

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NINETY-FIFTH MEETING
Teleconference, 2 June 2021

CONCLUSIONS & 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), Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WGIII Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair), Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair), Joy Pereira (WGII Vice-Chair).

Advisory members:

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

IPCC Secretariat:

Ermira Fida (IPCC Deputy Secretary), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Judith Ewa, Nina Peeva, Laura Biagioni, Mxolisi Shongwe, Jesbin Baidya, Melissa Walsh, Werani Zabula, Joelle Fernandez.

Invited:

Elvira Poloczanska (TSU WGII)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-XCV/Doc.1, Rev.1) as attached in Annex 1 was adopted with the addition of Agenda item 3.2 to discuss Communication related to the Working Group I approval session.

The ExCom adopted the provisional agenda.

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

- **Update on the changes to the schedule of Working Group III**

The Deputy Secretary updated the ExCom on the outcome of the consultations with the Bureau and the feedback approval from the Panel on the changes to the schedule of Working Group III. Following the letter dated 3 May 2021 to IPCC Focal Points summarizing the changes to the schedule, fourteen responses were received with all supporting the schedule changes. IPCC Focal Points were informed by letter on 25 May of the changes approved by the Panel. A press release was issued thereafter.

The ExCom took note of the update to the changes of the schedule.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Secretariat updated the ExCom on the communication activities, highlighted two outreach events and thanked the Working Group II Co-Chair Debra Roberts and IPCC Vice-Chair Youba Sokona as well as the IPCC Chair and IPCC Secretary for their participation in the outreach event held in Africa. Another outreach event is being held in Latin America with the participation of IPCC Vice-Chairs Thelma Krug and Ko Barrett.

The ExCom took note of the update.

3.2 Communication related to the Working Group I approval session

The Secretariat updated the ExCom on the issuance of the press release for the changes to the Working Group III approval session. The press release focused on the Working Group III schedule and the implications for Working Group II and the Synthesis Report, the options indicated in the background note. Also the press release referred to the two weeks duration of the session, in line with the decision taken at the 53rd (bis) Session of the IPCC.

The Secretary suggested that Working Group I give a fixed date and time for when the 14th Session of Working Group I must conclude. The Secretariat will then issue a press release before the approval session with clarification of the date.

The ExCom took note of the update.

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 to ExCom-93 one case has been closed and there are two error claims pending. The Secretariat requested the relevant Technical Support Units to help work towards the closure of the pending cases.

The ExCom 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 Update on forthcoming meetings

- **54th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group I**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the arrangements for the 54th Session of the IPCC and the 14th Session of Working Group I such as the support to the upcoming Q&A sessions to be held ahead of the approval session and the use of the IPCC Trust Fund for covering the cost of connectivity for eligible participants in the approval session.

The Secretary presented a summary of the findings from views received from IPCC Focal Points on the Consultation Paper. The feedback accurately reflected the points made at the 53rd (bis) Session of the IPCC. There were no objections to the proposed roadmap or approaches.

The Working Group I Task Team updated the ExCom on the progress made in the development of the Guidance Document for participants to the Working Group I approval session including the schedule of the session and the plan to have a 10-day approval session ending on 6 August with a press conference on 9 August.

The plenary sessions will have fixed times, and there will be a set time for when the contact groups can occur. Documents will be circulated through PaperSmart, and there will be a 12-hour period between when documents are available and participants going back to the approval plenary session. Plans are being developed for document management, backup, tracking etc. There is also a provision for staffing requirements, and the team will be requesting support from other Working Groups.

The ExCom offered staff support in a virtual presence given the current restrictions.

Working Group I Co-Chair requested for Co-Chairs to be co-located with the Secretariat in Geneva and a timeline for deciding if this cannot happen. The Chair was asked to communicate with IPCC Focal Points for their active participation in the approval session.

The Chair thanked all those involved and highlighted the importance of the process for this approval session and will follow up with member governments for their active participation in the approval session.

The ExCom took note of the update provided by the Secretariat and the Task Team for the 14th Session of Working Group I

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- **The next meeting of the ExCom**

The Secretary confirmed the next meeting of ExCom will be the first Wednesday of next month.

The meeting concluded at 15:05.

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