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**IPCC OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS**

**Progress report on the status of Observer Organizations**

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

## **OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Progress report on the status of Observer Organizations**

In compliance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations adopted at the 25<sup>th</sup> Session and amended at the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC, the Panel has admitted a total of 96 observer organizations with one application pending (see Table 5 of Annex 1). Since the 34<sup>th</sup> Session (Kampala, 18-19 November 2011) no new requests for observer status have been submitted.

The Bureau, at its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session (Geneva, April 2011) recommended a periodic review of the observer status of organizations, to ensure that the organizations are still relevant to the mandate of the IPCC, which is also in accordance with Rule II.11 of the IPCC Policy.

The Secretariat undertook the requested review by circulating a short questionnaire to the observer organizations complemented by a web search, and reported on the outcome to the Bureau at its 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Session. The Bureau welcomed the review noting and agreeing that 95 of the 96 observer organizations are still relevant to the mandate of the IPCC. The Bureau furthermore noted and agreed to take one organization (GHG Associates, USA), off the list. GHG Associates had not replied to any of the Secretariat's communications since mid-2009. Furthermore, the web search provided indications that the organization ceased to exist. The revised list of observer organizations is attached as Annex I.

The Panel may take note of the review and request the Secretariat to undertake and submit the results of a next review in two years time.

The IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations is attached for reference as Annex 2.

## ANNEX 1

### LIST OF IPCC OBSERVERS ORGANIZATIONS (March 2012)

**TABLE 1 - List of UN Bodies and Organizations as Participating Organizations (29)**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
1	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)	Y	Y
2	UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Y	Y
3	UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	Y	Y
4	UN Economic Commission for Africa	Y	Y
5	UN Economic Commission for Europe	Y	Y
6	UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	Y	Y
7	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Y	Y
8	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO)	Y	Y
9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Y	Y
10	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	Y	Y
11	International Labour Organization (ILO)	Y	Y
12	International Maritime Organization (IMO)	Y	Y
13	Ozone Secretariat (Sec. for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and for the Montreal Protocol)	Y	Y
14	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	Y	Y
15	Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Y	N.A.
16	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	Y	Y
17	United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)	Y	Y
18	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Y	Y
19	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Y	Y
20	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Y	Y
21	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)	Y	Y
22	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)	Y	Y
23	United Nations University (UNU)	Y	Y
24	World Bank	Y	Y
25	World Food Programme (WFP)	Y	Y
26	World Health Organization (WHO)	Y	Y
27	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Y	Y
28	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Y	Y
29	World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)	Y	Y

**TABLE 2 - IGOs - List of IPCC Observer Organizations (13)**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
<b>IGOs</b>			
1	African Center of Meteorological Applications to Development (ACMAD)	Y	Y
2	African Union Commission (AUC)	Y	Y
3	European Union (EU)	Y	Y*
4	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	Y	UNESCO/UNEP
5	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Y	Y
6	International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	Y	Y
7	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)	Y	Y
8	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Y	Y
9	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Y	Y
10	Preparatory Commission for the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)	Y	N
11	South Centre	Y	Y
12	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	Y	Y
13	The Ramsar Convention Bureau	Y	Y

\* Party to UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol

**TABLE 3 - NGOs - List of IPCC Observer Organizations - NGOs (52)**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
<b>NGOs</b>			
1	African Network for a Climate Community (ANCC)	Y	Y
2	Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy	Y	Y
3	Campaign for a Hydrogen Economy (UK)	Y	Y
4	CAN-Europe (Climate Action Network Europe)	Y	Y
5	Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)	Y	Y
6	Centre for International Studies, Cambridge University (UK)	Y	Y
7	College of the Atlantic	Y	Y
8	Ecology Center	Y	Y
9	Energy Research Austria	Y	Y
10	Environmental Defense (US)	Y	Y
11	ETC Group (Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration)	Y	Y
12	Gender CC – Women for Climate Justice	Y	Y
13	GERMANWATCH (Germany)	Y	Y
14	Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)	Y	Y
15	Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)*	Y	Y
16	Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)	Y	Y
17	GreenFacts (Belgium)	Y	Y
18	Greenpeace	Y	Y
19	Humane Society International (HSI)	Y	Y
20	Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)	Y	Y
21	Institute of Energy Policy and Research, Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN, Malaysia)	Y	Y
22	Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST, UK)	Y	N
23	Intermon Oxfam (on behalf of Oxfam International)	Y	Y
24	International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Y	Y
25	International Aluminium Institute (IAI)	Y	Y
26	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)	Y	Y
27	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Y	Y
28	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)	Y	Y
29	International Council for Science (ICSU)	Y	Y
30	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) **	Y	N
31	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)	Y	Y

**TABLE 3 - List of IPCC Observer Organizations – NGOs (cont.)**

No.	Name of organization	Relevance to IPCC	Observer of UNFCCC
<b>NGOs</b>			
32	International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP) **	Y	N
33	International Hydropower Association (IHA)	Y	Y
34	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	Y	Y
35	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA)	Y	Y
36	International Policy Network (US)	Y	Y
37	International START Secretariat **	Y	N
38	Many Strong Voices (MSV)	Y	N
39	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC, US)	Y	Y
40	New World Hope Organization	Y	Y
41	Organisation of Development and Human Rights of Cameroon (GICAR-CAM)	Y	Y
42	Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI, Sweden)	Y	Y
43	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Y	Y
44	The World Energy Council (WEC)	Y	Y
45	Third World Network	Y	Y
46	Transparency International (TI)	Y	Y
47	Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research (UK)	Y	Y
48	Wetland International	Y	N
49	World Business Council for Sustainable Development	Y	Y
50	World Coal Institute	Y	Y
51	World Federation of United Nations Association	Y	Y
52	WWF International (WWF)	Y	Y

\* GCOS, a joint undertaking of WMO, the IOC/UNESCO, UNEP and ICSU, has special status with respect to UNFCCC, and is invited to attend their meetings. Application supported by IPCC Bureau 38.

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**TABLE 4 – List of IPCC Observer Entities (1)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of organization</b>	<b>Relevance to IPCC</b>	<b>Observer of UNFCCC</b>
1	Environment Quality Authority (EQA) of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA)	Y	Y

**TABLE 5 - List of pending applications for IPCC Observer Status (1)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of organization</b>	<b>Relevance to IPCC</b>	<b>Observer of UNFCCC</b>
<b>NGOs</b>			
1	Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) (Hsinchu)	Y	Y

## **ANNEX 2**

### **IPCC POLICY AND PROCESS FOR ADMITTING OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS**

**Adopted by the Panel at the Twenty-fifth Session (Mauritius, 26-28 April 2006) and amended following the decision of the Thirty-first Session (Bali, 26-29 October 2009)**

#### **I. Admission policy for observer organizations**

The following policy for admitting observer organizations to Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups applies:

1. A body or an agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and which has informed the IPCC Secretariat of its wish to be represented at Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups, may be so admitted subject to acceptance by the Panel.
2. In judging whether an organization is "qualified in matters covered by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change" the Secretariat should be guided by the Principles Governing IPCC Work.
3. Organizations need to be non-profit organizations and are required to furnish proof of their non-profit and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United Nations, of one of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or in a State Party to the International Court of Justice.
4. Bodies and organizations, which are part of the UN System, are considered participating organizations of the IPCC and are not requested to submit an application or other documentation.
5. Organizations, which already have observer status with WMO, UNEP or UNFCCC, are considered as observer of the IPCC if they request so, subject to acceptance by the Panel. They are not required to submit other documentation.
6. Applications from national organizations will be brought to the attention of the IPCC Focal Point of that IPCC Member. They need to provide evidence of independence from governments. Otherwise, they are encouraged to participate as part of their government delegations.
7. Only admitted observer organizations may designate representatives to attend Sessions of the IPCC and Sessions of a Working Group at plenary level. Observer organizations have to register their representatives for each Session in advance.
8. The European Union may exercise the following procedural rights at IPCC Sessions: the right to speak in turn, rather than after all participant States have been acknowledged; the right to reply; the right to introduce proposals. These rights are exclusive. They do not grant the ability to vote or to be elected.
9. Being admitted as observer organization to Sessions of the Panel and of its Working Groups does not imply that the organization is admitted or invited to workshops, expert meetings and other closed meetings. During a Session of the Panel or a Working Group certain meetings may be closed to observers. Observer organizations are not admitted to any Session of the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau.



10. Consistent with the IPCC procedures experts from “international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations may be invited in their own right to contribute to the work of the IPCC Working Groups and Task Forces.”
11. Subject to availability of sufficient space in the conference room UN and other international and intergovernmental organizations will be provided with nameplates.

## **II. Process of admitting observer organizations**

For admitting observer organizations the following process applies:

1. Organizations interested in being admitted as an observer to Sessions of the Panel and any of its Working Groups will be asked to send by post a letter of application with copies of
  - a) Documents describing the mandate, scope and governing structure of the organization, such as the charter/statutes/constitution/by-laws or articles of association.
  - b) Evidence of the non-profit and/or tax-exempt status of the organization.
  - c) Any other information that supports the competence of the organization in matters related to the IPCC.
  - d) Information on the affiliation with other non-governmental organizations or institutions involved in climate change activities as appropriate.
  - e) Completed form with contact information of the organization and of a designated focal point.
2. New requests for admission as an observer to Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups shall be submitted at least 4 months before a Session of the Panel or a Working Group.
3. Organizations, which are already on the list of observers of the IPCC Secretariat and which have received invitations to Sessions of the IPCC and any of its Working Groups in the past, will be asked whether they wish to continue to receive invitations to Sessions of the Panel and any of its Working Groups on a provisional basis until the Panel has taken a decision, and if so, they will be asked to submit documentation listed under item 1 above.
4. The Secretariat will bring all requests for admission as observer organization to the attention of Members of the Panel at least four weeks before a Session of the Panel or Working Group.
5. The Secretariat will screen the submissions and make a proposal to be considered by the IPCC Bureau.
6. The list of observer organizations as reviewed by the IPCC Bureau will be presented to the next Session of the Panel for acceptance.
7. An organization is admitted as observer organization by the Panel by consensus.
8. Any organization accepted as observer organization by the IPCC may retain that observer status only as long as they satisfy the conditions set out for observer organizations.
9. The Secretariat of the IPCC maintains information on observer organizations.
10. The Secretariat shall extend invitations to Sessions of the Panel and its Working Groups to accepted observer organizations. The IPCC shall not provide financial assistance to the observers for participating in the IPCC process.
11. Admission of observer organizations will be included as a regular agenda item of Sessions of the IPCC Bureau and the Panel at the discretion of the Chair. The IPCC Bureau and the Panel shall review the list of accepted observer organizations annually.
12. If the observer status has to be withdrawn for any reason, the Chair may suspend the observer status of that organization subject to ratification by the Panel.