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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

(Submitted by the Acting Secretary of the IPCC)

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The Forty-Third Session of the IPCC (IPCC-43) will take place from 11 to 13 April 2016 at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during the plenary meetings of the Session. All documentation will be in English only.

Pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper but will be posted on a dedicated web page at [www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch). In addition the IPCC papersmart system will allow registered participants to access session documents in electronic format during the meeting on a dedicated web portal via individual credentials linked to their registration. Specific guidance on the use of the papersmart system is made available in advance of IPCC sessions. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

It is suggested that the working hours be from 10.00–13.00 hrs and from 15.00–18.00 hrs.

Additional information about IPCC-43 is available on the dedicated web page at [www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch).

### 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Chair of the IPCC will call the session to order at 10:00 am on Monday, 11 April 2016. It is anticipated that a number of special guests will address the Plenary.

The provisional agenda [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.1](#) will be submitted to the Panel for approval. The agenda may be amended at any time during the session

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> SESSION

The draft report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the IPCC, [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.12](#), will be presented to the Panel for approval.

### 3. IPCC PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

#### 3.1 Statement of income and expenditure

The IPCC Secretariat will present an Interim 2015 Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts as of 31 December 2015 for information. The audited statement has been provided as [IPCC-XLIII/INF.3](#).

#### 3.2 Budget for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

The Panel will be invited to consider adjustments to the 2016 budget as compared to that approved by IPCC-42 as submitted in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.2](#).

As discussed at IPCC-42, the Panel will also be invited to consider changes to the 2017 budget and note the current forecast budget for 2018 and the indicative budget for 2019.

Also, should the Panel decide to carry out additional activities in the years 2016 or 2017, the budgetary implications shall be considered under this agenda item.

### 3.3 Funding needs for AR6 cycle and possible funding sources

As discussed at IPCC-42, the IPCC Secretariat will present an information document on possible funding sources for the Sixth Assessment Report cycle ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.1](#)) and an information document on funding needs for the Sixth Assessment Report cycle ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.2](#)). The Panel will be invited to consider the current status of contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund and the longer term implications of current trends and to exchange views on these two documents.

### 3.4 Any other matters

Members of the Panel may raise any other matters related to budget and finance.

## 4. ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

Consistent with the “IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations”, the Panel is invited to consider the admission of new observer organizations as presented in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.4](#).

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Communication and outreach activities

The Secretariat will report on communications and outreach activities undertaken since the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the IPCC and plans for the coming year ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.5](#)).

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

### 5.2 Status with respect to the establishment of the Technical Support Units

#### 5.2.1.1. Working Group I

The Co-Chairs of Working Group I will provide an oral report on the status with respect to the establishment of the Technical Support Unit of Working Group I.

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

#### 5.2.1.2. Working Group II

The Co-Chairs of Working Group II will provide an oral report on the status with respect to the establishment of the Technical Support Unit of Working Group II.

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

#### 5.2.1.3. Working Group III

The Co-Chairs of Working Group III will provide an oral report on the status with respect to the establishment of the Technical Support Unit of Working Group III.

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

#### 5.2.1.4. Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories will provide an oral report on the status with respect to the establishment of the Technical Support Unit of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

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

#### 5.3 27<sup>th</sup> Task Force Bureau Meeting (TFI), 16-18 November 2015, Hayama, Japan

The Panel will be informed of the outcomes from the 27<sup>th</sup> Task Force Bureau Meeting (TFI), 16-18 November 2015, Hayama, Japan ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.11](#)).

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

#### 5.4 13<sup>th</sup> Editorial Board Meeting for the IPCC Emission Factor Database (EFDB) 18-20 November 2015, Hayama, Japan

The Panel will be informed of the outcomes from the 13<sup>th</sup> Editorial Board Meeting for the IPCC Emission Factor Database (EFDB), 18-20 November 2015, Hayama, Japan. The report will also include information on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Expert Meetings on Data for the IPCC Emission Factor Database (EFDB), 19 - 20 November 2015, Hayama, Japan ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.13](#)).

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report

#### 5.5 TGICA Expert Meeting, 26-27 January 2016, Geneva, Switzerland

The Panel will be informed of the outcomes of the Expert Meeting on the Future of the Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA), 26-27 January 2016, Geneva, Switzerland ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.10,Rev.1](#)).

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

#### 5.6 TFI Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software Users' feedback, 25-28 January 2016, Kobe, Japan

The Panel will be informed of the outcomes of the Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software Users' feedback, 25-28 January 2016, Kobe, Japan ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.12](#)).

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

#### 5.7 Expert Meeting on Communication, 9-10 February 2016, Oslo, Norway

The Panel will be informed of the outcomes of the Expert Meeting on Communication, 9-10 February 2016, Oslo, Norway ([IPCC-XLIII/INF.6](#)).

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

## **6. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

### **6.1 Review of the IPCC Conflict of Interest Policy**

At its 34<sup>th</sup> Session the Panel decided to review the Conflict of Interests (COI) Policy, as appropriate, within twelve months after the next Bureau elections. Referring to this decision the Panel at its 42<sup>nd</sup> Session (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 5-8 October 2015) decided to review the COI policy and process at its next session.

The Panel will be invited to consider establishing a sub-committee of the COI Committee, consisting of the COI Chair and the COI Committee members representing UNEP and WMO, as well as a representative of each Working Group Bureau and the Task Force Bureau, and serviced by the IPCC Secretariat, with the mandate to review the COI Policy and its implementation arrangements, and propose solutions for the concerns outlined in document [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.3](#), for the Panel's consideration and decision at its 44<sup>th</sup> Session.

### **6.2 Size, composition and structure of a future IPCC Bureau**

At its 42<sup>nd</sup> Session the Panel decided to initiate also a review at its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the approaches and criteria that would be used to determine the size, structure and composition of a future Bureau, including consideration of any implications for the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Bureau with respect to the role of the members in regional representation.

The Panel will be invited to exchange opinions on the information provided in [IPCC-XLIII/INF.14](#) with a view of its possible consideration at the time of the five-year review of Principles Governing IPCC Work expected to be considered no later than 2018.

## **7. MATTERS RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC) AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES**

### **7.1 Follow-up to the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP-21)**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-21) was held in Paris, France, from 30 November to 11 December 2015. A major outcome of this conference was the adoption of the Paris Agreement that charts global climate action for decades to come. Several decisions of COP-21 and CMP-11 and conclusions of SBSTA-43 mention the IPCC explicitly. In addition, several other decisions of COP-21 may have implicit relevance and potential consequences to the work of the IPCC and the time frame of its products. The provisions of these are listed in [IPCC-XLIII/INF.4](#), grouped by the programme of work and products under the sixth assessment cycle.

The IPCC Bureau, after having considered this topic at its 51<sup>st</sup> Session (Geneva, Switzerland, 16-17 February 2016), recommends to the Panel to take the outcomes of UNFCCC COP-21 into account when determining the IPCC programme of work and products for the sixth assessment cycle.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the information provided in [IPCC-XLIII/INF.4](#).

## **8. SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6) PRODUCTS**

### **8.1 Special Reports**

In Decision IPCC/XLI-6 on Workshops and Special Reports, second paragraph, the Panel requested the IPCC Secretariat to invite Member States to submit views on potential themes for Special Reports during AR6 cycle and input from the Working Group Co-chairs, and agreed to further discuss the issue at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Panel.

This matter was considered at the 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Sessions of the Bureau. At its 51<sup>st</sup> Session the Bureau commended the coordination by the Working Group Co-chairs in the preparation of commentaries on individual proposals and clusters of proposals for the consideration of the Bureau. There was broad convergence in supporting clusters A (land use, land degradation and agriculture), B (oceans and cryosphere), F (emissions pathways, including the 1.5°C proposal) and I (cities) as priority themes. The Chair of the IPCC concluded that the documentation to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Panel should include:

- A recommendation to accept the invitation from the COP21 to prepare a Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways and that the scope of such Special Report would be addressed during the scoping process. Accepting this proposal could, depending on the scoping of the report, cover most elements of the other cluster F proposals.
- A recommendation on the range of Special Reports that the Bureau gave support under 9 clusters.
- A roadmap to integrate proposals in AR6 scoping, what could be handled by Working Groups` contributions and what could be handled within the Special Report on 1.5°C.
- An assessment of options for the treatment of regional aspects in AR6.

The Panel will be invited to consider the proposals included in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.8](#) and in particular to consider:

- Accepting the invitation by the UNFCCC to prepare a Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. The scope and other considerations would be decided during the scoping process;
- Agreeing on one or more additional themes for an Special Report among clusters A (land use, land degradation and agriculture), B (oceans and cryosphere), F (emissions pathways, including the 1.5°C proposal) and I (cities);
- Agreeing that all other submitted themes for Special Reports should be taken into consideration during the scoping exercise of the AR6 across the three Working Groups;
- Options for the enhanced treatment of regional aspects in AR6.

The following documentation provides additional information for the consideration of this agenda item: [IPCC-XLIII/INF.7](#), which includes a compilation of the proposed themes for Special reports during the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) cycle; [IPCC-XLIII/INF.8](#), [IPCC-XLIII/INF.8, Add.1](#), which includes a Commentary from the Co-Chairs of Working Groups I, II and III on each of the proposals for Special Reports contained in document [IPCC-XLIII/INF.7](#); [IPCC-XLIII/INF.9](#), which includes the Co-Chairs of Working Groups I, II and III commentary on Clusters of proposals for Special Reports contained in document [IPCC-XLIII/INF.7](#); and [IPCC-XLIII/INF.19](#); which includes an assessment of options by the Co-Chair of Working Groups I, II and III for treating regional aspects, a roadmap to integrate proposals for special reports in AR6 scoping, what could be handled by Working Groups` contributions and what could be handled within the Special Report on 1.5°C.

## 8.2 Strategic Planning

At its 50<sup>th</sup> Session, held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on 9 October 2015, the IPCC Bureau considered a schedule proposal tabled by the Acting Secretary of the IPCC which indicated meetings and other initiatives to be undertaken during 2016 in order to initiate the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) cycle.

At the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Bureau the Deputy Secretary of the IPCC introduced a tentative schedule of strategic planning timeframes for the Sixth Assessment Report cycle. The main topics discussed were the overall length of the AR6 cycle, how many Special Reports could be feasible in procedural and logistics terms and how to address regional aspects during the assessment cycle. There was general consensus that IPCC should be responsive to the needs of the UNFCCC and should finalize AR6 in a timely manner in view of the 2023 deadline set by the UNFCCC regarding the Global Stocktaking under Article 14 of the Paris Agreement. For similar reasons several interventions supported the need for aligning the IPCC assessment cycles with the UNFCCC Global Stocktaking cycle after 2023. The Chair of the IPCC concluded at the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Bureau that the Acting Secretary should submit proposals to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Panel trying to reconcile all the opinions expressed from the floor.

In the light of all the above the Panel is invited to consider the proposals included in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.9](#), and in particular:

- a. Consider whether to produce one, two or more SRs during the AR6 assessment cycle.
- b. Consider whether a Methodology Report should be produced during the AR6 assessment cycle.
- c. Consider whether regional assessments should be integrated within the main products of the AR6, or should be included in an additional stand-alone volume, or both.
- d. Consider the overall length of the AR6 assessment cycle and whether an extension of the deadline for considering the Synthesis Report would be appropriate in order to allow six months gaps between the consideration of the contributions of WG I, WG III, WGII and the Synthesis Report, this being within the 18 months maximum limits set in paragraph 5 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.
- e. Consider to authorize reducing Expert reviews and Government and government/expert reviews to 6 weeks where necessary.
- f. Give a preliminary consideration to the options for the preparations of the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7).

[IPCC-XLIII/INF.19](#) provides additional information on an assessment of options by the Co-Chair of Working Groups I, II and III for treating regional aspects, a roadmap to integrate proposals for special reports in AR6 scoping, what could be handled by Working Groups` contributions and what could be handled within the Special Report on 1.5°C.

## **9. UPDATE OF METHODOLOGIES ON NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Task Force Bureau (TFB) (28 - 29 August 2014, Ottawa) concluded, inter alia, that to maintain the scientific validity of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2006 IPCC Guidelines), certain refinements may be required, taking into account scientific and other technical advances that have matured sufficiently since 2006. Following these conclusions by the TFB and approval by the Panel at its 40<sup>th</sup> Session, the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) started a technical assessment of IPCC Inventory Guidelines. The technical assessment revealed that there has been abundant new scientific and empirical knowledge published since 2006 which the IPCC should take into account, particularly with respect to data for emission factor development for some categories and gases. Consequently the necessity and usefulness of refinement of the current methodological guidance (e.g. updating default emission factors) has been recognized by TFB.

The Panel will be invited to consider the proposals in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.6](#) for the refinement of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

## **10. FUTURE OF THE TASK GROUP ON DATA AND SCENARIO SUPPORT FOR IMPACT AND CLIMATE ANALYSIS (TGICA)**

At its 41<sup>st</sup> Session (Nairobi, Kenya, 24 – 27 February 2015), the Panel decided to revisit the mandate of the Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA) at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPCC. The Secretariat was requested, in consultation with the TGICA Co-chairs, to update the TGICA vision paper for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session, taking into account views from scientists, IPCC Bureau, submissions from governments and IPCC observer organizations, and recommendations from an IPCC meeting of experts on this issue, organized by the Secretariat.

The Panel will be invited to consider to proposals contained in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc.10.Corr.1](#).

Supporting information is provided in [IPCC-XLIII/INF.10, Rev.1](#), which includes a summary report on the Expert Meeting on the Future of TGICA, 26-27 January 2016, Geneva; [IPCC-XLIII/INF.15](#), prepared by the Co-chairs of TGICA, which includes a background to TGICA and the DDC; [IPCC-XLIII/INF.16](#), which includes an institutional analysis of TGICA; [IPCC-XLIII/INF.17](#), prepared by the Co-chairs of TGICA, which includes information on priority objectives for TGICA and the DDC; and [IPCC-XLIII/INF.18](#), which includes the collated comments from governments and observer organizations on the revised TGICA vision document.

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6)**

[IPCC-XLIII/Doc.5](#) sets out proposals for communications around the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). It draws on the experience of communications and outreach around the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), including the application of the Communications Strategy and the recommendations of IPCC Expert Meeting on Communication held on 9-10 February 2016 (see [IPCC-XLIII/INF.6](#)).

The Panel will be invited to consider the proposal included in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc. 5](#).

## **12. IPCC LIBRARY FACILITY**

Extensive access to scientific journals and publications is essential for IPCC authors during the process of drafting IPCC reports. Accessing such sources of information in many cases requires paid subscriptions and in many cases the costs are high in particular when the task is of the scale necessary for an IPCC assessment. This poses important challenges for many authors, in particular for authors from developing countries.

Following consultation, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has manifested willingness in developing, hosting and managing an IPCC library facility that would help authors to access relevant journals and publications at no cost as described in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc 13](#). UNEP would require a one-off support through the International UN Volunteers scheme for two years in order to complete the setting up of the system with a total cost of 107,300 USD from the Trust Fund for the two years.

The Panel will be invited to adopt a Decision giving a formal mandate to UNEP in this regard, to authorize the indicated budget and to authorize the Secretary of the IPCC to conclude an agreement with UNEP regarding the IPCC Library Facility.



### **13. IPCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

[IPCC-XLIII/Doc.7](#) includes an update on the third round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme, a financial statement of the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund, a proposal regarding the Board of Trustees of the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund and information regarding the ongoing review of the Scholarship Programme.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the document, to thank the members of the Board of Trustees of the IPCC Scholarship Programme for their contribution to the IPCC Scholarship Programme and to release them from any further obligations or liabilities.

### **14. DECISION PATHWAY FOR CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION OR MEETINGS**

In Decision IPCC/XLI-5 the Panel “approved the Principles to guide the IPCC’s engagement in potential studies of the IPCC process” as recommended by the Expert Meeting on Potential Studies of the IPCC Process (28-29 January 2015, Geneva, Switzerland)”. Paragraph 1 of “the Principles” provides that “the IPCC should develop a decision pathway for consideration of requests from researchers for access to non-public IPCC materials or meetings”. At its 42nd Session the Panel noted a report from the Acting Secretary of the IPCC with an update on the work being undertaken to draft such a “decision pathway”.

The Panel will be invited to consider the proposal for a “Decision pathway for consideration of requests for access to IPCC non-public material or meetings” as included in [IPCC-XLIII/Doc 11](#).

### **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Panel will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require the Panel’s attention.

### **16. PLACE AND DATE FOR THE 44<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY SESSION OF THE IPCC**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC is planned to be held from 5 to 8 December 2016, at a venue to be confirmed.

### **17. CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

The Session is expected to close at 06:00 pm on Wednesday 13 April 2016.