

## **Ad-hoc Group on the Size, Structure and Composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Background**

The Principles Governing IPCC Work, Appendix C, Rule 7 provides for Panel review and amendment of the size, structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau at least one Session prior to the Session at which the IPCC Bureau and/or any Task Force Bureau are elected.

The IPCC agreed at its 53rd (bis) Session (March 2021) to set up an Ad-hoc Group on the size, structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle.

#### **Objectives**

The Ad-hoc Group will identify proposals to present to the Panel regarding the size, structure, and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle.

In undertaking its work, the Ad-hoc Group will seek to ensure transparency, inclusiveness and equal opportunity for participation of all its members, noting the importance of the inclusion of the perspectives of developing countries.

#### **Term**

The Ad-hoc Group will undertake its work following closure of IPCC-53 (bis), preparing progress reports and presenting these to the Panel at its future sessions, with the final outcome to be presented to the Panel at 57<sup>th</sup> (bis) Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57 bis) for its decision, during the week following Synthesis Report (SYR) approval at the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57), avoiding any overlap between the work of the Ad-hoc group and SYR approval Plenary.

#### **Composition and operation of the Ad-hoc Group**

The Ad-hoc Group should consist of:

- Two Co-Chairs, with balanced representation from developed and developing countries and taking into account gender balance;
- Two Rapporteurs, with balanced representation from developed and developing countries and taking into account gender balance;
- A minimum of two representatives from each WMO Region; and
- Open-ended membership as to participation of all Members of the IPCC.

The Ad-hoc Group will conduct its work both in conjunction with plenary sessions and intersessionally, including by electronic, remote communication and virtual means.

Administrative support will be provided by the Secretariat.