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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-LII/Doc.1, Rev.1](#) contains the provisional agenda of the 52nd 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 51ST SESSION OF THE IPCC

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/Doc.3](#) contains the draft report of the 51st 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 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

[Appendix B to the Principles Governing IPCC Work](#)

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 2, Rev.1](#) introduces the following annexes:

Annex 1 - Provides a list of Member Governments that made a contribution in 2019, as at 31 January 2020.

Annex 2 – Presents a list of Member Governments that expressed an intent to make a contribution in 2019, as of 31 January 2020.

Annex 3 – Provides an update, as of 31 December 2019, of the annual rate of voluntary cash contributions since inception.

Annex 4 – Shows the monthly breakdown of contributions received as of 31 December 2019.

Annex 5 – Presents the interim statement of comparison of budget and actual amount as at 31 December 2019.

Annex 6 – Shows a list of in-kind contributions/activities for the period January-December 2019.

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

Annex 9 – Presents the list of Secretariat travel during 2019.

Annex 10 – Provides an overview of the IPCC Trust Fund, by category, for the period 2020-2023.

Annexes 11-14 – Present the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 budget tables, respectively.

Annex 15 – Provides the Provisional Agenda of the Financial Task Team (FiTT).

Annex 16 – Shows the Terms of Reference of the FiTT.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to urge member governments and organizations that have not yet done so to make their 2020 contributions, and invite member governments in a position to do so to make multi-year pledges covering 2020-2021 and beyond.

The Panel will be invited to consider the document and adopt the decision approving the revised 2020 budget and the proposed 2021 budget and noting the budgets for 2022 and 2023.

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-LII/INF. 13](#), 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 2019, as of 31 January 2019.
3. Annex 2 – Shows the level of contributions and the number of donors from 2014-2019.
4. Annex 3 - Presents a list of outstanding 2019/2020 pledges.
5. Annex 4 – Shows a list of pledges for the period 2020-2022.

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: Audit of the 2018 financial statements of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/INF. 1](#) presents the audited 2018 IPCC financial statements. The audited 2019 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:

**TASK GROUP ON DATA SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE
ASSESSMENTS (TG-DATA)**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

Decision IPCC-XLVII-9

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 8, Rev.1](#) presents the membership and a work plan of the TG-Data, a set of recommendations and a progress report of the activities undertaken by the Task Group ever since it was established.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the TG-Data workplan and recommendations and approve them or provide guidance for amendments.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT SYNTHESIS REPORT OUTLINE

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Document IPCC-XLVI/Doc.6
[Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work](#)

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/INF.12](#) presents the report of the Scoping Meeting for the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) Synthesis Report (SYR) which was held in Singapore on 21-23 October 2019 and all relevant information which document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 10](#) contains the Outline of the AR6 SYR, its indicative page length and the tentative timeline for its preparation.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to discuss the AR6 SYR Outline and approve the final version which will be presented to the SYR Core Writing Team (CWT), and take note of the relevant information provided.

AGENDA ITEM 6:**ORGANIZATION OF THE FUTURE WORK OF THE IPCC IN LIGHT OF THE GLOBAL STOCKTAKE****INTRODUCTORY NOTE****REFERENCES:**

- Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLI-4;
- Decision IPCC/XLVI-5; and
- Decision IPCC/XLVII-8.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 5](#) presents the final report of the Task Group on the Organization of the Future Work of the IPCC in light of the Global Stocktake (TG-FWLGST). The report contains alternatives and options for aligning the work of the IPCC with the need of the Global Stocktake with a particular focus on the Seventh Assessment Report Cycle (AR7).

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the Task Group's report, particularly the alternatives and options and decide on the way forward on this issue.

AGENDA ITEM 7: REPLACEMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE BUREAU

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

- Decision IPCC-XLII/4, Forty-Second Session of the IPCC.
- Report of the Forty-Ninth Session of the IPCC.
- [Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work](#).
- [IPCC Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The documents [IPCC-LII/Doc. 6](#) provides information regarding the replacement of a member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (the 'Task Force Bureau' or 'TFB').

At its Forty-Second Session (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 5 - 10 October 2015), the Panel elected the TFB members for the Sixth Assessment cycle. During the Forty-Ninth Session of the IPCC (Kyoto, Japan 8 - 12 May 2019), the Panel was informed that a member of the TFB from Benin would step down in June 2019. The replacement of this member would be undertaken in accordance with Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work containing the Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau.

To facilitate the process, several background documents were prepared, as follows: [IPCC-LII/INF. 8](#) on voting procedures, [IPCC-LII/INF. 9](#) on conflict of interest, [IPCC-LII/INF. 10](#) on nominations and [IPCC-LII/INF. 11](#) on credentials.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to elect the replacement of a member of the Task Force Bureau.

AGENDA ITEM 8: IPCC GENDER POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

Decision IPCC-XLIX-5

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 9, Rev.1](#) presents the outcome of the work undertaken by the Task Group on Gender Policy and Gender Implementation Plan (TG-Gender), particularly the IPCC Gender Policy and its goals, the Gender Implementation Plan and monitoring and evaluation measures.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider the report of the TG-Gender and provide a way forward on this issue.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE**REFERENCES:**

[IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations](#)

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 4](#) introduces 5 new requests for IPCC observer status which have been submitted in accordance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations since the 49th Session of the IPCC (Kyoto, Japan, 8-12 May 2019) as well as a request from the Holy See for admission to the IPCC as a non-member Observer State. Upon recommendation by the Secretariat, the IPCC Bureau at its 57th Session (Singapore, 24-25 October 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 5 new observer organizations:

1. Sasakawa Peace Foundation
2. Dalit Welfare Association (Nepal)
3. Royal Meteorological Society (UK)
4. Institute for Environment and Development Sustainability (IEDS)
5. Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)

The Panel will also be invited to decide on the admission of the Holy See as a non-member Observer State with the following procedural rights and modalities at IPCC Sessions and at any of its Working Groups:

- the right to speak in turn, rather than after all participating States;
- the right to have its communications circulated to participating States;
- the right to introduce proposals and to co-sponsor the proposals of other States;
- the right to provide comments on the Government/expert review of IPCC Reports and Technical Papers and the final review stage of Summaries for Policymakers;
- the right of reply;
- the right to raise points of order to any proceeding involving the Holy See;
- seating for the Holy See shall be arranged immediately after Member States and before other IPCC observers;
- the Holy See shall not have the right to vote or to be elected.

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 of the IPCC Conflict of Interest Committee.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 11: JOINT ACTIVITIES BETWEEN IPCC AND IPBES

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-XLII/INF.7](#) presents a proposal for a IPCC and IPBES co-sponsored workshop on biodiversity and climate change to be held on 12-14 May 2020 at a venue to be confirmed.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to take note of the proposal for the workshop which will have no financial implications for the IPCC.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

- [Principles Governing IPCC Work](#).
- Report of the Forty-Seventh Session of the IPCC.

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 7](#) provides information regarding the possible review of the Principles Governing IPCC Work.

The Principles contain information on the IPCC role, organization, participation, and procedures including three appendixes as follows:

- Appendix A: Procedures for the preparation, review, acceptance, adoption, approval and publication of IPCC Reports.
- Appendix B: Financial Procedures for the IPCC.
- Appendix C: Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau.

The Principles stipulate that they should be reviewed at least every five years and amended as appropriate. In accordance with this, the Principles including the three appendixes have been reviewed and revised several times as necessary by the Panel since their respective adoptions with the latest amendment being of Appendix C (Nairobi, Kenya, 24-27 February 2015).

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider document [IPCC-LII/Doc. 7](#) and decide on a way forward, including whether to start the review of the Principles Governing the IPCC work.

In case the Panel decides to initiate the review of the Principles, it will be also invited to agree on an appropriate process for undertaking this review.

AGENDA ITEM 13: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 13.1: 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-LII/INF. 4, Rev. 1](#) 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 13: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 13.2: 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-LII/INF. 5](#) 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 13: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 13.3: 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-LII/INF. 6, Rev. 1](#) 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 13: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 13.4: Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/INF. 3](#) 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 13: PROGRESS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 13.5: Communication and outreach activities

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES:

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document [IPCC-LII/INF. 2](#) presents a progress report of activities undertaken on communications and outreach activities undertaken since the 51st Session of the IPCC and plans for the coming year.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

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

AGENDA ITEM 14: MATTERS RELATED TO UNFCCC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

An oral report on the outcome of the 25th 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 2020 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 15: ENHANCING SUPPORT TO THE IPCC SECRETARIAT

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

REFERENCES

None

CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

The document IPCC-LII/Doc. 11 provides information about enhancing support to the IPCC Secretariat.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:

The Panel will be invited to consider this document and decision to be taken.