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PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUP III TOWARDS THE IPCC FOURTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR4) AND BEYOND

1. Approval of the SPM

The Summary for Policy Makers of the contribution of WG III to the AR4 was discussed line-by-line by the Panel from 30 April to 3 May. Thanks to the critical and constructive comments by the Panel delegates, the quality of the draft submitted to the Panel was substantially improved. The full text and the list of changes to be made in the Technical Summary and chapters were approved in the morning of Friday the 4th of May. A press conference marked the launch of the report and gave global coverage of the news. The bottom line: 'mitigation is economically affordable' was well communicated.

2. Production of the report

The printed version of the report of Working group III is available as of November 2nd. Since the end of August, the full report in its final edited version is available electronically at <http://www.mnp.nl/ipcc>.

3. AR4 Outreach

Apart from numerous individual presentations given by the Authors, Review editors, Co-chairs and TSU on the AR4 report, an Outreach Programme, consisting of a series of outreach meetings, has been developed and organized by the TSU of WGIII. To that end, The Netherlands Ministry of Environment has generously supplied additional financial resources.

The WG III outreach programme consists of a series of workshops, mainly in developing country regions (including Latin America, Africa, S.E. Asia) and specific target groups. The workshops have been or are being developed with counterparts. WG III Co-chairs, TSU staff and authors give the presentations.

- The programme has started with a workshop on the implications of the AR4 for industry, held in Albany, USA, in September, co-sponsored by GE. It brought together 45 participants from major enterprises. The meeting focused on the impacts of the WGIII report on industry. The audience expressed a strong interest to participate in stakeholder consultations on the outline for next IPCC reports.
- Two workshops in were held in India: in Mumbai on October 9th aimed at CEOs and chairpersons of large enterprises. It attracted an audience of 55 that discussed the business aspects of climate change. A meeting in Calcutta on October 11 and 12, went into the detail of the WGIII report for an audience on 350 persons dealing with concrete measures: environmental managers, city architects, etc.
- The State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, organized a workshop 25 and 26 October focusing on the implications of the WG III results for the climate policies at municipal, state and federal level. IPCC delivered input with presentations from WG II and WG III. Participants were high-level government representatives (including the federal Minister of Environment Ms Marina Silva), private sector, NGOs and universities. Discussions focused on i.a. avoided deforestation and biofuels. A report (by the state of Rio) on this event will be launched at COP13.
- An outreach meeting in South Africa has been held for representatives of the 14 SADEC (Southern African Development Community) countries on October 31 and November 1. There were more than 60 participants, with a notably high-level representation of the governments. The audience consisted further of representatives of NGOs, industry, academia and faith organizations. The main discussion topic was ways to move forward in mainstreaming climate change. Authors of all three working groups gave presentations.
- At this moment workshops are under preparation for North Africa and for the Russian speaking countries. A few more are under consideration for regions/countries such as the Caribbean, China, and Japan.
- At COP 13, IPCC WG III will give several presentations at side meetings on invitation by NGOs and IGOs.

On request of IPCC WG III TSU, UNEP has developed a popularized booklet containing the main messages from the WGIII AR4 report. The outreach programme will continue until mid 2008. An overview of all activities can be found in the annex to IPCC-XXVII/Doc. 7, Appendix 1, Table 2.

4. The scoping meeting for a possible IPCC Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources

Preparations for a scoping meeting for a Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources are well under way. The meeting will be held in Lübeck, Germany from 21 to 25 January 2008. The nomination for the participants is ongoing at the time of writing.

5. New emission scenarios

From 19-21 September 2007 an Expert Meeting on New Emission Scenarios was held in Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands based on the mandate from IPCC-25¹. A separate progress report is available for agenda point 6.2.

¹ see <http://www.ipcc.ch/meet/session26/draftreport26.pdf>