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### Introduction

This Information Note is prepared in relation to the replacement of a member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (hereafter referred to as the 'Task Force Bureau' or 'TFB') for the Sixth Assessment cycle ([IPCC-LII/Doc.6](#)). It intends to assist delegates and presiding officers in the organization of voting and elections during the Fifty-Second Session of the IPCC. This Note presents a digest of Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, the Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau (hereafter referred to as the 'Election Procedures'). It further includes two Appendixes with information on the composition of the TFB (Appendix I)<sup>1</sup> and the IPCC Members grouped per regions (Appendix II)<sup>2</sup>.

### Voting and Elections in Plenary

#### 1.1 Credentials Committee (Rule 5)

- The Panel will establish a Credentials Committee immediately after the completion of the opening formalities and for the duration of the Session at which elections are being held. The Committee shall comprise one member appointed by each Region. The Committee shall appoint a Chair from among its members. A representative of the Secretariat shall attend the Committee with a consultative status.
- The Committee shall examine the credentials of delegates, which are to be submitted by the Secretariat. It shall report as soon as possible to the Panel and thereafter as required. Final decisions concerning credentials shall rest with the Panel.
- Valid credentials are defined in Rule 4.

#### 1.2 Quorum (Rule 13)

- For decisions on elections to be valid a majority of the Members of the IPCC with accepted credentials must be present at the Session.
- The IPCC has 195 Member countries, for elections 98 Members with accepted credentials must be present.

#### 1.3 Type of vote (Rule 17)

- Secret ballot

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the Panel at the Session.

#### 1.4 Voting rights (Rules 3 and 18)

- Each Member of the IPCC participating in a Session shall be represented by a delegation consisting of a Principal Delegate and such other delegates as it may require.

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<sup>1</sup> As per [Annex A of the Election Procedures](#).

<sup>2</sup> As per [Annex B of the Election Procedures](#) and [Decision IPCC-XLII/4 of Forty-Second Session of the IPCC](#).

- Each delegation of a Member of the IPCC participating in the Session with accepted credentials shall have one vote.

#### 1.5 Nominations (Rules 12, 22 and 23)

- On the opening day of the Session where an election is being held, the Panel will establish a Nominations Committee for the duration of the Session. Each Region shall nominate two representatives to serve on the Committee. The Committee shall by consensus choose a Chair from among its members. A representative from the Secretariat may be invited to attend the Committee with consultative status.
- The Committee shall prepare and submit through its Chair to the Members of the Panel a list of Nominees for each office for which an election is to be held. In this case for the replacement of a member of the TFB. The list(s) will be submitted at least 24 hours before the actual election will take place.
- Information on IPCC Members grouped according to WMO Regions is provided in Annex A of the Election Procedures and **Appendix II** to this document.
- If a member of the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau, other than the IPCC Chair, resigns the Region from which the member originated shall be asked to nominate a replacement with relevant expertise (Rule 12). The Region is encouraged to meet before and/or as early as possible during the Panel Session with a view to, inter alia consider the nominations received (rule 23 (c)).
- All Regions are encouraged to meet before and/or as early as possible during the Panel Session with a view to, inter alia:
  - (a) designate the representative of the Region to the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) designate the two representatives of the Region to the Nominations Committee;

#### 1.6 Tellers (Rule 25)

- In all voting by secret ballot, two tellers selected from among the delegates present shall be appointed by the Presiding Officer to count the votes. Before voting begins, the Secretariat shall hand to the two tellers the list of Members present at the Session with accepted credentials (Rule 5) and the list of candidates' nominees (Rule 22).

#### 1.7 Majority required (Rules 32, 33 and 36)

- Candidates shall be elected by a simple majority of valid votes cast (not including blank or invalid voting slips). The simple majority shall be the next integer immediately above the half of the valid votes cast (Rule 32).
- Valid votes are defined in Rule 2 par. 17.
- If in the first ballot no candidate has obtained the simple majority, a second ballot shall be held with the two candidates with the highest number of votes. If any other candidate obtained the same number of votes in the first ballot as the second candidate, (s)he shall also be included on the list for the next ballot (Rule 33).
- If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, another ballot (third) shall be held, and if no decision is reached in this new ballot, the decision between those candidates shall be made by drawing lots (Rule 36).

## APPENDIX I

### Composition of the Task Force Bureau

The Task Force Bureau is composed of two Co-Chairs, who are members of the IPCC Bureau as well, and twelve members, two of each are drawn from each Region<sup>3</sup>.

At its Forty-Second Session of the IPCC (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 5 -10 October 2015) the Panel elected the following members of the Task Force Bureau for the 6th Assessment Report cycle<sup>4</sup>:

#### Co-Chairs

Kiyoto TANABE (Japan)  
Eduardo CALVO BUENDIA (Peru)

#### Members

Batouli Said ABDALLAH (Comoros)  
Fahmuddin AGUS (Indonesia)  
Fatma Betül BAYGÜVEN (Turkey)  
Dominique BLAIN (Canada)  
Darío GOMEZ (Argentina)  
Sabin GUENDEHOU (Benin)  
Bundit LIMMEECHOKCHAI (Thailand)  
Riitta PIPATTI (Finland)  
Yasna ROJAS (Chile)  
Robert STURGISS (Australia)  
Thomas WIRTH (United States of America)  
Irina YESSERKEPOVA (Kazakhstan)

During the Forty Ninth Session of the IPCC (Kyoto, Japan, 8-12 May 2019), the Panel was informed about the letter of Mr Sabin Guendehou (Benin), dated 25 April 2019, in which he indicated that he will resign from his position as member of the TFB before 3 June 2019. Therefore, this position remained vacant.

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<sup>3</sup> [Annex B of Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Decision IPCC-XLII/4, Forty Second Session of the IPCC.](#)

## APPENDIX II

### **Annex A of the Election Procedures (Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work)**

#### **IPCC MEMBERS GROUPED ACCORDING TO WMO REGIONS**

This Annex will be reviewed by the Secretariat as required to reflect any change in the membership.

- Region I - Africa
- Region II - Asia
- Region III - South America
- Region IV - North America, Central America and the Caribbean
- Region V - South-West Pacific
- Region VI - Europe

For the purpose of the elections to the Task Force Bureau, a Member can only belong to one Region. Members in a Region shall be deemed to be those having their seat of government (capital) within the Region.

#### **AFRICA (Region I) (54 Members)**

Algeria	Liberia
Angola	Libya
Benin	Madagascar
Botswana	Malawi
Burkina Faso	Mali
Burundi	Mauritania
Cameroon	Mauritius
Cape Verde	Morocco
Central African Republic	Mozambique
Chad	Namibia
Comoros	Niger
Congo, Republic of the	Nigeria
Côte d'Ivoire	Rwanda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Sao Tome and Principe
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt	Seychelles
Equatorial Guinea	Sierra Leone
Eritrea	Somalia
Ethiopia	South Africa
Eswatini (the Kingdom of)	South Sudan
Gabon	Sudan
Gambia	Togo
Ghana	Tunisia
Guinea	Uganda
Guinea Bissau	United Republic of Tanzania
Kenya	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe

**ASIA (Region II)**

(32 Members)

Afghanistan	Mongolia
Bahrain	Myanmar
Bangladesh	Nepal
Bhutan	Oman
Cambodia	Pakistan
China	Qatar
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea
India	Saudi Arabia
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Sri Lanka
Iraq	Tajikistan
Japan	Thailand
Kazakhstan	Turkmenistan
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Vietnam
Maldives	Yemen

**SOUTH AMERICA (Region III)**

(12 Members)

Argentina	Guyana
Bolivia	Paraguay
Brazil	Peru
Chile	Suriname
Colombia	Uruguay
Ecuador	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of

**NORTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (Region IV)**

(23 Members)

Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada
Bahamas	Guatemala
Barbados	Haiti
Belize	Honduras
Canada	Jamaica
Costa Rica	Mexico
Cuba	Nicaragua
Dominica	Panama
Dominican Republic	Saint Kitts and Nevis
El Salvador	Saint Lucia
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
	Trinidad and Tobago
	United States of America

## **SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Region V)**

(22 Members)

Australia	Palau
Brunei Darussalam	Papua New Guinea
Cook Islands	Philippines
Fiji	Samoa
Indonesia	Singapore
Kiribati	Solomon Islands
Malaysia	Timor-Leste
Marshall Islands	Tonga
Micronesia, Federated States of	Tuvalu
Nauru	Vanuatu
New Zealand	
Niue	
Palau	

## **EUROPE (Region VI)**

(52 Members)

Albania	Lebanon
Andorra	Luxembourg
Armenia	Lithuania
Austria	Liechtenstein
Azerbaijan	Malta
Belarus	Moldova
Belgium	Monaco
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Montenegro
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Croatia	North Macedonia
Cyprus	Norway
Czech Republic	Poland
Denmark	Portugal
Estonia	Romania
Finland	Russian Federation
France	San Marino
Georgia	Serbia
Germany	Slovakia
Greece	Slovenia
Hungary	Spain
Iceland	Sweden
Ireland	Switzerland
Israel	Syrian Arab Republic
Italy	Turkey
Jordan	Ukraine
Latvia	United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
Lebanon	
Luxembourg	
Lithuania	
Liechtenstein	
Malta	