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IPCC OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

Being reviewed by the IPCC Bureau a revised document
may be submitted to the IPCC 30th Session

Status of IPCC Observer Organizations

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

- 1 This document is submitted to the 39th Session of the Bureau and to the 30th Session of the IPCC, subject to the recommendations and amendments proposed by the Bureau.
- 2 In compliance with the Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations adopted at the 25th Session of the IPCC, the Panel at its 28th Session held in April 2008 noted the list of 24 UN participating organizations and 28 accredited observer organizations (tables 1 and 2), and admitted 17 new organizations as observers (table 3). After IPCC-28, the Secretary of the IPCC sent a letter (No. 5366-08/IPCC/ORG) to the 17 newly accredited organizations informing them that they were admitted by the Panel, and they are now officially considered as observer organizations of the IPCC.
- 3 The 24 UN organizations listed in **Table 1**, as well as the observer organizations listed in **Tables 2 and 3**, continue to receive invitation to participate in all IPCC and its Working Group Sessions.
- 4 **Table 4** lists the 5 organizations that sent, since the last Panel meeting and on time with respect to the four months deadline, an application to become IPCC Observer Organizations. 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 to IPCC's policy on the matter.
- 5 The first three, Energy Research Austria, Vienna, Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), Brussels, and Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Hsinchu, China, are Organizations which have activities relevant to IPCC and are already observers at the UNFCCC. Two of these, Energy Research Austria and ITRI, do not have an international status and their application has been brought to the attention of the corresponding national focal points, which were due to provide their view by end of February 2009.
- 6 The Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) is a joint undertaking between UN organizations and ICSU, and which has a specific status with respect to UNFCCC, being invited to attend and to report to their meetings. The aim of GCOS, to provide comprehensive information on the climate system, is particularly relevant to IPCC. A number of agencies or organizations deal with climate observations, however GCOS has in its mandate (defined by a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1998 between its four sponsors): the "coordination of existing or planned operational and research programmes for observing the global climate system, and the further development of these programmes as required to ensure continuity of observations". This gives to GCOS a unique role as representative of the various systems dealing with climate related observations
- 7 The Institute for Agriculture and Trade (IATP) is a non-profit non-governmental organization of international scope based in Minneapolis (USA). It provides technical expertise on policies for sustainable food systems and the protection of rural communities and the environment.
- 8 The Bureau, in its 38th session, has reviewed the first four applications and recommended to admit GWEC and GCOS as observers. It has postponed the examination of the applications of Energy Research Austria and ITRI, awaiting the views of the corresponding focal points.
- 9 No answer was received from Austria, leading to assume that no objection is raised with respect to the corresponding application. A letter was received from the focal point of China, attached as Annex 1: it supports the application with specific considerations.

The fifth application, from Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) was received by e-mail on 18 December 2008 and it is submitted for the first time to the Bureau at its 39th Session. IATP has also applied for observer status with the UNFCCC, but the result of the application is not known at the time of writing this document. However this Institute has provided the Secretariat with all documents required, and those documents are available to the Bureau for consultation. The Secretariat considers that the organization's objectives are relevant to IPCC and that the documents received comply with the requirements of IPCC policy and process for admitting observer organizations.

- 10 Considering the views expressed above, the Secretariat recommends approval by the Bureau of the applications by Energy Research Austria, IATP and ITRI, with in view the specific considerations submitted by the focal point of China.
11. The IPCC policy and process for admitting observer organizations is attached for reference as Annex 2.

LIST OF IPCC OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS (April 2008)

TABLE 1 - List of UN Bodies and Organizations as Participating Organizations (24)

Noted by the Panel at its 26th Session

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC
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	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)	Y	Y
17	United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)	Y	Y
18	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Y	Y
19	UN-International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)	Y	Y
20	UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	Y	Y
21	World Bank	Y	Y
22	World Tourism Organization	Y	Y
23	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Y	Y
24	World Health Organization (WHO)	Y	Y

TABLE 2 - List of IPCC Observer Organizations (28)**Accepted by the Panel at its 26th Session**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC
IGOs			
1	European Community (EC)	Y	Y*
2	International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	Y	Y
3	Organization for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD)	Y	Y
4	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	Y	Y
5	The Ramsar Convention Bureau	Y	Y
6	The World Conservation Union (IUCN)	Y	Y
NGOs			
1	CAN-Europe (Climate Action Network Europe)	Y	Y
2	Environmental Defense (US)	Y	Y
3	GHG Associates (US)	Y	
4	Greenpeace	Y	Y
5	International Aluminium Institute (IAI)	Y	Y
6	International Chamber of Commerce	Y	Y
7	International Council for Science (ICSU)	Y	Y
8	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) **	Y	N
9	International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP) **	Y	N
10	International START Secretariat **	Y	N
11	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	Y	Y
12	International Hydropower Association (IHA)	Y	Y
13	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA)	Y	Y
14	Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) (Sweden)	Y	Y
15	The World Energy Council (WEC)	Y	Y
16	Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research (UK)	Y	
17	World Business Council for Sustainable Development	Y	Y
18	World Coal Institute	Y	Y
19	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC, US)	Y	Y
20	Centre for International Studies, Cambridge University (UK)	Y	Y
21	GreenFacts (Belgium)	Y	
22	WWF International (WWF)	Y	Y

* Party to UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol

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TABLE 3 - List of IPCC Observer Organizations (17)**Accepted by the Panel at its 28th Session**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC
IGOs			
1	South Centre	Y	Y
2	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	Y	UNESCO/UNEP
3	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Y	Y
4	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Y	Y
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	Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)	Y	Y
5	ETC Group-Action Group on Erosion Technology and Concentration	Y	Y
6	GERMANWATCH (Germany)	Y	Y
7	Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST, UK)	Y	N
8	Intermon Oxfam (on behalf of Oxfam International)	Y	Y
9	International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Y	Y
10	International Policy Network (US)	Y	Y
11	Third World Network	Y	Y
12	Wetland International	Y	N
13	World Federation of United Nations Association	Y	Y

TABLE 4 - List of New Applications, as of October 2008, for IPCC Observer Organizations

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC	Date of Application	Secretariat's Proposal
New applications (5)					
NGOs					
1	Energy Research Austria, Vienna	Y	Y	L 21/05/08	Y
2	Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), Brussels	Y	Y	L 21/03/08	Y
3	Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Hsinchu, Taiwan, Province of China.	Y	Y	L 13/03/08	Y
4	Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)	Y	Special status	L 03/10/08	Y
5	Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)	Y	N	E 18/12/08	Y

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Number of pages including this one: 1

Our Ref.: CMA /F1/IPCC/09-018

Subject: Application of ITRI for IPCC Observer Status

Dear Dr. Renate Christ,

I would like to refer to the e-mail sent to me by Dr. Gilles on 4 November 2008, informing me of the application of Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) for the observer status of IPCC. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my high appreciation to the IPCC Secretariat, informing me of this important information according to the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations.

Taking into account the interest of ITRI in the climate change, which is a common concern of the global society, I agree that ITRI could be accepted as an IPCC observer organization based on the following conditions:

"ITRI is permitted to attend the IPCC meetings as an observer organization in the name of "Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Taiwan, Province of China" (formal Chinese name "中国台湾省, 工业技术研究院"). Such formal names should also be used and appear in the future IPCC publications, correspondence, meeting documents, etc."

There is only one China in the world and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. In order to avoid the situation of "two Chinas" or "one-China, one Taiwan" in the IPCC, IPCC Secretariat is kindly requested to keep the focal point of China informed of such situation in a timely fashion if happened.

I look forward to the feedback on this issue.

With my best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guoguang zheng', written in a cursive style.

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IPCC POLICY AND PROCESS FOR ADMITTING OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
Adopted by the Panel at its 25th Session, 26-28 April 2006

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 nonprofit 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. 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.
9. 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."
10. Subject to availability of sufficient space in the conference room UN and other international and intergovernmental organizations will be provided with nameplates.

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.