

REPORT OF THE 41st SESSION OF THE IPCC

Nairobi, Kenya, 24-27 February 2015

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc.1, Rev.1](#)

Mr Ismail El Gizouli, Vice-Chair of the IPCC, called the session to order, welcomed the dignitaries and delegates and informed the Plenary about the Resignation of the Chair of the IPCC, Mr Rajendra Pachauri. Mr El Gizouli informed the Plenary that in accordance with Rule 11 of Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work the IPCC Bureau has agreed that he shall serve as the Acting IPCC Chair during this session of the Panel. Ms Renate Christ, Secretary of the IPCC, read Mr Pachauri's resignation letter.

The Acting Chair of the IPCC welcomed Mr Jeremiah Lengoasa, Deputy Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) who was representing the Secretary-General of the WMO and invited him to deliver his opening remarks. Mr Lengoasa recalled the full support of the WMO to the IPCC and thanked the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for its continuing support to the Panel. He also thanked Mr Achim Steiner, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNEP for facilitating the 49th Session of the IPCC Bureau which was held earlier that morning in Nairobi.

The Acting Chair of the IPCC introduced a video-recorded message from Ms Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In her video-recorded message, Ms Figueres encouraged the IPCC to be even more policy relevant and congratulated the Panel for its outstanding work on the Fifth Assessment Report. She outlined the relevance for IPCC of some draft provisions of the text being negotiated for the Twenty-First Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC that will be held later this year in Paris, France.

The Acting Chair of the IPCC invited the Secretary of the IPCC to deliver her statement. The Secretary of the IPCC, Ms Renate Christ, addressed the Panel and shared a few thoughts and experience before her retirement.

She recalled the vision of the early leaders of the IPCC to provide policy relevant, comprehensive and balanced assessments, through a process characterized by scientific rigor, inclusiveness, regional representation, and transparency, based on which the IPCC had developed over the past 25 years into an entity that is applauded and recognized as the prime example of science policy interface.

She highlighted the importance of a strong communications programme and emphasized that a joint effort under professional leadership is the most efficient way to present IPCC knowledge with its specific characteristics and brand, to an ever-increasing user group. She also mentioned the need for a solid financial basis and expressed satisfaction that the IPCC Secretariat has developed into an operational unit which provides a wide range of essential services to the wider IPCC.

With regards to future IPCC work she called for attention to be paid to the needs of the UNFCCC, enhanced cross-working group cooperation and dialogue with a wider range of scientific disciplines including those that address the human and development dimension, and to identify the most effective way to facilitate the contribution of developing country experts to IPCC work. She expressed the hope that the new IPCC leadership will continue the IPCC process in a policy relevant, comprehensive and transparent way and in a manner that emphasizes scientific excellence and robustness while respecting each other's disciplines and approaches.

She closed with words of thanks to authors of IPCC Reports, Bureau members, staff members of the IPCC Secretariat, the IPCC host organizations UNEP and WMO and member governments.

The Acting Chair of the IPCC delivered a statement outlining the main challenges ahead for this session of the Panel.

The provisional agenda of the meeting contained in Document IPCC-XLI/Doc.1, Rev.1 was approved with the addition of an Agenda Item 13 on Procedural Matters (see **Annex 1**).

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40TH SESSION

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc.2, Rev.1](#)

The draft report of the 40th Session of the IPCC was presented for approval.

The delegate from the United States of America enquired about the Expert Meetings approved for 2015 and their respective budgets. He also enquired about a budget for contingencies. The Secretariat explained the provisions for the “Expert Meeting on Agriculture and Food Security” and that the possible need for a contingency budget will be addressed during deliberations at this session of the Panel.

The draft report of the 40th Session of the IPCC was approved.

3. IPCC PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc.11](#)

The Secretary of the IPCC introduced the document. She presented an overview of Part A and Part B of the budget document. An interim statement of expenditure as at 31 December 2014 was presented for information. The audit of the 2014 financial statement is currently being conducted by the Swiss Federal Audit Office. On completion, the 2014 financial statement will be shared with governments. She reminded delegates that there were no changes to the 2015 approved budget. However, should the Panel agree on additional activities in 2015, the budgetary implications will be considered and the budget for 2015 amended as appropriate. Budgets for 2016 and 2017 are to be finalized at the 42nd Session of the Panel where an indication of the future activities will be made clearer.

The Financial Task Team (FiTT) was established. The FiTT is open-ended with a core membership made up of Republic of Korea, Maldives, New Zealand and United States of America and co-chaired by Mr Nicolas Beriot (France) and Mr Ismail El Gizouli (Sudan). In his new capacity as Acting Chair of the IPCC, Mr Elgizouli recused himself from his role in the FiTT and requested the Co-Chair (France) to chair the FiTT. The Co-Chair (France) requested that a second Co-Chair be nominated to work with him in the FiTT. The delegate from Mali suggested that the new Co-Chair be selected from one of the developing countries of the FiTT core membership. Mr Amjad Abdulla (Maldives) was proposed as Acting Co-Chair.

The budget document was then considered by the Financial Task Team (FiTT), Co-chaired by France and Maldives. The FiTT met three times during the week to deliberate on key issues relating to the IPCC programme and budget, including the revised 2015 budget and the forecast budget for 2016 and the indicative budget for 2017.

Upon the submission of the recommendation from the FiTT to the Panel, the Secretary of the IPCC indicated that the wording in the footnotes was not consistent with Appendix B – Financial Procedures for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The 2016 budget was “noted” not “approved” at the 40th Session. A proposal was made to delete the colours in Table 6 and keep the footnotes.

The delegate from Mali thanked the FiTT for its excellent work and expressed his concern about the decline in contributors as shown in Annex 1 to the decisions on programme and budget and wanted to know what the impact in 2014 would be over the two years. The Secretary of the IPCC explained that Annex 1 was done on a biennium basis as was the practice in WMO. The 2014 is low as it only reflects one year.

The delegate from Switzerland thanked the FiTT, the Co-Chairs and the Secretariat for their work. He supported the view of the Secretary of the IPCC in that the new colours were not necessary as the tables for 2016 and 2017 were only projections. He underlined the care with which the Secretary of the IPCC and others in the Secretariat had managed the finances. The delegation from Canada thanked the Co-Chairs of the FiTT for their work and pointed out that the UNFCCC was omitted in the thanks to organizations in the decisions of the programme and budget. It added that it found the new colour-coded system useful and further requested the Co-Chairs and the Secretariat to come up with a better way to implement this. The delegate from Germany also agreed that the colour-coding is useful but did not know how best to implement it and requested the Secretariat to provide some assistance.

No other delegation took the floor and the Panel approved the budget document and recommendations from the FiTT with changes outlined above.

The Panel approved the revised budget for the year 2015 and noted the forecast budget for the year 2016 and the indicative budget for the year 2017. The Panel adopted Decision IPCC/XLI-2 on the IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget contained in **Annex 2**.

4. ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 7](#)

The Secretary of the IPCC introduced the document. The Panel adopted Decision IPCC/XLI-3 on Admission of Observer Organizations as contained in **Annex 2**.

5. FUTURE WORK OF THE IPCC

Documents: [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 3](#); [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 4](#); [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 5](#); [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 6](#); [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 9, Rev. 1](#); [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 13](#); [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 15](#); [IPCC-XLI/INF. 1](#); [IPCC-XLI/INF. 1, Add.1](#); [IPCC-XLI/INF. 1, Add.2](#); [IPCC-XLI/INF. 1, Add.3](#); [IPCC-XLI/INF.2, Rev.1](#), [IPCC-XLI/INF. 3](#) and [IPCC-XLI/INF. 4](#)

The Acting Chair of the IPCC proposed to consider simultaneously Agenda Item 5.1, Agenda Item 5.2, Agenda Item 5.3, Agenda Item 10.2 and Agenda Item 11 and the Panel accepted his proposal.

The Secretary of the IPCC introduced documents IPCC-XLI/Doc. 3; IPCC-XLI/Doc. 4, IPCC-XLI/Doc. 5, IPCC-XLI/Doc. 15; IPCC-XLI/INF.1; IPCC-XLI/INF. 1, Add.1; IPCC-XLI/INF 1, Add.2 and IPCC-XLI/INF.1, Add.3. Mr Timothy Carter (Finland) and Mr Bruce Hewitson (South Africa), Co-Chairs of the Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA) introduced document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 10 and Mr Florin Vladu, UNFCCC Secretariat, introduced document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 22. The Acting Chair of the IPCC

was assisted by Ms Helen Plume and Mr Taha Zatari, Co-Chairs of the Task Group on the Future Work of the IPCC during deliberations under this Agenda Item.

During the pursuing deliberation statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, Jordan, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Mali, Madagascar, Maldives, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, The Netherlands, Togo, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Venezuela and the European Union. Statements were also made by the Secretary of the IPCC, Mr Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Vice-Chair of the IPCC, Mr Thomas Stoker, Co-Chair of Working Group I, Mr Chris Field, Co-Chair of Working Group II, Mr Ottmar Edenhofer, Co-Chair of Working Group III, Mr Youba Sokona, Co-Chair of Working Group III and Mr Taka Hiraishi, Co-Chair of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI).

The Acting Chair of the IPCC established an open-ended Contact Group Co-chaired by Mr Hoesung Lee and Mr Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Vice-Chairs of the IPCC to address the matter of composition and regional representation of the Bureau. The open-ended Contact Group met two times on 27 and 28 February 2015.

The Panel adopted Decision IPCC/XLI-4 on the Future Work of IPCC contained in **Annex 2**. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela noted the increase in the number of seats allocated in the IPCC Bureau for Region I and Region II and stressed the understanding that the overall regional balance within the IPCC Bureau will be revised as a priority matter before starting the 7th Assessment Report cycle, and that the Panel will consider in particular an increase in the number of seats allocated for Region III at that occasion. The representative of The Netherlands requested the declaration contained in **Annex 3** to be reflected in the report of the meeting

Mr Youba Sokona, Co-Chair of Working Group III introduced the documents IPCC-XLI/Doc. 9, Rev. 1 and IPCC-XLI/INF. 4 on the report of the “Expert Meeting on Potential Studies of the IPCC Process” and recommended principles to guide IPCC’s engagement. No comments were made and the “Principles to guide the IPCC’s engagement in potential studies of the IPCC process” contained in Annex 1 to Decision IPCC/XLI-5 in **Annex 2** were approved.

Regarding Agenda Item 5.5 on any other matters –Workshops and Special Reports– the Secretary of the IPCC introduced the document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 6, Mr Thomas Stoker introduced the document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 13 and the delegate from Monaco introduced the document IPCC-XLI/INF. 3. Statements were made by the delegates from Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Chad, Canada, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Norway, The Netherlands, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America and Venezuela. Statements were also made by Mr Chris Field, Co-Chair of Working Group II. The Decision IPCC/XLI-6 made by the Panel on this matter is contained in **Annex 2**.

6. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 20](#)

Mr Jonathan Lynn, Senior Communications Officer introduced the document.

The delegate from Norway proposed a meeting in which experts, focal points and other IPCC representatives would share experiences, best practices and lessons learned from communication and outreach around the Fifth Assessment Report. Following statements from

Belgium, Canada, Pakistan, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Mr Thomas Stoker, Co-Chair of Working Group I, the Panel adopted Decision IPCC/XLI-7 on Communication and Outreach Activities contained in **Annex 2**.

7. REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Deputy Secretary of the IPCC, Mr Carlos Martin-Novella, provided an oral report on activities of the IPCC Executive Committee since the 40th Session of the Panel. No comments were made.

8. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IPCC CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) POLICY

Mr Hoesung Lee (Republic of Korea), Chair of the Conflict of Interest (COI) Committee, provided an oral report on the activities of the Committee since the 40th Session of the Panel. No comments were made.

9. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IPCC ERROR PROTOCOL

Documents: [IPCC-XLI/Doc.12](#) and [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 17](#)

The Secretary of the IPCC introduced the documents.

The Panel adopted Decision IPCC/XLI-8 on Implementation of the IPCC Error Protocol contained in **Annex 2**.

10. PROGRESS REPORTS

10.1 Progress Report on the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 8](#)

Ms Thelma Krug (Brazil), Co-Chair of the Task Force on National Green Gas Inventories (TFI) introduced the document. No comments were made.

10.2. Progress Report on TGICA

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc.10](#)

The Acting Chair of the IPCC recalled that this agenda Item was addressed simultaneously with Agenda Item 5.

10.3. Progress Report on the IPCC Scholarship Programme

Document: [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 18](#)

The Secretary of the IPCC introduced the document. She pointed out that according to the Trust Deed the term of the Board of trustees comes to an end and the Panel will be invited to appoint a new Board of trustees in due course. No comments were made.

10.4. Preparations for Expert Meetings mandated by the Panel

Documents: [IPCC-XLI/Doc.16](#) and [IPCC-XLI/Doc.23](#)

Mr Chris Field, Co-Chair of Working Group II introduced the document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 23 on the “Expert meeting on Agriculture and Food Security”. Following statements from Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Germany, Mali, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom Mr Field will refine the scoping paper for the Expert Meeting.

Mr Ottmar Edenhofer, Co-Chair of Working Group III introduced the document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 16 on the “Joint Expert Meeting on Scenarios”. Mr Thomas Stoker, Co-Chair of Working Group I stated that WGI is also involved in the preparations for this expert meeting. No other comments were made.

The Secretary of the IPCC reported on the delays in organizing the Joint Workshop with PROVIA which is waiting for the appointment of the new Scientific Officer at the IPCC Secretariat.

10.5. Other Progress Reports

Documents: [IPCC-XLI/Doc. 14](#), [IPCC-XLI/Doc.19](#) and [IPCC-XLI/Doc.21](#)

Mr Thomas Stocker, Co-Chair of Working Group I, introduced the document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 14 on the progress report of WGI; Mr Chris Field, Co-Chair of Working Group II, introduced the document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 21 on the progress report of WGII and Mr Ramon Pichs, Co-Chair of Working Group III, introduced the document IPCC-XLI/Doc. 19. No comments were made.

11. MATTERS RELATED TO UNFCCC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES

The Secretary of the IPCC recalled that substantive issues regarding the UNFCCC process were already addressed under Agenda Item 5. She also referred to the ongoing collaboration between the IPCC Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). She also reported on the IPCC involvement in the forthcoming WMO Congress.

The representative of the UNFCCC Secretariat expressed their satisfaction on the ongoing collaboration with the IPCC and recalled the successful participation of IPCC at the 20th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Chris Field, Co-Chair of Working Group II proposed that a statement of Core Values should be posted on the IPCC website. It was agreed that the IPCC Secretariat will take the necessary actions on this regard.

The representative from South Africa requested their statement regarding Agenda Item 13 on Procedural Matters to be included in the report of the meeting (**See Annex 4**). The delegates from Ireland and the United States of America suggested an early review of the rules of procedure of the IPCC while the delegate from Saudi Arabia convened that an overall review of the rules should not take place at this session of the Panel. Mr Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Vice-Chair of the IPCC replaced the Acting Chair as presiding officer of the session during the consideration of this matter.

13. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

On 26 February 2015 the Panel decided to amend the agenda for the session to include an additional agenda item 13 on Procedural matters. Under this agenda item the Panel addressed the consequences of Mr Pachauri's resignation.

Mr Pachauri sent a letter to the UN Secretary-General on 24 February 2015, informing him of his decision to step down as IPCC Chair. Upon receipt of the letter by the IPCC Secretariat, before the opening of the 41st Session of the IPCC, it was transmitted to the IPCC Bureau.

Subsequently, in accordance with rule 11¹, the IPCC Bureau agreed on the 24th of February to designate Mr Ismail El Gizouli, IPCC Vice-Chair as the Acting Chair for this session.

The IPCC Bureau also addressed options regarding implementation of rule 11 in order to provide advice to the Panel as, pursuant to rule 11, the Panel is required to elect a new IPCC Chair to serve the remainder of the term of office of the departing IPCC Chair during its 41st session.

The view of the Bureau was that the modalities of holding an election, i.e. establishing a quorum for election by the members with valid credentials by Friday, 27 February 2015, would have been impossible.

Given the special circumstances, and recalling paragraph 4 of the Principles Governing IPCC Work which stipulates that "[m]ajor decisions of the IPCC will be taken by the Panel in plenary meetings", the Bureau recommended that the Panel consider the actions concerning the arrangements on Acting Chair.

The Panel considered this matter and adopted Decision IPCC/XLI-1 on Procedural Matters as contained in **Annex 2**. In taking that decision, the Panel was conscious of the importance of maintaining the integrity of the principles, rules and procedures of the IPCC.

15. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The delegate from Croatia offered to host the 42nd Session of the IPCC on 5-8 October 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

16. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

Before closing the session, the Acting Chair of the IPCC thanked Ms Renate Christ for her outstanding contribution to the work of the Panel during her tenure first as Deputy Secretary and then as the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In her response Ms Christ also thanked Mr Achim Steiner, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and his staff for all their essential support during the preparations for and conducting of this session of the Panel. She also thanked the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) for its excellent facilities and collaboration.

The 41st Session of the Panel was closed at 17:59 of Friday 27 February 2015.

¹ "If the IPCC Chair resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, a new IPCC Chair shall be elected at the next Session to serve the remainder of the term of office of the departing IPCC Chair. Until a new IPCC Chair is elected, an IPCC Vice-Chair as agreed by the IPCC Bureau shall serve as the Acting IPCC Chair."

17. PARTICIPANTS

The 41st Session of IPCC was attended by 266 delegates from 102 national delegations, and 26 observers from 9 Organizations, including 3 UN Organizations (see **Annex 5**).

**FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE IPCC
Nairobi, Kenya, 24-27 February 2015**

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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NOTE: Delegates can register at the Headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya, from 16:00 to 18:00 hours on Monday, 23 February 2015 and from 08:00 hours on Tuesday, 24 February 2015 onwards.

**41st Session of the IPCC
24-27 February 2015, Nairobi, Kenya**

Decisions adopted by the Panel

Decision IPCC/XLI-1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Decided,

1. To temporarily suspend, for the purpose of taking the decision set out in paragraph 2 below, the application of the first sentence of rule 11 of the procedures for the election of the IPCC Bureau and any task force bureau which reads as follows: "If the IPCC Chair resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, a new IPCC Chair shall be elected at the next Session to serve the remainder of the term of office of the departing IPCC Chair.";

2. That the Acting Chair, designated at the current session in accordance with pertinent provisions of rule 11 of the procedures for the election of the IPCC Bureau and any task force bureau, shall continue to serve in that capacity until a new IPCC Chair is elected at its 42nd Session in October 2015 for the term of the sixth assessment report and starts the term of office at the end of that session.

Decision IPCC/XLI-2. IPCC TRUST FUND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

Based on the recommendations of the Financial Task Team, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

1. Thanked the Secretariat of the IPCC for the Statement of contributions and interim statement of expenditures as of 31 December 2014, as contained in document IPCC-XLI/Doc.11.
2. Approved that the revised 2015 budget proposal should include the following modifications in **Table 6** as compared to the budget approved at the 40th Session of the IPCC:
 - Addition of budget line “WGI – IPCC Workshop on Regional Climate Projections and their Use in Impacts and Risk Analysis; using 40 journeys from “Working Group contingency” line;
 - Adjustment to number of journeys available in “Working Group contingency” budget line;
3. Noted the revised forecast budget for 2016 (**Table 7**) and the indicative budget for the 2017 (**Table 8**), as proposed in these decisions.
4. Expressed its gratitude to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for their contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund and for financing one Secretariat position each, and to WMO for hosting the Secretariat. Thanked the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for its contribution to the IPCC Trust Fund.
5. Expressed its gratitude to governments, including those from developing countries, for their generous contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund, with special thanks to governments which support the Technical Support Units (TSUs) and a number of IPCC activities, including data centres, meetings and outreach actions.
6. Requested that countries maintain their generous contribution in 2015 and invited governments, who are in a position to do so, to increase their level of contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund or to make a contribution in case they have not yet done so. The Panel noted with concern the decline in the number of contributors. In an effort to broaden the contribution base of the IPCC Trust Fund, also invited governments who had never made a contribution to become first-time contributors. A table showing the decline in the number of contributors is attached as (**Annex 1**).
7. Requested the Secretariat to use a colour-coded system in the budget tables to differentiate between new activities in the work programme as compared to the ones approved or noted in a previous Panel session. The activities contained under category *governing bodies* constitute the main activities that ensure that the IPCC is fully functional.
8. The Table 4 attached to document IPCC-XLI/Doc.11, containing the list of 2014 in-kind contributions was amended. The revised table is attached to this decision as (**Annex 2**).

TABLE 6

REVISED 2015 BUDGET ADOPTED BY IPCC-XLI

Activity	Purpose	DC/EIT support	Other Expenditure	Sub-total
Governing bodies				
IPCC-41 4 days	Programme and budget various/TG on Future	480,000 120 journeys	280,000	760,000
IPCC-42 4 days	Bureau elections various	600,000 150 journeys	280,000	880,000
Bureau back-to-back (P-42) 1 day	1 session	0 0 journeys	30,000	30,000
Bureau 4 days	2 sessions	288,000 72 journeys	120,000	408,000
Executive Committee 4 days	2 meetings and consultations	64,000 16 journeys	10,880	74,880
TFB	1 session	36,000 9 journeys	6,120	42,120
UNFCCC and other UN meetings		80,000 20 journeys	0	80,000
SUB-TOTAL				2,275,000
Scoping, expert meetings and workshops				
WG meetings	contingency	20,000 5 journeys	3,400	23,400
Other expert meeting(s) and consultations	contingency	80,000 20 journeys	13,600	93,600
WGI - Regional climate projections & their use	1 workshop	160,000 40 journeys	27,200	187,200
WG III	1 scenarios meeting (moved from 2014)	120,000 30 journeys	20,400	140,400
Lesson learned Gaps in knowl WG I/II/III AR5	workshop (IGBP & PROVIA requests)	120,000 30 journeys	20,400	140,400
TGICA	2 meetings	96,000 24 journeys	16,320	112,320
TGICA	1 expert meeting (moved from 2014)	120,000 30 journeys	20,400	140,400
EFDB Editorial Board	1 meeting	96,000 24 journeys	16,320	112,320
EFDB Data meeting	2 meetings	80,000 20 journeys	13,600	93,600
EFDB and Software Users Feedback (Japan)	1 meeting	44,000 11 journeys	0	44,000
TFI Expert meeting - Technical Ass'mnt (Energy/IPPU/Waste)	1 expert meeting	124,000 31 journeys	21,080	145,080
TFI Expert meeting - Technical Assessment (AFOLU)	1 expert meeting	124,000 31 journeys	21,080	145,080
Expert Meeting - Climate change, food & agric	1 expert meeting	80,000 20 journeys	13,600	93,600
Potential studies of IPCC process	1 expert meeting (moved from 2014)	64,000 16 journeys	10,880	74,880
SUB-TOTAL				1,546,280
Other Expenditures				
2006 GL software	maintenance/development			20,000
EFDB maintenance	update/management			7,000
Publication/Translation				200,000
Communication	AR5 material/travel/events			504,625
Distribution	IPCC publications			100,000
Webconferences	licences & communication costs			30,000
Internal links for reports	TFI. WG I/II/III, SYR (moved from 2014)			50,000
Secretariat	staff/misc expenses			1,800,000
External Audit	fee			20,000
Advisory Services	Conflict of Interest			30,000
Support for SYR TSU	TSU Head and other costs			30,800
Co-Chairs				250,000
SUB-TOTAL				3,042,425
TOTAL				6,863,705

Key

 New activity as compared to budget approved in IPCC-40.

TABLE 7

FORECAST 2016 BUDGET NOTED BY IPCC-XLI

Activity	Purpose	DC/EIT support	Other Expenditure	Sub-total
Governing bodies				
IPCC-43 5 days	Programme and budget outline of next AR	960,000 240 journeys	350,000	1,310,000
Bureau 4 days	2 sessions	288,000 72 journeys	120,000	408,000
Executive Committee 4 days	2 sessions and consultations	64,000 16 journeys	10,880	74,880
TFB	1 session	36,000 9 journeys	6,120	42,120
UNFCCC and other UN meetings		80,000 20 journeys	0	80,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,915,000
Lead Authors, scoping, expert meetings and workshops				
WG meetings	contingency	240,000 60 journeys	40,800	280,800
Scoping meetings	contingency	240,000 60 journeys	40,800	280,800
TGICA	2 meetings	96,000 24 journeys	16,320	112,320
TGICA Vision for future	1 workshop/expert meeting	120,000 30 journeys	20,400	140,400
Lesson learned AR5 communictions/outreach	1 expert meeting	80,000 20 journeys	0	80,000
EFDB Editorial Board	1 meeting	96,000 24 journeys	16,320	112,320
EFDB Data meeting	2 meetings	80,000 20 journeys	13,600	93,600
EFDB and Software Users Feedback (Japan)	1 meeting	44,000 11 journeys	0	44,000
TFI Expert meeting - Technical Ass'mnt (Cross-sectoral issues)	1 expert meeting	100,000 25 journeys	17,000	117,000
TFI Expert meeting - Scoping Future methodological devt.	1 expert meeting	100,000 25 journeys	17,000	117,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,378,240
Other Expenditures				
2006 GL software	maintenance/development			6,000
EFDB maintenance	update/management			7,000
Publication/Translation				200,000
Communication	AR5 material/travel/events			225,500
Distribution	IPCC publications			100,000
Webconferences	licences & communication costs			30,000
Secretariat	staff/misc expenses			1,800,000
External Audit	fee			20,000
Advisory Services	Conflict of Interest			30,000
Co-Chairs				200,000
SUB-TOTAL				2,618,500
TOTAL				5,911,740

Key

Noted in IPCC-40 and subject to Panel approval in IPCC-42

New activity as compared to budget noted in IPCC-40 subject to Panel approval in IPCC-42

All other activities with no colour are also subject to Panel approval in IPCC-42

INDICATIVE 2017 BUDGET NOTED BY IPCC-XL

TABLE 8

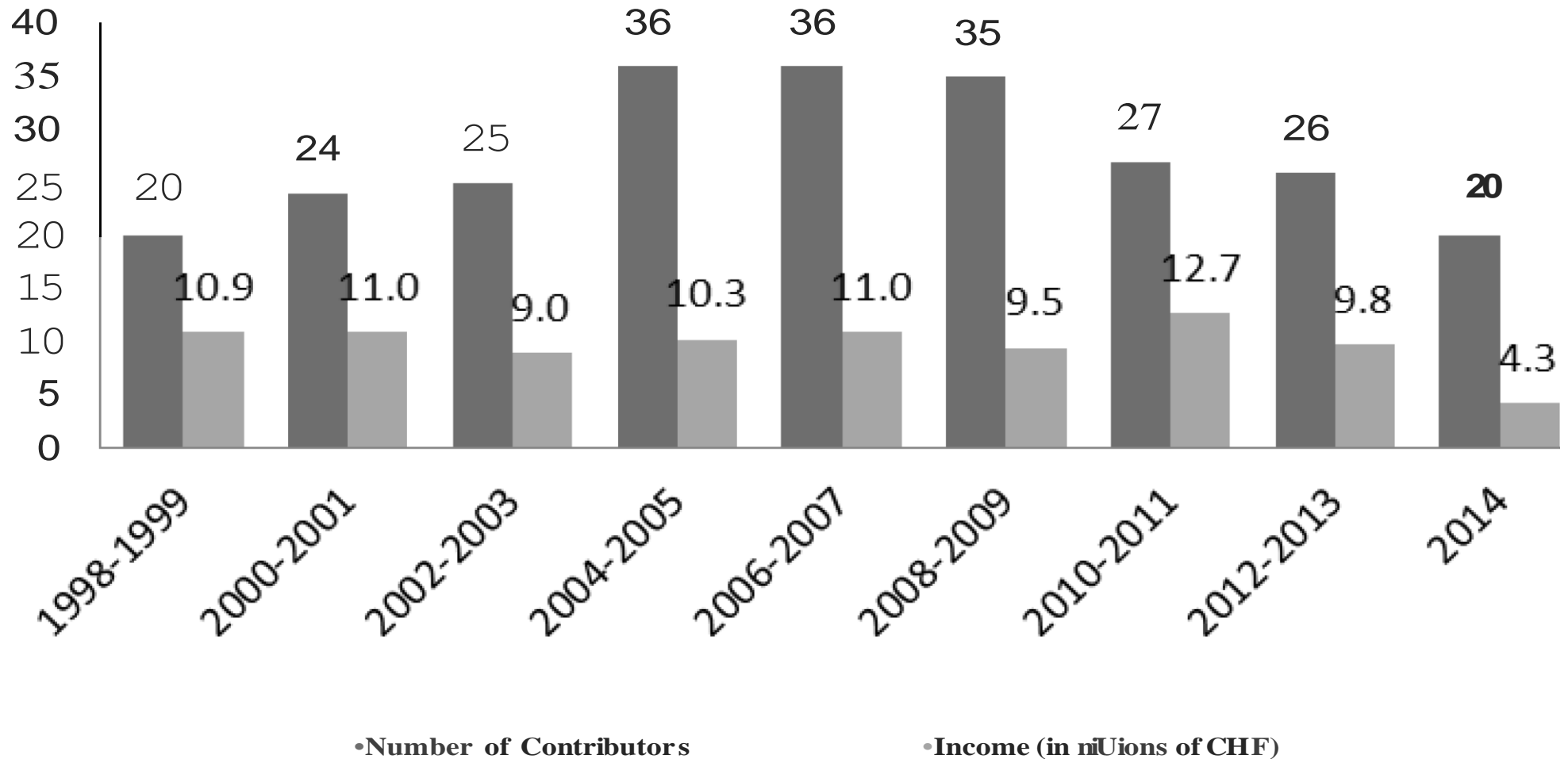
Activity	Purpose	DC/EIT support	Other Expenditure	Sub-total
Governing bodies				
IPCC-44 4 days	Programme and budget various	480,000 120 journeys	280,000	760,000
Bureau 4 days	2 sessions	288,000 72 journeys	120,000	408,000
Executive Committee 4 days	2 sessions and consultations	64,000 16 journeys	10,880	74,880
TFB	1 session	36,000 9 journeys	6,120	42,120
UNFCCC and other UN meetings		80,000 20 journeys	0	80,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,365,000
Lead Authors, scoping, expert meetings and workshops				
WG meetings	contingency	600,000 150 journeys	102,000	702,000
TFI Methodological devt. Lead Author meetings	5 meetings contingency	692,000 173 journeys	117,640	809,640
TFI Methodological devt	1 prep meeting before Plenary (move to 2018)	0 0 journeys	0	0
TGICA	2 meetings	96,000 24 journeys	16,320	112,320
EFDB Editorial Board	1 meeting	96,000 24 journeys	16,320	112,320
EFDB Data meeting	2 meetings	80,000 20 journeys	13,600	93,600
EFDB and Software Users Feedback, Japan	1 meeting	44,000 11 journeys	0	44,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,873,880
Other Expenditures				
2006 GL software	maintenance/development			6,000
EFDB maintenance	update/management			7,000
Publication/Translation				200,000
Communication	AR5 material/travel/events			225,500
Distribution	IPCC publications			100,000
Webconferences	licences & communication costs			30,000
Secretariat	staff/misc expenses			1,800,000
External Audit	fee			20,000
Advisory Services	Conflict of Interest			30,000
Co-Chairs				200,000
SUB-TOTAL				2,618,500
TOTAL				5,857,380

Key

Noted in IPCC-40 and subject to Panel approval in IPCC-43

All other activities with no colour are also subject to Panel approval in IPCC-43

Contributions to IPCC 1998-2014



Annex 2 to Decision IPCC/XLI-2

TABLE 4

List of In-kind Contributions/Activities (September - December 2014)

(no financial support for hosting/meeting facilities was provided by the IPCC Trust Fund)

Government/Institution	Activity	Type
Germany	Technical Support Unit - WGIII	Hosting
Japan	Technical Support Unit - TFI	Hosting
Switzerland	Technical Support Unit - WGI	Hosting
United States of America	Technical Support Unit - WGII	Hosting
Netherlands	Technical Support Unit - SYR	Hosting
Norway	Technical Support Unit - SYR	Contribution
Republic of Korea	Technical Support Unit - SYR	Contribution
India/TERI	Office of the IPCC Chairman	Hosting
Germany	IPCC Data Distribution Centre	Hosting
United Kingdom	IPCC Data Distribution Centre	Hosting
United States of America	IPCC Data Distribution Centre	Hosting
WMO	Post of Secretary IPCC	Salary
UNEP	Post of Deputy Secretary IPCC	Salary
Switzerland	IPCC WGI-WCRP Workshop - IPCC AR5: Lessons Learnt for Climate Change Research and WCRP, Bern, Switzerland: 8-10 September 2014	Meeting facilities
WMO	Task Group Meeting – Future of the IPCC, Geneva, Switzerland: 16-17 September 2014	Meeting facilities
WMO	47 th Session of the IPCC Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland: 18 September 2014	Meeting facilities
Japan	NGGIP – IPCC Expert Meeting to Collect EFDB and Software Users' Feedback, Hayama, Japan: 14-16 October 2014	Meeting facilities
Denmark	SYR – AR5 5 th Core Writing Team Meeting (CWT-5), Copenhagen, Denmark: 24-25 October 2014	Meeting facilities
Denmark	Task Group Meeting – Future of the IPCC, Copenhagen, Denmark: 28 October 2014	Meeting facilities
Denmark	IPCC-40 (adoption/approval AR5 Synthesis Report) and Press Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 27-31 October 2014, 1 November 2014 and 3 October 2014	Meeting facilities

FAO	NGGIP – 12 th EFDB Editorial Board Meeting, Rome, Italy: 10-12 November 2014	Meeting facilities
FAO	NGGIP – 9 th Expert Meeting on Data for EFDB Meeting, Rome, Italy: 11-12 November 2014	Meeting facilities
FAO	NGGIP – 10 th Expert Meeting on Data for EFDB, Rome, Italy: 13-14 November 2014	Meeting facilities
Japan	Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA-21), Yokohama, Japan: 24-26 November 2014	Meeting facilities

Decision IPCC/XLI-3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Decided,

To admit the following new observer organizations:

- Action Jeunesse pour le Développement (AJED-Congo)
- Global Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Institute (Australia)
- School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), Indiana University (USA)

Decision IPCC/XLI-4. FUTURE WORK OF THE IPCC

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has reviewed its future work and taken a series of decisions to guide the work under the next assessment cycle. In implementing these decisions budgetary implications as well as minimizing the carbon footprint of IPCC activities shall be taken into account.

With regards to IPCC product types and their timing, the Panel decided:

1. It will continue to prepare every 5-7 years comprehensive Assessment Reports (AR), including regional aspects, together with the three-stage review process, supplemented by Special Reports. In determining its future reports and their timing the IPCC will take into account the work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
2. The identification of Special Reports, including those with a focus on regional information and priorities, should be made as early as possible and in the context of all deliverables of the cycle. Should new requests be received, in particular from the UNFCCC, they will be dealt with consistent with the “Decision Framework for Special Reports, Methodology Reports and Technical Papers”.
3. The scoping of Synthesis Report (SYR) as well as attention to cross cutting issues should start at an early stage.
4. To emphasize the increasing importance of enhanced cross-working group cooperation and to request the new Bureau to pay particular attention to that matter, taking into consideration lessons learnt in previous assessments.
5. All parts of an AR should be released within about one year but no more than eighteen months, with a staggering between the WG reports allowing for information presented by one Working Group (WG) to be adequately reflected by the other WGs and the SYR.
6. It will continue to prepare Methodology Reports on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.
7. It will consider to develop other methodology reports or good practice guidance reports, for example, to facilitate preparation of regional and/ or national scientific assessments.
8. It will further explore ways to enhance collaboration with other relevant international and scientific organizations.

With regards to further enhancing the usability of IPCC reports, the Panel decided:

9. To request the IPCC Secretariat to facilitate and enhance further the consistent and coherent use of up to date digital technology for sharing and disseminating information.

10. To enhance the readability of IPCC products, advice from various specialists should be sought.
11. To better reflect non-English language literature in IPCC reports and recommends to the upcoming Bureau to consider the following measures:
 - To use relevant regional committees or networks, IPCC Focal Points and Working Group Vice Chairs to improve access to non-English language literature.
 - To identify, in consultation with governments and international agencies, relevant literature published in languages other than English, in particular from Developing Countries (DCs). A UN-based language service could assist in translating such documents.
 - Approach authors of such literature to serve as Expert Reviewers, Contributing Authors, and Chapter Scientists.

With regards to IPCC Structure, the Panel decided:

12. To increase the size of the IPCC Bureau to 34 through an increase in the representation of Region I from 5 to 7 and of Region II from 5 to 6 and to distribute these additional positions equally among the working groups amending Annex B to Appendix C of the *Principles Governing IPCC Work – “Procedures for IPCC Elections”* accordingly; and to initiate also a review at IPCC-43 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 members’ role in regional representation (see Annex 1 to this decision).
13. The current structure and mandate of the three Working Groups will be retained.
14. The Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) will be retained with current mandate and structure.
15. To revisit the mandate of the Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA) at the 43rd Session of the IPCC. To this end it requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the TGICA Co-Chairs, to update the TGICA vision paper for the 43rd 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.

With respect to administrative matters and respective roles of the IPCC Secretariat and IPCC Technical Support Units (TSU), the Panel decided:

16. The administrative arrangements for the IPCC Secretariat remain as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding between WMO and UNEP on the establishment of the IPCC. The functions of the IPCC Secretariat remain as decided by IPCC at its 35th Session.

17. The Panel may decide to establish Technical Support Units (TSUs) to support the preparations of IPCC products and activities during the Sixth Assessment Report cycle. TSUs provide scientific, technical and organisational support to the respective IPCC Working Groups (WGs) and the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI). TSUs may be formed to support the preparation of a Synthesis Report or any other Task Force or group constituted by the Panel. The functions of the TSUs remain as decided by IPCC at its 35th Session.
18. To request the IPCC Secretariat and TSUs to report periodically to the Panel on the collaboration, roles and responsibilities, during the sixth assessment cycle.
19. To request the Secretariat and all TSUs to command a respectful workplace, emphasizing policies and practices that promote diversity, fairness, collaboration and inclusiveness. This should involve recruiting professional staff internationally, consistent with their respective rules and legal framework, and aiming for regional representation, in particular from developing countries in order to enhance the involvement of more regional diversity. Selection, performance appraisal and contract extension of TSU staff will be done jointly by both relevant Co-Chairs.
20. The TSU is hosted by one or jointly by both countries of the Working Group or Task Force Bureau Co-Chairs. If only one country hosts the TSU, then the Panel requests assistance to the other Co-Chair with a strong link to, and coordination with, the WG/TF TSU. A TSU can be managed jointly by the two co-chairs of a WG/TF, or by the IPCC Chair in case of the SYR TSU. Financing could be from several sources.

With respect to the selection of and support to Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs) and Review Editors (RE) and improving the writing and review process, the Panel decided:

21. It will further consider the matter of broadening the nomination process in particular with respect to implications for the intergovernmental nature of the IPCC and funding, taking into consideration the results of the questionnaire sent out by the IPCC Secretariat.
22. In order to support the task of CLAs and LAs, the enhanced use of research assistants or chapter scientists is encouraged, as well as assistance through IT technology, for instance with reference management. Financial implications for the IPCC Trust Fund or TSU hosts will have to be further considered and clarified.
23. It will explore ways of providing enhanced technical and administrative support including access to scientific literature for CLAs and LAs who require it, in particular from developing countries, in recognition of the increasing burden of a comprehensive assessment.

The Panel further agreed that a number of additional measures would be suitable to attract qualified experts from developing countries and enhance and facilitate their engagement with the IPCC, including the following:

24. Further encourage Co-Chairs and other Bureau members to engage experts from developing countries in TSUs, author teams and as reviewers. Increasing training for TSUs and author teams will help ensure effective participation by all authors.
25. Increase the number of IPCC activities in developing countries.
26. Arrange briefings and training sessions for government representatives e.g. before sessions of the IPCC.
27. In the context of communication and outreach activities, to provide experts with information about the IPCC process and how they can participate in IPCC work.

With Respect to the Term of Office of the IPCC Bureau and the Task Force Bureau the Panel decided:

28. That the term of office of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau for the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) shall be the duration of the Sixth Assessment Report cycle, starting in October 2015 and ending one year after the session at which the final product of the AR6 has been accepted, expected to end in 2022 at the latest.

Annex B to Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work

Composition of the IPCC Bureau and task Force Bureau

I. IPCC Bureau

The IPCC Bureau is composed of 34 members.

It consists of:

1. the IPCC-Chair;
2. three IPCC Vice-Chairs with specific responsibilities;
3. two Co-Chairs of the Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories;
4. The Working Group I Bureau, with two Working Group Co-Chairs and seven Working Group Vice-Chairs;
5. The Working Group II Bureau, with two Working Group Co-Chairs and eight Working Group Vice-Chairs;
6. The Working Group III Bureau, with two Working Group Co-Chairs and seven Working Group Vice-Chairs.

Subject to the following overall regional balance within the IPCC Bureau:

- Region I: 7 positions
- Region II: 6 positions
- Region III: 4 positions
- Region IV: 4 positions
- Region V: 4 positions
- Region VI: 8 positions

In filling elective positions, account should be taken of the need to ensure that:

- the three IPCC Vice-Chairpersons are from different regions including at least one from a developing country and one from a developed country;
- one Co-Chair in each Working Group and any Task Force Bureau is from a developing country;
- at least one Co-Chair in each Working Group and in the Task Force Bureau is from a country which is ready to host the Technical Support Unit;
- Each Region is represented in each of the following four formations within the Bureau: the Executive Committee, Working Group I, Working Group II, Working Group III.

Consideration should also be given to promoting gender balance.

The IPCC Chair does not represent a region.

II. Task Force Bureau

The Task Force Bureau on national Greenhouse Gas Inventories is composed of 2 Co-chairs and 12 members, 2 each of which should be drawn from each Region.

Decision IPCC/XLI-5. PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE IPCC`s ENGAGEMENT ON POTENTIAL STUDIES OF THE IPCC PROCESS

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 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) and contained in Annex 1 to this Decision.

PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE IPCC`S ENGAGEMENT ON POTENTIAL STUDIES OF THE IPCC PROCESS

(1) The IPCC should develop a decision pathway for consideration of requests from researchers for access to non-public IPCC materials or meetings. The pathway should ensure that the following information requirements are met, while acknowledging the needs of IPCC authors and the need of researchers for an efficient and timely decision process.

(2) Information required when submitting a request should include:

- a) Proposal of planned research.
- b) Letter of support from supervisor or institution, credentials of supervisor and institution (where applicable).
- c) Information about composition of research team.
- d) Credentials of researchers/research team, incl. CVs and publication lists.
- e) Description of type, timing and duration of access required.
- f) Justification of enhanced value from requested access to non-public materials or meetings.
- g) Consideration of ethical issues and data management.
- h) Description of the process by which the proposal has been or is being evaluated and mechanisms for quality assurance.
- i) Information about funding sources.
- j) Declaration of any potential conflict of interest.
- k) Anticipated benefit to the broader public interest.

(3) Evaluation criteria for requests

The IPCC may consider the information outlined in (2) in its decision pathway, along with:

- a) Benefit to broader public.
- b) Overall geographic balance and diversity of the research portfolio.
- c) Gender balance.
- d) Career stage balance.

(4) Requirements for researchers conducting studies of the IPCC process

Note: Researchers should minimize the demands on IPCC authors

- a) Researchers must obtain appropriate informed consent from all subjects in the study.
- b) All identifying information will be kept confidential.
- c) The researchers may not intervene in IPCC deliberations.

- d) The researchers will only observe activities for which they have informed consent.
 - e) IPCC will be provided draft publication ahead of submission, for prompt comment.
 - f) IPCC will be provided any draft public relations documents (e.g., press releases) for prompt comment prior to their public dissemination.
 - g) Researchers will not disclose their findings to the public, including the news media, prior to the publication of their study.
 - h) Publication of studies will be embargoed until after the end of the assessment cycle, unless otherwise agreed to by the IPCC.
 - i) Confidentiality of information and data to which researchers are granted access will be agreed during informed consent. Confidential information and data will be held in accordance with data protection requirements.
 - j) 5 years after the completion of the assessment cycle, collected information will be shared with the IPCC for long term archiving.
- (5) The IPCC to consider developing a document and information management and conservation policy, which would apply to IPCC bodies and TSUs, taking into account:
- a) Organizational structure and institutional arrangements.
 - b) Materials such as document archives and data sets to be held by IPCC Secretariat and TSUs.
 - c) Limits of disclosure.
 - d) Time limits to confidentiality.

In doing so, the IPCC could explore those areas that may be insufficiently documented and consider ways to improve documentation.

Establishment of appropriate policy would allow IPCC to respond to potential studies requests in consistent and timely manner.

Decision IPCC/XLI-6. WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL REPORTS

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change decided to organize an IPCC Workshop on Regional Climate Change Projections and their Use in Impacts and Risk Analysis Studies during the third quarter of 2015.

It further requested the IPCC Secretariat to invite Member States to submit views on potential themes for Special Reports during the AR6 cycle and input from the Working Group Co-chairs, and agreed to further discuss the issue at the 43rd Session of the Panel.

Decision IPCC/XLI-7. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change requested the Senior Communications Manager to organize a meeting hosted by the Norwegian Environment Agency in which experts, focal points and other IPCC representatives will share experiences, best practices and lessons learned from communication and outreach around the Fifth Assessment Report, and prepare a report for the 43rd Session and agreed to include 20 journeys for this meeting in the forecast budget for 2016.

Decision IPCC/XLI-8. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IPCC ERROR PROTOCOL

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate requested the Executive Committee of the IPCC to further consider how to reflect errata corrected before and after publication and errata in translation in a consistent manner in publications and electronic versions of reports and to report to the Panel at its 42nd Session.

The Netherlands objected to the increase in the size of the Bureau, as decided under agenda item 5.2, because this would inevitably increase the costs of the IPCC and in its view may compromise the effective operation of the organisation. It wishes to signal that the ongoing growth of the size of bodies should have a clear rationale and expresses that it strongly feels this is lacking for this decision.

Reservation from South Africa on the decision under Agenda item 13 - Procedural Matters

The current decision text effectively suspends a rule of procedure by decision in the absence of a rule specifying the procedure for the IPCC to do so. Although, part IX of the IPCC rules of procedure are entitled “Amendment and Suspension”, procedures for suspension are not specified.

It is South Africa’s view that the use of paragraph 4 of the IPCC Principles Governing IPCC work, that stipulates: “Major decisions of the IPCC will be taken by the Panel in plenary meetings”, as the legal basis for empowering the Panel to make such a decision without procedures to do so within its Rules of Procedure, goes beyond the intent and spirit of this principle and is incorrectly applied in this instance. As such, it is our view that paragraph 1 of this decision has no legal basis.

The fundamental concern is creating a precedent where an Intergovernmental Body can suspend any of its rules of procedure by decision in the absence of a multilaterally agreed procedure for doing so. This sets a dangerous precedent. While acknowledging the unique circumstances underlying the need for this particular decision, it is South Africa’s contention that the intent of this decision could have been achieved without setting such dangerous precedence.

On this basis, South Africa wishes to formally record in the report of this session its reservation in relation to paragraph 1 of the text of the decision under agenda item 13. South Africa regards this paragraph as having no basis in international law and will not bind itself to its consequence in this or any other intergovernmental body.

Given this situation, South Africa is of the view that the IPCC urgently needs to address the omission of procedures for suspension in its Rules of Procedure. Therefore, it is requested that the Panel place on its agenda for its 42nd session an item entitled along the lines of “Procedures for suspending a Rule of Procedure”.

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