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INTRODUCTORY NOTES TO DOCUMENTS

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

AGENDA ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 46th SESSION OF THE IPCC

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 5, Rev.1](#) contains the draft report of the 46th Session of the IPCC and includes in its Annex 1 decisions taken by the Panel at that session.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to adopt the report.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST FUND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.1: Budget for the year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 2, Rev. 1](#) introduces the following annexes:

Annex 1 - Provides a list of Member Governments that made a contribution in 2017, as at 31 December 2017.

Annex 2 – Presents a list of Member Governments that expressed an intent to make a contribution in 2017, as of 31 December 2017.

Annex 3 – Provides an update, as of 31 December 2017, of the annual rate of voluntary cash contributions since inception.

Annex 4 – Shows the monthly breakdown of contributions received as of 31 December 2017.

Annex 5 – Presents the interim statement of comparison of budget and actual amount as at 31 December 2017.

Annex 6 – Shows a list of in-kind contributions/activities for the period July-December 2017.

Annexes 7-8 – Provide a breakdown of budget lines “Secretariat” and “Communications”, respectively.

Annex 9 – presents the list of Secretariat travel during 2017.

Annexes 10-14 – Present the 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 budget tables.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to urge member governments that have not yet done so to make their 2018 contributions, and invite member governments in a position to do so to make multi-year pledges covering 2018-2019 and beyond.

The Panel will be invited to consider the document and adopt the decision approving the revised 2018 budget and the 2019 proposed budget and noting the budgets for 2020 and 2021.

Note:

Please note that there will be a pre-meeting of the Financial Task Team at 12:40 on the 14th of March 2018 to be followed by the Financial Task Team meeting from 13:00 to 14:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.2: Resource Mobilization

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 8](#) contains the following:

1. An update on the outcome of the Resource Mobilization campaign and the fundraising meetings.
2. Annex 1 –.Provides a list of Member Governments that made a contribution in 2017, as of 31 December 2017.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the information document.

AGENDA ITEM 4: AD HOC TASK GROUP ON FINANCIAL STABILITY

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraphs 15 and 16 of Decision IPCC-XLVI-1

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 10, Rev. 1](#) contains a report from the Ad hoc Task Group on Financial Stability.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the report and decide on any follow-up action required.

Note:

Please note that there will be a meeting of the Ad hoc Task Group on Financial Stability on the 14th of March 2018 from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM 5: IPCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 6](#) presents activities undertaken by the IPCC Scholarship Programme Science Board with the support of the Secretariat since the 46th Session of the IPCC when the last report was presented to the Panel. The status of the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund and suggestions for improving the administration of the Scholarship Programme are presented.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to:

- Provide suggestions for partner institutions or administrative improvements that can strengthen the Scholarship Programme;
- Consider other academic support that can achieve the goal of bringing more developing country scientists into the IPCC community;
- Consider providing additional resources to strengthen the administration of the Scholarship Programme at the IPCC Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.1: Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 2 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 6](#) presents a progress report on the status of the special report on Global Warming of 1.5°C.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.2: Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 4 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 11](#) presents a progress report on the status of the special report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.3: Special Report on Climate Change and Land

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 3 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 1](#) presents a progress report on the status of the special report on Climate Change and Land.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.4: Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 4](#) presents a progress report of activities undertaken by the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

**AGENDA ITEM 6.5: Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and
Climate Analysis (TGICA)**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 2 of Decision IPCC/XLVI-8.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 9](#) presents a progress report highlighting recent activities of the TGICA and the IPCC Data Distribution Centre (DDC).

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.6: Communication and outreach activities

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Section 1.3.2 of the Implementation Plan of the Communications strategy

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 7](#) is a brief report on communication and outreach activities done since the last report to the 46th Session of the IPCC held in Montreal, Canada on 6 – 10 September 2017. The document includes details on the work done by the Communications Action Team (CAT) during this period including the review of its composition as reflected in the Implementation Plan of the Communications Strategy. The document lists activities done at COP23 and selected outreach activities that have taken place since the last report. It also contains information on other communications activities including work on the new website, an update on support to communications activities from the UN Foundation and statistics on media coverage of the IPCC between 1 July and 31 December 2017.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

**BY THE WORKING GROUP BUREAUX ON THE SELECTION OF
COORDINATING LEAD AUTHORS, LEAD AUTHORS, AND
REVIEW EDITORS FOR THE SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**Report on the selection of Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead
Authors, and Review Editors of Working Group I Contribution to
the Sixth Assessment Report**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 5](#) presents a report on the selection of Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, and Review Editors of Working Group I Contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

**BY THE WORKING GROUP BUREAUX ON THE SELECTION OF
COORDINATING LEAD AUTHORS, LEAD AUTHORS, AND
REVIEW EDITORS FOR THE SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**Report on the selection of Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead
Authors, and Review Editors of Working Group II Contribution to
the Sixth Assessment Report**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 2](#) presents a report on the selection of Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, and Review Editors of Working Group II Contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

**BY THE WORKING GROUP BUREAUX ON THE SELECTION OF
COORDINATING LEAD AUTHORS, LEAD AUTHORS, AND
REVIEW EDITORS FOR THE SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**Report on the selection of Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead
Authors, and Review Editors of Working Group III Contribution
to the Sixth Assessment Report**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 3](#) presents a report on the selection of Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, and Review Editors of Working Group III Contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 3](#) introduces 7 new requests for IPCC observer status which have been submitted in accordance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations since the 46th Session of the IPCC (Montreal, Canada, 6-10 September 2017). Upon recommendation by the Secretariat, the IPCC Bureau at its 55th Session (Geneva, Switzerland, 31 January 2018) positively reviewed the applications and the Panel is requested to admit the requesting organizations as IPCC observer organizations.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to admit the following 7 new observer organizations:

1. Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)
2. International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG)
3. Rutgers University (USA)
4. SouthSouthNorth Projects Africa (SSN)
5. Oasis
6. International Energy Agency Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme (IEAGHG)
7. InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

AGENDA ITEM 10: REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

IPCC Conflict of Interest Policy

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The Chair of the IPCC Conflict of Interest Committee will give an oral report.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORT OF THE AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF
THE TASK GROUP ON DATA AND SCENARIO SUPPORT FOR
IMPACT AND CLIMATE ANALYSIS**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLVI-8

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 9](#), [Doc. 9.Add1-ATF-TGICA-interview batch](#), [Doc. 9.Add2-ATF-TGICA-focal points batch](#), presents a final report of the work of the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Future of TGICA. Proposals for new terms of reference for TGICA and the DDC are presented for the Panel's consideration. Other issues relevant to the operation of TGICA and the DDC in the near- and long-term are also presented.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Task Force (ATF-TGICA) and to discuss the potential revisions to the Mandate and Terms of Reference for the Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA) introduced below and as contained in Annex 7 to the present report, with the objective of developing a decision on the future of TGICA and the IPCC Data Distribution Centre (DDC).

AGENDA ITEM 12:**ALIGNING THE WORK OF THE IPCC WITH THE NEEDS OF THE
GLOBAL STOCKTAKE UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT****INTRODUCTORY NOTE****REFERENCES**

Decision IPCC/XLVI-5

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 8](#) presents proposals for Terms of Reference of the Task Group on the alignment of the cycles of the IPCC and the global stocktake foreseen under the Paris Agreement.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

At the 47th Session of the IPCC, the Panel will be requested to only consider the proposed terms of reference for the Task Group. Suggestions submitted by governments on the timing and length of the assessment cycle, and related issues will be provided to the Task Group for further analysis and consultation. Further solicitation of government inputs to the process will be done as necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 13:**GENDER****INTRODUCTORY NOTE****REFERENCES**

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 7](#) provides background information on frameworks for gender considerations within the UN system. It also highlights specific gender related events that have been organized in connection to IPCC plenaries.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider and decide on the establishment of a gender task team for the IPCC, which would report back to the 49th Session of the IPCC.

AGENDA ITEM 14:

REVIEW OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING IPCC WORK

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The IPCC Secretary will give an oral presentation to introduce the agenda item.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to agree with the way forward as proposed by the IPCC Secretary.

AGENDA ITEM 15: PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN IPCC ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraphs 24-27 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4
Paragraph 12 of Decision IPCC/XLIV-1

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVII/Doc. 4](#) presents results from a survey conducted by the Secretariat following the half-day Pre-Plenary Briefing Session which was held in Guadalajara, Mexico, in the afternoon on 27 March 2017 just before the 45th Session of the IPCC.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to note that the survey conducted indicates support for pre-Plenary briefing sessions, while also offering suggestions for improvement.

The Panel will also invited to recommend, based on the results from the survey that pre-Plenary briefing sessions be organized when feasible and within existing available resources, so as to enable effective involvement of developing countries in IPCC activities.

AGENDA ITEM 16:

**MATTERS RELATED TO UNFCCC AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL BODIES**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The UNFCCC Secretariat representative will present the document [IPCC-XLVII/INF. 10](#) on the outcome of the 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC of particular relevance to the IPCC. The report further describes some activities that will take place in 2018 that would benefit from support from the IPCC.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the information with appreciation, acknowledging the consistent strengthening of collaboration between the UNFCCC and the IPCC.