

**IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING**  
**Teleconference, 7 October 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 (WG I Co-Chair), Panmao Zhai (WGI Co-Chair), Debra Roberts (WG II 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 II Vice-Chair).

*Advisory members:*

Anna Pirani (WGI TSU Head), Melinda Tignor (WG II TSU Head), Roger Fradera (WGIII TSU Head of Operations), Raphael Slade (WG III TSU Head of Science), Sandro Federici (TFI TSU Head), Noemie Leprince-Ringuet (SYR TSU Head), Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary), Elvira Poloczanska (TSU WGII).

*IPCC Secretariat:*

Ermira Fida (IPCC Deputy Secretary), Jonathan Lynn (Head of Communications), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Nina Peeva, Laura Biagioni, Mxolisi Shongwe, Jesbin Baidya, Melissa Walsh, Oksana Ekzarko, Judith Ewa.

*Invited:*

Bard Rama (WGII Director of Operations)

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-LXXXVI/Doc. 1), as attached in Annex 1, was adopted with additions as follows: update on the schedule for the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) under 2.1, Plans for funding of Working Group III (WGIII) Technical Support Unit (TSU) from the United Kingdom government under 2.1 and as well as an update on the preliminary results following the eLAM with authors from Working Group I (WGI) Co-Chairs. Two website issues under agenda item 3.1 and Issues arising from the work of the Informal Group of Publications under agenda item 5.1, Membership of ExCom under AOB.

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

**2.1 Coronavirus related issues: Impact on AR6 schedules and products**

- **Provisional revised plan of TFI activities.**

The TFI Co-Chair updated the ExCom on the proposed three changes in the TFI schedule that were presented in the 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ExCom. All the events are still to be confirmed but the next meeting of the Task Force Bureau (TFB) is confirmed to be held from 11-12 November 2020.

The Secretariat will take the appropriate action.

The ExCom took note of the update.

- **WGI Activities**

The WGI Co-Chair updated the ExCom on the results of a survey about the four months of virtual activities held instead of the LAM4. The results were shared with the ExCom ahead of the meeting.

The ExCom took note of the survey report.

- **Plans for funding of WGIII TSU from United Kingdom government**

The WGIII Co-Chair reported on ongoing conversations with the United Kingdom government regarding funding for the extended cycle of WGIII TSU in view of the spending review considered by the new United Kingdom Parliament. The United Kingdom government are willing to support the delivery of the three WGIII reports up to the report publication and outreach activities up to 12 months after the approval session.

The ExCom took note of the report.

## **2.2. Modalities for engaging with IPCC Focal Points in light of COVID-19**

The Secretariat presented a background note on modalities for engaging with IPCC Focal Points developed jointly with the Operations Action Team (OAT) as requested by the ExCom at its 85<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A presentation of areas and modalities for engaging with Focal Points, action points, timeline, roles and responsibilities was given as well as a copy of the draft newsletter as a means of enhancing communication with IPCC Focal Points and an exchange forum. The Chair thanked the Secretariat and the OAT for providing a comprehensive background note.

The ExCom took note of the background note, appreciated the plans for newsletter and exchange forum, and suggested some areas for improvement of the newsletter. The Secretariat took note of the comments and suggestions by the ExCom.

## **3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

### **3.1 Ongoing and planned activities**

The Secretariat gave a background on the written report on regular activities and useful initiatives from the Communication Action Team (CAT) meeting.

The Secretariat updated the ExCom on the Visual Arts initiative. With input from the Legal Officer and the TSUs, the proposal has been revised and the main change to the project is that it is no longer being presented as a contest. It will be embedded in an outreach program run by UN Foundation to engage young people with the IPCC's work.

The Secretariat updated the ExCom on how errata is presented on the website and would like it to be more prominent and visible. The posting of errata should be handled by the Secretariat which would explore the possibility to have a page that will hold all the errata which can also be promoted on social media.

The ExCom agreed that more prominence should be given to the errata on the website but that errata should be an intrinsic part of the report. The ExCom also noted that this topic touches on discussions occurring currently within the Informal Group of Publications. The ExCom requested for consideration of the possibility of having two versions of the report: one with the errors corrected within the documents and the old edition for transparency. ExCom further suggested to include links to the translations of errata in other languages.

The TFI Co-Chair stated that the TFI has been producing corrigenda following the IPCC Error Protocol and has been posting them on the TFI website (TFI has been using the word “corrigenda” instead of “errata”). TFI has been following the Errata protocol for more than ten years. The TFI TSU would like to continue managing the errata in the same way.

The ExCom took note of the Visual Arts proposal taking into consideration that further details will be developed later subject to legal review.

The ExCom took note of the website updates and proposed changes on the way errata is reported.

#### **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 Secretariat informed the ExCom that since the last reporting the ExCom has received two documents; one is the report presented at every meeting, the second one is a request for the approval of an SROCC Erratum. Since the last ExCom 85 meeting, three new error claims were received, and four older claims have been finished. The Secretariat sought the help of the relevant TSUs to help work towards the closure of the pending error claims.

The error claim submitted on the SPM of the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC) was processed following the [IPCC Error Protocol](#). An erratum statement was constructed and was approved by the IPCC Working Group I and Working Group II Bureau.

To allow for rapid response to the claim, on 11 September 2020, the Secretary of the IPCC requested National Focal Points to delegate the approval of the erratum statement to the ExCom. By the 25 September 2020 deadline, no objections from governments were received.

The ExCom approved the Erratum proposal on the SROCC and took note of the Error Protocol report.

#### **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 Issues arising from the work of the Informal Group of Publications.**

The WGIII Co-Chair reported that during the fifth assessment cycle, there were two specific invitations from Plenary given to ExCom to consider issues concerning publications and errata and neither of these issues have been followed up. The issue is under active consideration in the Informal Group on Publications and would like to bring it back to the ExCom.

The TFI Co-Chair stated that the TFI practice has been different from the other WGs. The digital version of the methodology reports on the website has been updated whenever the corrigendum was issued.

The Chair requested the TFI to send the views on how to best incorporate errata into our official version of the report. The Secretariat will develop options to resolve this matter in a structured way.

The Chair requested that the ExCom be informed on the update from the Informal Group on Publications.

## **5.2. The update on forthcoming meetings**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the hybrid approach of the virtual 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPCC. The Secretariat would like to use the newsletter and the exchange forum to inform them of the outcome of the progress report that will be presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau (BUR-59).

The Secretary sought the agreement of ExCom of the possibility to post the progress report after the Bureau meeting in the Focal Point portal with a link to the report in the newsletter. This will be prepared for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-53).

The ExCom took note of the plans prepared by the Secretariat on IPCC-53 and BUR 59.

## **6. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### **Membership of the ExCom**

Following the request from Working Groups (WGs) to allow for the participation of TSUs Heads of Operations in the future ExCom meetings, the Secretary stated the Terms of Reference of the ExCom which allow for five advisory members, which includes the Secretary and each head of the TSU. For five years, there has been more than one person participating from each WG.

The Chair requested the IPCC Legal Officer to conduct a legal review of the current practice and advise accordingly.

The next meeting of the ExCom will be held on the first Wednesday of November.

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