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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 28<sup>th</sup> Session

## **Status of IPCC Observer Organizations**

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

- 1 This document is submitted to the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau and to the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 (Hereinafter, “the Policy and Process”) adopted at the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC, the Panel at its 26<sup>th</sup> Session held in May 2007 noted 24 UN organizations as participating organizations and admitted 28 organizations as observers (tables 1 and 2).
- 3 The 24 UN organizations listed in “Table 1” were noted by the Panel as participating organizations and will continue to receive invitation to participate in all IPCC and its Working Group Sessions. After IPCC-26, the Secretary of the IPCC sent a letter (No. 6943-07/IPCC/ORG) to the 28 organizations listed in “Table 2” informing them that they were admitted by the Panel, and they are now officially considered as observer organizations of the IPCC. The Secretary also sent a letter (No.6944-07/IPCC/ORG) to the 8 organizations which were on the IPCC mailing list before the present formal procedure was applied. Only two organizations responded positively, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, and are included in the new list for consideration. Two others, the Asian Development Bank and the International Energy Agency, which are directly relevant to IPCC activities, will be contacted again, in case they are willing to formally apply, and are included in the list of potential applicants below.
- 4 Table 3 lists new applications for the consideration of the Bureau and also lists organizations which have indicated their interests but for which applications were not received, or not received on time (potential applicants). There are 18 new applications and 6 potential applicants. 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 adequation of the application to IPCC’s policy on the matter. Documentation received from the organizations not having observer status in UNFCCC, UNEP or WMO can be made available for consideration by the Bureau and Panel.
- 5 The IPCC policy and process for admitting observer organizations is attached as Annex 1.

**TABLE 1 - List of UN Bodies and Organizations as Participating Organizations (24)****Noted by the Panel at its 26<sup>th</sup> Session**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of organization</b>	<b>Relevance to IPCC</b>	<b>Observer of FCCC</b>
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 26<sup>th</sup> Session**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of FCCC
<b>IGOs</b>			
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
<b>NGOs</b>			
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 New Applications for IPCC Observer Organizations**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC	Date of Application	Secretariat's Proposal
<b>New applications (18)</b>					
<b>IGOs</b>					
1	South Centre	Y	Y	L06/11/07	Y
2	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	Y	UNESCO UNEP	L29/11/07	Y
3	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Y	Y	L18/06/07	Y
<b>NGOs</b>					
1	African Network for a Climate Community (ANCC)	Y	Y	L18/01/07	Y
2	Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy	Y	Y	L 02/06/07	Y
3	Au Sable Institute for Environmental Studies	Y	N	L30/03/07	
4	Campaign for a Hydrogen Economy (UK)	Y	Y	E12/01/07	Y
5	Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)	Y	Y	L13/02/07	Y
6	ETC Group-Action Group on Erosion Technology and Concentration	Y	Y	L20/12/07	Y
7	GERMANWATCH (Germany)	Y	Y	L21/02/07	Y
8	Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST, UK)	Y	N	E27/11/06 L05/03/07	Y
9	Intermon Oxfam (on behalf of Oxfam International)	Y	Y	L17/07/07	Y
10	International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Y	Y	L18/01/07	Y
11	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Y	Y	L19/02/07	Y
12	International Policy Network (US)	Y	Y	L30/05/07	Y
13	Third World Network	Y	Y	L06/07/07	Y
14	Wetland International	Y	N	L24/07/07	Y
15	World Federation of United Nations Association	Y	Y	L01/11/07	Y
<b>Interest only (8)</b>					
<b>IGOs</b>					
1	Asian Development Bank	Y	Y		
2	International Energy Agency (IEA)	Y	Y		
<b>NGOs</b>					
1	Challenge the Era Company W.L.L (CEC, Kuwait, observation on Non-profit email 04/03/07)	Y	N	E21/02/07	
2	Development Organization for Female Empowerment (DOFE, Bangladesh, Need to contact national FP for confirmation )	N	N	E19/09/07	
3	Ecological Society of Bangladesh (Need to contact national FP for confirmation)	Y	N	E28/06/07	
4	National Resource Centre, Nepal (Need to contact national FP for confirmation )	Y	N	E21/07/07	
5	Centre for Trade and Development, CENTAD, India	Y	N	E 04/02/08	
6	Global Wind Energy Council, GWEC, Brussels	Y	Y	E 12/02/08	

**IPCC POLICY AND PROCESS FOR ADMITTING OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS**  
**Adopted by the Panel at its 25<sup>th</sup> 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.