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Progress Report of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

(Submitted by the Co-Chairs of the Task Force Bureau)

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1. The Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas inventories (TFI) completed the publication of English versions of two new Methodology Reports in 2014. The two reports are: the *2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement)*¹, and the *2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol (KP Supplement)*². Electronic copies of them were released on TFI's website in February 2014. One DVD containing them was distributed to each member of the IPCC in December 2014. In addition, for eventual use by national inventory compilers, a limited number of hard-cover prints of them were produced and can be obtained from the Technical Support Unit of TFI upon request. Translations of the reports into other UN languages are under way, but the translation work has been delayed by recent cancellation of contract between the WMO and the translation company.
2. The TFI continued its efforts to maintain, improve and promote the Emission Factor Database (EFDB). It organized the 12th Meeting of Editorial Board and the 9th & 10th Data Meetings in November 2014 at the Headquarters of Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy. The TFI extends its appreciation to the FAO for its support by hosting these meetings. The 9th Data Meeting was held to collect data for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Sector from potential data providers. The 10th Data Meeting was held as *Expert Meeting on Emerging Activities to Combat Climate Change - Use of FAO Datasets and IPCC GHG Inventory Guidelines for AFOLU*. The TFI organized this meeting jointly with the FAO and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).
3. The TFI continued to enhance the usefulness of the IPCC Inventory Software by holding the *Expert Meeting to Collect EFDB and Software Users Feedback* on 14-16 October 2014 in Hayama, Japan. The TFI extends its appreciation to Japan for its support by hosting this meeting. The TFI will continue to improve this software through rectification of bugs and errors detected, and also by organizing an *Expert Meeting to Collect EFDB and Software Users Feedback* again on 17-19 March 2015 in Okinawa, Japan.
4. In accordance with the IPCC Trust Fund programme and budget approved by the IPCC at its 40th Session, the TFI will undertake technical assessment of IPCC Inventory Guidelines in 2015 through the combination of an on-line questionnaire survey that has already been launched and two expert meetings. The work will assess where science and data availability have developed sufficiently since the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* to support the refinement or development of methodological advice for specific categories and gases, with a view to identifying any specific areas or issues to be prioritized. Another aim is to conduct technical assessments on cross-sectoral issues, including improvement of user-friendliness of other inventory tools with a view to contributing to capacity development programmes. The outcome of these assessment works will be reflected into the draft 2016 Programme of Work, which will be submitted to the 42nd Session of the IPCC for its consideration.
5. Actions required by the IPCC Error Protocol have been carried out, including those actions on the *Wetlands Supplement*.
6. The TFI continued its efforts to promote its activities and products at various international meetings and workshops. For example, at the 20th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP20) in December 2014 in Lima, Peru, the TFI distributed DVDs containing all the TFI Methodology Reports including the *Wetlands Supplement* and the *KP Supplement* as well as the EFDB and the IPCC Inventory Software.

¹ The *Wetlands Supplement* is available at: <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/wetlands/>

² The *KP Supplement* is available at: <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/kpsg/>