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IPCC OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

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Status of IPCC Observer Organizations

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In compliance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations adopted at the 25th Session of the IPCC, the Panel at its 32nd Session held in October 2010 in Busan, Republic of Korea, noted the updated list of UN participating organizations (**Table 1**) and decided to consider the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), after their formal request, as participating organization in compliance with rule I.4 of the IPCC policy for observer organizations, leading to a total number of 29 UN Bodies and Organizations as Participating Organizations. The Panel admitted 1 new intergovernmental organization (IGO) as observer, namely the Preparatory Commission for the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), leading to a total number of 12 accredited IGO's (**Table 2**) and admitted 7 non-governmental organizations (NGO's), namely the College of the Atlantic, the Ecology Center, Humane Society International (HSI), the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the New World Hope Organization and Transparency International (TI), leading to a total number of 48 accredited NGO's (**Table 3**). The above organizations will receive invitations to participate in all IPCC and any of its Working Group Sessions.

Table 4 lists 6 organizations that sent, since the last Panel Session and on time with respect to the four months deadline, an application to become IPCC observer or submitted the required background information in compliance with rule II.1 of the IPCC policy. The four columns on the right indicate respectively the relevance of the organization's objectives to IPCC activities, if the organization already has observer status with WMO, UNEP or UNFCCC, the date of first application by e-mail or letter, and the Secretariat's view on the adequacy of the application with respect to IPCC's policy on the matter. The Environmental Quality Authority (EQA) of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has applied to become an Observer with the IPCC and the following IGO has applied: the African Union Commission (AUC). Both organizations are accredited with UNFCCC. Furthermore the following 4 NGO's have applied for observer status: the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) which is an NGO established in Geneva, Switzerland, and accredited with UNFCCC, Many Strong Voices, an NGO established in Ontario, Canada, which aims to advance knowledge on climate change vulnerability and adaptation in the Arctic region and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Furthermore The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has applied for observer status, which is an NGO registered in Virginia, USA, and a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. The organization has observer status with UNFCCC. Although the organization's application letter was not received four months before the next Panel Session, to be held in May 2011 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, as is required in rule II.2, the Secretariat would nevertheless recommend the Bureau to consider the request of TNC. The applications of the Institute of Energy Policy and Research of the University Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) of Malaysia and the Organization of Development and Human Rights of Cameroon (GICAR-CAM) were incomplete at the last Bureau meeting in Busan (B-42), since these NGO's had not submitted the required background information on the mandate and scope of their organizations. In the meantime the Secretariat has received the information and it is the Secretariat's view that all seven applications comply with IPCC's policy.

Table 4 contains one pending application, namely the request of the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Hsinchu, which was submitted to the 30th Session of the Panel after review by the Bureau. It is still pending due to reservations expressed by the Focal Point from China.

The IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations is attached for reference as Annex 1.

LIST OF IPCC OBSERVERS ORGANIZATIONS

TABLE 1 - List of UN Bodies and Organizations as Participating Organizations (29)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
1	Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC)	Y	N.A.*
2	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Y	Y
3	Economic Commission for Africa	Y	Y
4	Economic Commission for Europe	Y	Y
5	Economic Commission for Latin America	Y	Y
6	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	Y	Y
7	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Y	Y
8	International Labour Organization (ILO)	Y	Y
9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Y	Y
10	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO)	Y	Y
11	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	Y	Y
12	International Maritime Organization	Y	Y
13	Ozone Secretariat	Y	Y
14	Secretariat for Biological Diversity (CBD)	Y	Y
15	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)	Y	Y
16	UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	Y	Y
17	United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)	Y	Y
18	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)	Y	Y
19	United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)	Y	Y
20	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Y	Y
21	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)	Y	Y
22	UN-International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)	Y	Y
23	United Nations University (UNU)	Y	Y
24	World Bank	Y	Y
25	World Food Programme (WFP)	Y	Y
26	World Health Organization (WHO)	Y	Y
27	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Y	Y
28	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Y	Y
29	World Tourism Organization	Y	Y

TABLE 2 IGOs - List of IPCC Observer Organizations (12)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
IGOs			
1	African Center of Meteorological Applications to Development (ACMAD)	Y	Y
2	European Union (EU)	Y	Y*
3	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	Y	UNESCO/UNEP
4	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Y	Y
5	International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	Y	Y
6	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)	Y	Y
7	IRENA Preparatory Commission for International Renewable Energy Agency	Y	N
8	Organization for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD)	Y	Y
9	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Y	Y
10	South Centre	Y	Y
11	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	Y	Y
12	The Ramsar Convention Bureau	Y	Y

* Party to UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol

TABLE 3 NGOs - List of IPCC Observer Organizations - NGOs (48)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
NGOs			
1	African Network for a Climate Community (ANCC)	Y	Y
2	Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy	Y	Y
3	Campaign for a Hydrogen Economy (UK)	Y	Y
4	CAN-Europe (Climate Action Network Europe)	Y	Y
5	Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)	Y	Y
6	Centre for International Studies, Cambridge University (UK)	Y	Y
7	College of the Atlantic	Y	Y
8	Ecology Center	Y	
9	Energy Research Austria	Y	Y
10	Environmental Defense (US)	Y	Y
11	ETC Group-Action Group on Erosion Technology and Concentration	Y	Y
12	Gender CC – Women for Climate Justice	Y	Y
13	GERMANWATCH (Germany)	Y	Y
14	GHG Associates (US)	Y	
15	Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)	Y	Y
16	Global Climate Observing System (GCOS).*	Y	Y
17	Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), Brussels	Y	Y
18	GreenFacts (Belgium)	Y	
19	Greenpeace	Y	Y
20	Humane Society International (HSI)	Y	Y
21	Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)	Y	Y
22	Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST, UK)	Y	N
23	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)	Y	Y
24	Intermon Oxfam (on behalf of Oxfam International)	Y	Y
25	International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Y	Y
26	International Aluminium Institute (IAI)	Y	Y
27	International Chamber of Commerce	Y	Y
28	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)	Y	Y
29	International Council for Science (ICSU)	Y	Y
30	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) **	Y	N
31	International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP) **	Y	N
32	International Hydropower Association (IHA)	Y	Y
33	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	Y	Y

TABLE 3 - List of IPCC Observer Organizations – NGOs (cont.)

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
NGOs			
34	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA)	Y	Y
35	International Policy Network (US)	Y	Y
36	International START Secretariat **	Y	N
37	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC, US)	Y	Y
38	New World Hope Organization	Y	Y
39	Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) (Sweden)	Y	Y
40	The World Energy Council (WEC)	Y	Y
41	Third World Network	Y	Y
42	Transparency International (TI)	Y	Y
43	Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research (UK)	Y	
44	Wetland International	Y	N
45	World Business Council for Sustainable Development	Y	Y
46	World Coal Institute	Y	Y
47	World Federation of United Nations Association	Y	Y
48	WWF International (WWF)	Y	Y

* GCOS, a joint undertaking of WMO, the IOC of UNESCO, UNEP and ICSU, has special status with respect to UNFCCC, and is invited to attend their meetings. Application supported by IPCC Bureau 38.

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TABLE 4 - List of pending and new applications for IPCC Observer Organizations

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC	Date of Application	Secretariat's Proposal
1	Environmental Quality Authority (EQA) of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA)	Y	Y	L 01/02/11	Y
IGOs new applications (1)					
1	African Union Commission (AUC)	Y	Y	E 21/01/11	Y
NGOs new applications (5)					
1	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)	Y	Y	L 09/08/10	Y
2	Many Strong Voices (MSV)	Y	N	E 12/01/11 L 15/02/11	Y
3	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Y	Y	E 02/03/11 L 10/03/11	Y
4	Organisation of Development and Human Rights of Cameroon (GICAR-CAM)	Y	N	L 15/09/09	Y
5	Institute of Energy Policy and Research, Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Malaysia	Y	N	L 03/09/09	Y
NGOs pending applications (1)					
1	Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Hsinchu	Y	Y	L 13/03/08	Y

IPCC POLICY AND PROCESS FOR ADMITTING OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

Adopted by the Panel at the Twenty-fifth Session (Mauritius, 26-28 April 2006) and amended following the decision of the Thirty-first Session (Bali, 26-29 October 2009)

I. Admission policy for observer organizations

The following policy for admitting observer organizations to Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups applies:

1. A body or an agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and which has informed the IPCC Secretariat of its wish to be represented at Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups, may be so admitted subject to acceptance by the Panel.
2. In judging whether an organization is "qualified in matters covered by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change" the Secretariat should be guided by the Principles Governing IPCC Work.
3. Organizations need to be non-profit organizations and are required to furnish proof of their non-profit and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United Nations, of one of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or in a State Party to the International Court of Justice.
4. Bodies and organizations, which are part of the UN System, are considered participating organizations of the IPCC and are not requested to submit an application or other documentation.
5. Organizations, which already have observer status with WMO, UNEP or UNFCCC, are considered as observer of the IPCC if they request so, subject to acceptance by the Panel. They are not required to submit other documentation.
6. Applications from national organizations will be brought to the attention of the IPCC Focal Point of that IPCC Member. They need to provide evidence of independence from governments. Otherwise, they are encouraged to participate as part of their government delegations.
7. Only admitted observer organizations may designate representatives to attend Sessions of the IPCC and Sessions of a Working Group at plenary level. Observer organizations have to register their representatives for each Session in advance.
8. The European Union may exercise the following procedural rights at IPCC Sessions: the right to speak in turn, rather than after all participant States have been acknowledged; the right to reply; the right to introduce proposals. These rights are exclusive. They do not grant the ability to vote or to be elected.
9. Being admitted as observer organization to Sessions of the Panel and of its Working Groups does not imply that the organization is admitted or invited to workshops, expert meetings and other closed meetings. During a Session of the Panel or a Working Group certain meetings may be closed to observers. Observer organizations are not admitted to any Session of the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau.

10. Consistent with the IPCC procedures experts from “international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations may be invited in their own right to contribute to the work of the IPCC Working Groups and Task Forces.”
11. Subject to availability of sufficient space in the conference room UN and other international and intergovernmental organizations will be provided with nameplates.

II. Process of admitting observer organizations

For admitting observer organizations the following process applies:

1. Organizations interested in being admitted as an observer to Sessions of the Panel and any of its Working Groups will be asked to send by post a letter of application with copies of
 - a) Documents describing the mandate, scope and governing structure of the organization, such as the charter/statutes/constitution/by-laws or articles of association.
 - b) Evidence of the non-profit and/or tax-exempt status of the organization.
 - c) Any other information that supports the competence of the organization in matters related to the IPCC.
 - d) Information on the affiliation with other non-governmental organizations or institutions involved in climate change activities as appropriate.
 - e) Completed form with contact information of the organization and of a designated focal point.
2. New requests for admission as an observer to Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups shall be submitted at least 4 months before a Session of the Panel or a Working Group.
3. Organizations, which are already on the list of observers of the IPCC Secretariat and which have received invitations to Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups in the past, will be asked whether they wish to continue to receive invitations to Sessions of the Panel and any of its Working Groups on a provisional basis until the Panel has taken a decision, and if so, they will be asked to submit documentation listed under item 1 above.
4. The Secretariat will bring all requests for admission as observer organization to the attention of Members of the Panel at least four weeks before a Session of the Panel or Working Group.
5. The Secretariat will screen the submissions and make a proposal to be considered by the IPCC Bureau.
6. The list of observer organizations as reviewed by the IPCC Bureau will be presented to the next Session of the Panel for acceptance.
7. An organization is admitted as observer organization by the Panel by consensus.
8. Any organization accepted as observer organization by the IPCC may retain that observer status only as long as they satisfy the conditions set out for observer organizations.
9. The Secretariat of the IPCC maintains information on observer organizations.
10. The Secretariat shall extend invitations to Sessions of the Panel and its Working Groups to accepted observer organizations. The IPCC shall not provide financial assistance to the observers for participating in the IPCC process.
11. Admission of observer organizations will be included as a regular agenda item of Sessions of the IPCC Bureau and the Panel at the discretion of the Chair. The IPCC Bureau and the Panel shall review the list of accepted observer organizations annually.
12. If the observer status has to be withdrawn for any reason, the Chair may suspend the observer status of that organization subject to ratification by the Panel.