

# **CHANGES TO THE SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6) STRATEGIC PLANNING SCHEDULE**

*Approved changes by the IPCC Executive Committee  
with guidance from the Bureau*

*Subject to continues review as the situation evolves*

## **1. Working Group I contribution to the AR6**

*ExCom-75*

- Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft, deadline extended by up to a maximum of 2 months (the deadline was extended to 5 June 2020 instead of 26 April 2020).

*ExCom-79*

- Literature acceptance cut off date - Postponed from 30 September 2020 to 31 January 2021
- WGI 4th Lead Author Meeting (LAM-4) - Postponed from 1-5 June 2020 to the week of the 15th February 2021

*ExCom-87 and Member Countries (Letter 5104-21/IPCC/AR6)*

- Final Government Draft (FGD) review postponed to 3 May to 20 June 2021 instead of 7 December 2020 to 31 January 2021.
- A one-week reduction in length of the FGD review starting the review on 3 May instead of 26 April 2021.
- Approval plenary session postponed to 26-30 July 2021 instead of 12-18 April 2021.

## **2. Working Group II contribution to the AR6**

*ExCom-76*

- Literature submission cut-off postponed from 1 July to 1 November 2020
- Second Order Draft delivery deadline postponed from 10 July to 6 November 2020
- Expert and Government Review postponed from 7 August - 2 October 2020 to 4 December 2020 - 29 January 2021
- Fourth Lead Author Meeting postponed from 1-7 November 2020 to 1-7 March 2021 (dates to be confirmed in consultation with host and pending sufficient health and safety measures are in place to prevent infection)

## **3. Working Group III contribution to the AR6**

*ExCom-82*

- Cut-off date for literature submitted for publication: 14 December 2020
- SOD government review period: 18 January – 14 March 2021
- Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM4): 5 days between 12-30 April 2021

## **4. AR6 Synthesis Report**

*ExCom-84*

- First Core Writing Team (CWT-1), postponed from 7 – 13 December 2020 to the week of the 25-31 January 2021.

## 5. Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

### *ExCom-77*

- TFI - 1st Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF) postponed from 27-29 April 2020 to 20-22 October 2020 (Rome, Italy<sup>1</sup>).
- TFI - Use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories - IPCC Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software users' feedback changed from 8-11 December 2020 to 1-4 December 2020 (Hayama, Japan).
- TFI – 2nd Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF) postponed from 30 June-2 July to 15-17 December 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- TFI – 32nd meeting of TFB originally planned for 3 July 2020 in Istanbul postponed to either 23 October 2020 in Rome or 18 December 2020 in Istanbul.

### *ExCom-87*

- TFI - Use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories - IPCC Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software users' feedback, changed from 8-11 December 2020 to 1-4 December 2020 (Hayama, Japan) ---> is cancelled.
- TFI – 2<sup>nd</sup> Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers, postponed from 30 June - 2 July to 15-17 December 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey) ---> is postponed to 2021.
- TFI – 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of TFB originally planned for 3 July 2020 in Istanbul, postponed to either 23 October 2020 in Rome or 18 December 2020 in Istanbul ----> was held virtually on 11-12 November 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> *Note: Following approval by ExCom-77 of the above-mentioned changes, the IPCC Secretariat has been informed by the TSU TFI that the First Expert Meeting on SLCF will not take place in Rome, Italy as all the meetings taking place in 2020 have been cancelled by FAO.*