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INTRODUCTORY NOTES TO DOCUMENTS

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

AGENDA ITEM 1: PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc.1, Rev.1](#) contains the provisional agenda of the 49th Session of the IPCC.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to approve the provisional agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 2:

**APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 48th SESSION OF
THE IPCC**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 4, Rev.1](#) contains the draft report of the 48th Session of the IPCC and includes in its Annex 1 decisions taken by the Panel at that session.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to adopt the report.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST FUND PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.1: Budget for the year 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

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

Annex 1 - Provides a list of Member Governments that made a contribution in 2018, as at 31 December 2018.

Annex 2 – Presents a list of Member Governments that expressed an intent to make a contribution in 2018, as of 31 December 2018.

Annex 3 – Provides an update, as of 31 December 2018, of the annual rate of voluntary cash contributions since inception.

Annex 4 – Shows the monthly breakdown of contributions received as of 31 December 2018.

Annex 5 – Presents the interim statement of comparison of budget and actual amount as at 31 December 2018.

Annex 6 – Shows a list of in-kind contributions/activities for the period January-December 2018.

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

Annex 9 – presents the list of Secretariat travel during 2018.

Annexes 10-14 – Present the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget tables, respectively.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to urge member governments that have not yet done so to make their 2019 contributions, and invite member governments in a position to do so to make multi-year pledges covering 2019-2020 and beyond.

The Panel will be invited to consider the document and adopt the decision approving the revised 2019 budget and the 2020 proposed budget and noting the budgets for 2021 and 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.2: Resource Mobilization

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 5, Rev.1](#) contains the following:

1. An update on the outcome of the Resource Mobilization campaign and the fundraising meetings.
2. Annex 1 – Provides a list of Member Governments that made a contribution in 2018, as of 31 December 2018.
3. Annex 2 – Shows the level of contributions and the number of donors from 2013-2018.
4. Annex 3 – Provides the Interim Statement of Financial Position, as at 31 December 2018.
5. Annex 4 – Shows the Interim Statement of Financial Performance, as at 31 December 2018.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.3: Working capital reserve

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 19 of Appendix B to the Principles Governing IPCC Work – Financial Procedures for the IPCC; Paragraph 12 of Decision IPCC-XLVII-2

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 3](#) reports on efforts to continue reducing costs in the Secretariat and a proposal on the level of the working capital reserve of the IPCC.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.4: Financial stability of the IPCC (Terms of reference for an external consultant on financial stability of the IPCC)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 3 of Decision IPCC-XLVIII-3

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 6, Rev.1](#) presents the terms of reference for an external consultant on financial stability of the IPCC and the budgetary implications of such a function.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 3: IPCC TRUST PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

AGENDA ITEM 3.5: Any Other Business - Audit of 2017 financial statements of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 2](#) presents the audited 2017 IPCC financial statements. The audited 2018 IPCC financial statements are in the process of finalization by the External Auditors.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE “2019 REFINEMENT TO THE 2006 IPCC GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES”

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Decision IPCC-XLIII-8

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

IPCC-XLIX/Doc.3a, Rev.1 ; IPCC-XLIX/Doc.3b, Rev.1 ; IPCC-XLIX/INF. 1, Rev.2

The documents contains the Revised Overview Chapter 2019 Refinement, the Revised Final Draft Report 2019 Refinement and the collated comments from Governments on the Final Draft Report and Author’s responses.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will formally adopt section by section the Overview Chapter and accept the underlying report entitled “2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories” as indicated in Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work: Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports (sections 4.4 and 4.5).

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT FROM THE IPCC TASK GROUP ON GENDER

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 6 of Decision IPCC-XLVII-7

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 10](#) presents activities undertaken by the Task Group on Gender including recommendations for further work.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the report and the recommendation of the IPCC Task Group on Gender.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.1: Ad Hoc Task Group on Financial Stability

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraphs 15 and 16 of Decision IPCC-XLVI-1 and Paragraph 4 of Decision IPCC-XLVII-10, Decision IPCC-XLVIII-3

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

An oral report on activities undertaken by the Task Group will be presented by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Task Group on Financial Stability.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

**AGENDA ITEM 6.2: The Task Group on the Organization of the Future Work of the
IPCC in light of the Global Stocktake**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Decision IPCC/XLVII-8.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 6](#) presents a progress report on the work of The Task Group on the Organization of the Future Work of the IPCC in light of the Global Stocktake highlighting progress since the 48th Session of the IPCC and a draft summary of options identified from submissions made by governments and IPCC Observer Organizations.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report and provide guidance as appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.3: Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 4 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 7](#) presents a progress report on the status of the special report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.4: Special Report on Climate Change and Land

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 3 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 10](#) presents a progress report on the status of the special report on Climate Change and Land.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.5: Working Group I Contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 12](#) presents a progress report on the status of Working Group I contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.6: Working Group II Contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 8](#) presents a progress report on the status of Working Group II contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.7: Working Group III Contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 11](#) presents a progress report on the status of Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.8: Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 4](#) presents a progress report of activities undertaken by the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 6.9: Communication and outreach activities

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Section 1.3.2 of the Implementation Plan of the Communications strategy

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/INF. 9](#) is a brief report on communication and outreach activities done since the last report to the 47th Session of the IPCC held in Paris, France, on 13-16 March 2018. The document includes details on the work done by the Communications Action Team (CAT) during this period including a review of the Communications Strategy and communications practice requested by the Executive Committee. The document reports communications activities around and following the release of the special report *Global Warming of 1.5°C*, including at the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and other outreach activities. It also contains information on other communications activities including work on the new website, an update on support to communications activities from the UN Foundation and statistics on media coverage of the IPCC between 1 January and 31 December 2018.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 5](#) introduces 8 new requests for IPCC observer status which have been submitted in accordance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations since the 47th Session of the IPCC (Paris, France, 13-16 March 2018). Upon recommendation by the Secretariat, the IPCC Bureau at its 56th Session (Geneva, Switzerland, 18-19 March 2019) positively reviewed the applications and the Panel is requested to admit the requesting organizations as IPCC observer organizations.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to admit the following 8 new observer organizations:

1. European Space Agency (ESA)
2. United Nations Foundation (UNF)
3. Iuventus (Germany)
4. Group on Earth Observations (GEO)
5. Greenplanet (India & Canada)
6. Green Climate Fund (GCF)
7. Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR)
8. Instituto Bem Ambiental (IBAM)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

[Decision IPCC-XLVII-6](#)

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 9, Rev.1](#) presents a preliminary report on the 5th Round of Awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme which is not yet concluded. A proposal detailing the specifics for funding the involvement of Chapter Scientists in the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) process is included. The status of the IPCC Scholarship Trust Fund is also presented.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel is requested to consider the cost implications for supporting chapter scientists with a view to provide guidance to the Board of Trustees.

AGENDA ITEM 9: TASK GROUP ON DATA SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENTS

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Decision IPCC-XLVII-9

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 7, Corr.1](#), presents a report on the selection of experts to serve as Co-Chairs and members in the IPCC Task Group on Data Support for Climate Change Assessments (TG-Data) and a proposal to amend the TG-Data Terms of reference (TORs).

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the selected TG-Data members and decide on the request to amend the TG-Data TORs.

AGENDA ITEM 10:

REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

IPCC Conflict of Interest Policy

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

An oral report will be presented by the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of the IPCC Conflict of Interest Committee.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 11:**SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE FORCERS****INTRODUCTORY NOTE****REFERENCES**

Decision IPCC/XLVI-6

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 8](#), presents two options for implementing the recommendations of the IPCC Expert Meeting on Short-Lived Climate Forcers (SLCFs), which was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 28-31 May 2018. The overall objective of the proposed options is to fill gaps in existing methodologies and to develop and disseminate an internationally-agreed, globally applicable methodological guidance based on existing methodologies.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the two options and decide on the most appropriate way forward to address the presented objectives.

AGENDA ITEM 12:

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

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

An oral report on the outcome of the 24rd session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC of particular relevance to the IPCC will be presented by the UNFCCC Secretariat representative. The report further describes some activities that will take place in 2019 that would benefit from support from the IPCC.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the information with appreciation, acknowledging the consistent strengthening of collaboration between the UNFCCC and the IPCC.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 13.1: Forthcoming meetings and activities

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The IPCC Secretariat will give an oral report.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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