel established four Task Groups, as indicated under sub items 5.1 to 5.4, to undertake further work with a view to completion at its 33rd Session, considering the guidance from the IAC. The Panel is invited to consider and take decisions on the draft recommendations prepared by the four Task Groups as contained in the document listed above. To facilitate this process, the IPCC Chair will invite the Panel to provide initial comments in plenary meeting on Tuesday 10 May, 2010 and then he will suggest the establishment of contact groups to further develop the draft recommendations, based on additional guidance provide by the Panel. In order to achieve full participation by governments in these deliberations, it is suggested to hold a maximum of two contact group meetings at the same time. The proposals by the contact groups will be brought back to the plenary meeting on 12 May for consideration and adoption by the Panel. A detailed schedule of meetings of the contact groups, plenary meetings of the Panel and any other meetings such as FiTT will be provided as soon as the contact groups have been formed.

6. ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.5 Rev.1

In compliance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations adopted at the 25th Session of the IPCC, the Panel is invited to note the updated list of UN participating organizations and to consider and decide on the admission of new observer organizations. The Secretariat screened the submissions and made a proposal to be considered by the IPCC Bureau at its 43rd Session. The list of observer organizations as reviewed by the IPCC Bureau will be presented to the Panel for acceptance.

7. RULES OF PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE IPCC BUREAU AND ANY TASK FORCE BUREAU

At its 32nd session the Panel decided to consider a possible revision of the Rules of Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and Any Task Force Bureau at the 33rd Session, since elements of these rules may be affected by actions to be undertaken in relation to the review of the IPCC processes and procedures. The proposal submitted to the 32nd Session is contained in document IPCC-XXXII/Doc. 18.

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES

IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.7

The UNFCCC SBSTA at its 33rd Session held in December 2010 in Cancun invited the IPCC to prepare additional guidance on wetlands, focusing on the rewetting and restoration of peatland. Document FCCC/SBSTA/2010/L.18, paragraph 4 states:

“The SBSTA took note of the summary of the co-chairs of the IPCC expert meeting on harvested wood products, wetlands and N₂O emissions from soils. Noting that science has developed in some areas with regard to wetlands, the SBSTA invited the IPCC to undertake further methodological work on wetlands, focusing on the rewetting and restoration of peatland, with a view to filling in the gaps in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories ... in these areas and to complete this work for the thirty-ninth session of the SBSTA.”

In response to this SBSTA invitation, and utilizing the contingency funds in the 2011 budget which allowed for this possibility, the “IPCC Expert Meeting on Scoping Additional Guidance on Wetlands” was held at the WMO in Geneva, Switzerland from 30th March to 1st April, 2011. The Panel is invited to consider the proposal for “2013 Supplement to 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands” and take a decision.

The TFI Co-chairs will inform the Panel also about other ongoing TFI activities.

9. MATTERS RELATED TO UNFCCC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES

IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.18

Specific requests to the Panel in relation with on-going UNFCCC negotiations, not covered under other agenda items, may be presented and discussed. In this context attention is drawn to a letter received from the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC raising matters related to the periodic review of the adequacy of the long term global goal in the light of Article 2 of the Convention.

The Panel will hear a brief oral report about the 26th Session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) which was held from 21 to 24 February 2011 at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya. The Panel is also invited to comment on proposals to be considered at the 16th WMO Congress which will be held from 16 May to 3 June 2011 in Geneva (document not yet available).

Relevant matters under consideration in other international bodies may be brought to the attention of the Panel.

10. PROGRESS REPORTS

- 10.1 IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, progress reports to be presented by Co-chairs of Working Groups I, II and III.
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.3; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.15; IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.16,
- 10.2 Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.17
- 10.3 Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA)
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.19 (not yet available)
- 10.4 Development of new scenarios
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.4
- 10.5 IPCC Scholarship Programme
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.14
- 10.6 Any other progress reports
IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.6

Working Group Co-chairs and the IPCC Secretariat will present progress reports for consideration by the Panel. The Progress Report - Communications and Outreach presented by the IPCC Secretariat in document IPCC-XXXIII/Doc.6 may also be considered under agenda item 5.4.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

The Panel may wish to consider any other business.

12. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The 1st joint Sessions of IPCC Working Groups I and II to approve and accept the IPCC Special Report on 'Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation' is scheduled to be held from 14-17 November, 2011 in Kampala, Uganda. The 34th Session of the IPCC will be held back to back with that Session. The IPCC Chair will give the floor to a representative of the host country and of the sponsoring country.

13. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Session is expected to close at 18:00 hours on Friday, 13 May 2011.

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	Mon 9 MAY		Tue 10 MAY		Wed 11 MAY		Thu 12 MAY		Fri 13 MAY			
7:00-8:00												
8:00-9:00						Financial Task Team (FITT)		Financial Task Team (FITT)		Financial Task Team (FITT)		
9:00-10:00					Contact Groups	Contact Groups	Contact Groups	Contact Groups				
10:00-11:00			IPCC-33 Plenary Session: - Opening Ceremony - Item 2 - Item 3 - Item 4 - Item 5 (Introduction by TG Co-Chairs - 5 slides max) - Item 7						IPCC-33 Plenary Session: - Item 3 (conclusion) - Item 5 (cont.)			
11:00-12:00												
12:00-13:00												
13:00-14:00												
14:00-15:00								Financial Task Team (FITT)				
15:00-16:00			Contact Groups	Contact Groups	IPCC-33 Plenary Session <i>(this session could start later)</i> : - Item 5 (cont.): Progress Reports by Contact Groups' Co-Chairs, conclusion Comm. Strategy - Item 6 - Item 8		IPCC-33 Plenary Session <i>(this session could start later)</i> : - Item 5 (cont.) - Item 8 - Item 9 - Item 10		IPCC-33 Plenary Session: - Item 5 (conclusion) - Item 11 - Item 12 - Item 13			
16:00-17:00		Masdar Institute Side Event and Reception										
17:00-18:00												
18:00-19:00			Possibility for continuing Contact Groups	Possibility for continuing Contact Groups	Possibility for continuing Contact Groups	Possibility for continuing Contact Groups	Possibility for continuing Plenary Session					
19:00-20:00												
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21:00-22:00												

Plenary sessions on Wed. and Thu. afternoon could start later