IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - SIXTY-THIRD MEETING Teleconference, Wednesday 26 July 2018 16.30-18.30 CET

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:

Hoesung Lee

Members:

Ko Barrett (IPCC Vice-Chair), Youba Sokona (IPCC Vice-Chair), Valérie Masson-Delmotte (WG I Co-Chair), Panmao Zhai (WGI Co-Chair), Debra Roberts (WGII Co-chair), Hans-Otto Pörtner (WG II Co-Chair), Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WG III Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair), Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair), Joy Pereira (WG III Vice-Chair)

Advisory members:

Melinda Tignor (WG II TSU Head), Lizzie Huntley (WG III TSU Head), Raphael Slade (WG III TSU Head of Science), Andrej Kranjc (TFI TSU Head), Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary)

Apologies:

Thelma Krug (IPCC Vice-Chair), Anna Pirani (WGI TSU Head), Elvira Poloczanska (WGII TSU Head of Science)

IPCC Secretariat:

Kerstin Stendahl (IPCC Deputy Secretary), Jonathan Lynn (IPCC Head of Communications)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-LXIII/Doc.1), as attached in Annex 1, was adopted without changes.

2. URGENT ISSUES RELATED TO IPCC PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK THAT REQUIRE PROMPT ATTENTION BY THE IPCC BETWEEN PANEL SESSIONS

No issues were discussed under this agenda item.

3. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

Jonathan Lynn informed the ExCom of recent outreach and future activities including outreach events in Sudan and Vietnam and participation in the G20 climate and sustainability meeting in Argentina. A full list of communications and outreach activities had been sent to the ExCom members in advance of the meeting.

The ExCom took note of the report.

3.2 Communications Governance and allocation of roles across the Secretariat and the TSUs

In introducing the item, Working Group III Co-Chair Jim Skea suggested that the ExCom could have a more active role in overseeing the communications strategy of the IPCC, especially as regards the communication roles and functions in the Secretariat and the Technical Support Units (TSUs). In the ensuing discussions many noted positive developments in IPCC collaboration on communication and outreach during the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) cycle and emphasised the importance of teamwork. Taking stock of where we are at when it comes to the implementation of the Oslo recommendations would be a good first step in assessing future needs and improvements.

The Chair noted that the different target audiences and goals that IPCC communication and outreach encompasses makes communicating about IPCC work and products a challenging and complex job.

The ExCom decided that the IPCC Communications Manager would prepare a note on issues discussed and a way forward to be presented at a later ExCom meeting.

4. RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE ERRORS IN COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER IPCC PRODUCTS

4.1 Update on the implementation of the Error Protocol and follow up.

The Deputy Secretary of the IPCC informed the ExCom of closed and pending claims, as highlighted in the note sent to the ExCom members in advance.

The ExCom took note of the update.

5. COORDINATION BETWEEN WORKING GROUPS AND TASK FORCES ON ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PRODUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT IPCC PRODUCTS

No issues were discussed under this agenda item.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Citation of IPCC AR6 Chapters

In introducing the item Working Group I Co-Chair Valérie Masson-Delmotte emphasized the importance of chapter citations naming all Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs) in alphabetical order for the AR6 cycle, including when referred to in external papers. Some members of ExCom said it would be challenging to influence the way scientific publishers reference IPCC authors, given that there are so many different scientific publishers.

The ExCom decided that the Secretariat should explore possibilities on how to inform publishers of IPCC's advice on chapter citations as shown in the chapter title page.

6.2 Role of Bureau Members during the approval session

In introducing the item Working Group I Co-Chair Valérie Masson-Delmotte noted the importance of an appropriate seating arrangement of all Bureau members and authors in the plenary room for

the 48th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-48) approval session of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C. The Secretary of the IPCC said that the IPCC Secretariat is already following up on this with the TSUs so as to provide for seating arrangements that would allow for efficient and constructive deliberations. He also recalled that the deadline for submission of documents is 1 September 2018, thus guaranteeing that delegations will have the documents one month in advance. In terms of the draft report he noted the possibility for a revised document closer to the date of the meeting.

The Chair emphasized that the Bureau members are to play an important role toward a productive outcome of the approval session.

The ExCom also discussed the length of the final draft of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C noting challenges in shortening it much further.

The 64th meeting of the ExCom will be held during the first week of September and the IPCC Secretariat will establish a suitable date and time through a doodle poll.

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- 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (item 3.2 was proposed by Jim on behalf of him and Valerie)
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