

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING
Teleconference, 19 February 2020

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:

Hoesung Lee

Members:

Ko Barrett (IPCC Vice-Chair), Thelma Krug (IPCC Vice-Chair), Youba Sokona (IPCC Vice-Chair), Valérie Masson-Delmotte (WGI Co-Chair), Panmao Zhai (WGI Co-Chair), Hans-Otto Pörtner (WGII Co-Chair), Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WGIII Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair)

Advisory members:

Anna Pirani (WGI TSU Head), Melinda Tignor (WGII TSU Head), Sandro Federici (TFI TSU Head), Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary)

IPCC Secretariat:

Jesbin Baidya, Jonathan Lynn (IPCC Head of Communications), Mxolisi Shongwe

The Chair called the meeting to order and requested a one-minute silence in tribute to the former Chair, Rajendra K. Pachauri, who had passed away the previous week.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-LXXII/Doc.1), as attached in Annex 1, was adopted with the addition of an item under Any Other Matters concerning the carbon footprint of Lead Author Meetings.

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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

J. Lynn, Head of Communications, informed the ExCom of ongoing and planned communications activities, as outlined in Annex 2. He described the intense media interest in the IPCC at the recent Working Group II Third Lead Author Meeting in Faro, Portugal, and plans for media and outreach activities at the 52nd Session of the IPCC, to be held at UNESCO, in Paris, France on 24-28 February 2020.

The Chair thanked the Secretariat and Technical Support Unit for their work supporting understanding of the IPCC around the Lead Author Meeting.

The ExCom was informed that the Portuguese version of the presentations for the Special Reports on *Climate Change and Land* and *The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate* was now available thanks to the work of the IPCC Vice-Chair Thelma Krug.

The ExCom was informed that Working Group III had started a series of webinars with stakeholders from business and from environmental non-governmental organizations.

The ExCom was informed that Working Group I would be conducting user testing on figures during the 52nd Session of the IPCC.

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 Secretary of the IPCC informed the ExCom of closed and pending claims, and asked Co-Chairs to inform the Secretariat when alleged errors have been dealt with so that claimants can be informed.

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

5.1 Update on forthcoming meetings

The Secretary of the IPCC informed the ExCom about the proposed order of work for the 52nd Session of the IPCC, and said this would be circulated to members after the meeting.

The ExCom was informed about plans for the consideration of the outline of the Synthesis Report and plans for Working Group I representation at the Session on the second day.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Carbon footprint of meetings

The ExCom was informed about a Working Group I proposal to publish a study on the carbon footprint of scientific meetings, including IPCC Lead Author Meetings, and discussed methodologies for measuring the carbon footprint of travel, factors in the consideration of locations for meeting, and options for compensating for emissions.

6.2 Next meeting of the ExCom

The Secretariat will determine the date of the next meeting. It was requested to return to the usual planning schedule for ExCom meetings.

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Communications and outreach activities

Ongoing and planned activities

Media activities since last meeting

19.12.19 James McCarthy obituary
9.1.20 Press release on expert review of WGIII FOD
21.1.20 Press release on WGII LAM3
29.1.20 Vacancy announcement for WGIII TSU post
3.2.20 Vacancy announcement for SYR TSU head
10.2.20 Announcement – IPCC inducted to Earth Hall of Fame in Kyoto
14.2.20 Patchy obituary

Outreach since last meeting

8.1.20 Oxford Real Farming Conference – SRCCL presentation by WGIII TSU

26.1-1.2.20 WGII LAM3 in Faro, Portugal:

The Lead Author Meeting in Faro attracted enormous media attention in Portugal with over 130 articles in local media over the week (see below). Portuguese television RTP broadcast its main weekly current affairs programme *Prós e contras* on 27 January from Faro instead of Lisbon with a discussion on climate change with Vice-Chair Thelma on the panel, with a Portuguese minister and experts, and IPCC authors in the audience.

Planned

IPCC-52

- Media advisory hopefully today
- Media briefing ahead of opening ceremony
- UNESCO-organized panel discussion after opening ceremony
- (UNESCO-OCE signing ceremony)

Website

- Translated pages completed this week
- SRCCL microsite to go live hopefully this week

Other outreach

- Africa 21 workshop for Maghreb Francophone journalists (Youba)
- Scoping for communications materials for Africa outreach
- Discussions with Quebec government on support for Francophone Africa events