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INTRODUCTORY NOTES TO DOCUMENTS

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

AGENDA ITEM 2: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 5 – APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 45th SESSION OF THE IPCC

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 5](#) constitutes the procedural report of the 45th 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: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 2 – Budget for the year 2018, 2019, 2020

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc.2](#) introduces the following annexes:

Annex 1 - Provides an update from 1 January to 30 June 2017 of the annual rate of voluntary cash contributions since inception.

Annex 2 – Presents the monthly breakdown of contributions received as of 30 June 2017.

Annex 3 - Presents the interim statement of comparison of budget and actual amount as at 30 June 2017.

Annex 4 – Shows a list of in-kind contributions/activities for the period January – June 2017.

Annex 5 – Provides a list of donors that have made a contribution in 2017, as 30 June 2017.

Annex 6 – Shows a list of donors that have expressed an intent to make a contribution in 2017, as at 30 June 2017.

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

Annexes 9-12 – Present the 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 budget tables.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to urge member governments to make their 2017 contributions, if not already done so, and where possible invite member governments to make a multi-year pledge covering 2017-2019 and beyond.

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.2: IPCC-XLVI/INF. 9 – Resource Mobilization

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.9](#) introduces the following:

1. An update on the outcome of fundraising meetings.
2. Annex 1 – Interim 2017 IPCC Financial Status as at 30 June 2017.
3. Annex 2 - Projection of financial situation over AR6 cycle (2016-2022), as at 30 June 2017
4. Annex 3 – List of donors who made a contribution in 2017 as of 30 June 2017.
5. Annex 4 – List of donors who expressed an intent to make a contribution in 2017 as of 30 June 2017

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST FUND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.3: IPCC-XLV/INF. 1 – Audited 2016 financial statements

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.1](#) introduces the following:

1. The 2016 financial statements
2. The Audit Report from the External Auditors (Swiss Federal Audit Office)
3. The Audit Opinion from the External Auditors (Swiss Federal Audit Office)

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST FUND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.4: IPCC-XLVI/INF. 2 – Budget preparation process

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 8 of Decision IPCC-XLV-3

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The documents [IPCC-XLVI/INF.2](#) introduce the following:

1. How the budget of the IPCC Trust Fund is prepared using standard costs.
2. Highlights the factors that contribute to expenditures being lower than the budget:

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST FUND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.4: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 4 - Communication and outreach for the Special Reports in the Sixth Assessment Report cycle

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

- Annex 2: SR15 Communications Strategy
- The *Implementation Plan* of the *IPCC Communications Strategy* states that “Well in advance of the publication of a report, a communications plan will be drawn up to handle the launch and subsequent communications” of the report¹ and provides details on its preparation and authorization process.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc.4](#) introduces the following:

- Highlights the cyclical nature of IPCC’s communication activities and recognizes the need for the optimization of IPCC finances
- Highlights the need for additional funds to the budget already noted for 2018 and 2019 due to the release of 3 Special Reports and the 2019 Refinement during this period
- Outlines the budget elements that the extra funds will be used for
- Provides a detailed breakdown of the proposed budget from 2017 to 2020
- Provides a communications strategy for SR15 submitted to the Bureau
- Also notes the possible under spending in 2020 as no reports will be released that year.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to approve the request for additional funds to the communications budget for 2018 and 2019.

¹ *Implementation Plan*, §64

**AGENDA ITEM 4: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 8 ; IPCC-XLVI/INF.12 and IPCC-XLVI/INF.14
AD HOC TASK GROUP ON FINANCIAL STABILITY (ATG-
Finance)**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 9 of Decision IPCC-XLV-3

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc.8](#) introduces the following:

1. The role of the IPCC and why support it.
2. The IPCC financial status: contributions and the use of reserves
3. The Trend in voluntary and in-kind contributions
4. Funding options

Annex 1 – Simulation of assessments for 2016 and 2017 annual targets.

The information document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.12](#) presents the pros and cons of the funding options.

The information document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.14](#) provide comments from members of the Ad Hoc Task Group on Financial Stability of the IPCC

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the document and adopt the decision approving the funding option(s) to pursue and the way forward in order to adequately address the funding situation of the IPCC.

AGENDA ITEM 5: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 10 - ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document (IPCC-XLVI/Doc.10) introduces 12 new requests for IPCC observer status which have been submitted in accordance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations since the 45th Session of the IPCC (Guadalajara, Mexico, 27-31 March 2017). Upon recommendation by the Secretariat, the IPCC Bureau at its 54th Session (Montreal, Canada, 5 September 2017) reviewed the applications for acceptance by the Panel. Depending the deliberations and recommendation of the Bureau, 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. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
2. Heinrich Boell Foundation (HBF)
3. International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
4. Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
5. Food & Water Watch
6. Research and Development Centre, Nepal
7. Imperial College London
8. Canadian Nuclear Association
9. European Marine Board (EMB)
10. Stockholm Resilience Centre
11. Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC)
12. ParlAmericas

AGENDA ITEM 6: 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 7: SCOPING OF THE IPCC SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6)

AGENDA ITEM 7.1: Working Group I, AR6 Report Outline

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The Working Group I Co-Chairs will report on the outcomes of the Scoping Meeting which was held from 1 to 5 May 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, particularly the proposed scope and outline of Working Group I contribution to the AR6.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to provide initial views on the proposed scope, chapter headings, the title of Working Group I contribution to the AR6 and other relevant matters in preparation of the Working Group I Plenary sessions 7-8 September 2017 that will consider the draft outline.

AGENDA ITEM 7: SCOPING OF THE IPCC SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6)

AGENDA ITEM 7.2: Working Group II, AR6 Report Outline

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The Working Group II Co-Chairs will report on the outcomes of the Scoping Meeting which was held from 1 to 5 May 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, particularly the proposed scope and outline of Working Group II contribution to the AR6.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to provide initial views on the proposed scope, chapter headings, the title of Working Group II contribution to the AR6 and other relevant matters in preparation of the Working Group II Plenary sessions 7-8 September 2017 that will consider the draft outline.

AGENDA ITEM 7: SCOPING OF THE IPCC SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6)

AGENDA ITEM 7.3: Working Group III, AR6 Report Outline

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The Working Group III Co-Chairs will report on the outcomes of the Scoping Meeting which was held from 1 to 5 May 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, particularly the proposed scope and outline of Working Group III contribution to the AR6.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to provide initial views on the proposed scope, chapter headings, the title of Working Group III contribution to the AR6 and other relevant matters in preparation of the Working Group III Plenary sessions 7-8 September 2017 that will consider the draft outline.

AGENDA ITEM 7: SCOPING OF THE IPCC SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6)

AGENDA ITEM 7.4: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 6. – AR6 Synthesis Report

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraph 3 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc.6](#) presents background information leading to the Scoping Meeting of the AR6 which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a summary of the Scoping Meeting, broad elements underpinning the outline of the Synthesis Report and an overview of cross-cutting themes which were proposed by the three Working Groups and subsequently discussed in Breakout Group Sessions.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the broad elements on the Synthesis Report outline and provide feedback necessary for the buildup towards the dedicated Scoping Meeting, tentatively planned for April 2019.

AGENDA ITEM 8: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 9 - FUTURE OF THE TASK GROUP ON DATA AND SCENARIO SUPPORT FOR IMPACT AND CLIMATE ANALYSIS (ATF-TGICA)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLIV-8.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 9](#) presents the progress report of the ATF-TGICA.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report and decide on an extension of the mandates for the ATF-TGICA and TGICA until IPCC-47.

AGENDA ITEM 9: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 3 - ALIGNMENT OF THE CYCLES OF THE IPCC AND THE GLOBAL STOCKTAKE

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.
Decision IPCC/XLIII-7

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 3](#) presents three options for aligning the IPCC assessment cycles with the global stocktake established in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the options presented in the document on the alignment of work of the IPCC AR7 and beyond and the UNFCCC global stocktake cycles, with the aim of aligning the work of the IPCC during its Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) with the needs of the global stocktake foreseen under the Paris Agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 10:

IPCC-XLVI/INF. 3 - PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN IPCC ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

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

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF. 3](#) describe the actions that the Secretariat had undertaken in order to implement paragraphs 24-27 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of this information document and provide guidance as appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 11: IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 7 - SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE FORCERS

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

Document [IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 7](#) presents a proposal for an Expert Meeting on the estimation of emissions of Short-lived climate forces tentatively planned for May 2018.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the proposal for the Expert Meeting and the budgetary implications, and provide guidance as appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 12.1: Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 2 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The Co-Chairs of Working Group I will provide an oral report on the status of the special report.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

**AGENDA ITEM 12.2: IPCC-XLVI/INF.10 - 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-XLVI/INF.10](#) presents the status of the special report highlighting the author selection process.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 12.3: IPCC-XLVI/INF.11 - Special Report on Climate Change and Land

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 3 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.11](#) presents the status of the special report highlighting the author selection process.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 12.4: IPCC-XLVI/INF. 5 - Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF. 5](#) 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 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 12.5: IPCC-XLVI/INF. 7 - Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 2 of Decision IPCC/XLIV-8.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.7](#) 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 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

**AGENDA ITEM 12.6: IPCC-XLVI/INF. 6 - Expert meeting on Mitigation,
Sustainability and Climate Stabilization Scenarios)**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Decision IPCC/XLIV-7

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF. 6](#) presents a report for the IPCC Expert Meeting on Mitigation, Sustainability and Climate Stabilization Scenarios which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 26 to 28 April 2017.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 12.7: IPCC-XLVI/INF. 8 - Communication and outreach activities

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.8](#) is a brief report on communication activities since the last report to the 45th Session of the IPCC which was held in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 28-31 March 2017. It includes a list of selected outreach activities that have taken place during this period, as well as some of the planned outreach activities until the end of 2017. This document also contains information on other communications activities, including a session on communicating for authors attending the second Lead Author Meeting for the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C (SR15), the ongoing work on the refreshment of the website, a video and two animations that were launched recently and the meetings of the Communications Action Team (CAT), etc.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 12.8: IPCC-XLVI/INF. 4 – Scholarship programme

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Document [IPCC-XLV/Doc. 9](#)

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLVI/INF.4](#) presents the outcome of the 4th round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme and the financial status of the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report and consider advising the Science Board on potential Trustees who could accept to serve in the Board if appointed.

AGENDA ITEM 13:

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

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The UNFCCC Secretariat representative will present an oral report on past and upcoming meetings of the UNFCCC, as well as of other matters of joint interest.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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