

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING
Teleconference, 1 September 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), Hans Pörtner (WGII Co-Chair), Debra Roberts (WGII Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WGIII Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair), Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair).

Advisory members:

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

IPCC Secretariat:

Jonathan Lynn (Head of Communications), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Nina Peeva, Mxolisi Shongwe, Jesbin Baidya, Melissa Walsh, Joelle Fernandez, Carole Bouveret, Cristina Levinski, Marvellous Makombe.

Invited:

Elvira Poloczanska (TSU WGII), Roger Fradera (WGIII TSU).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-XCVII/Doc.1) as attached in Annex 1 was adopted with two additional items on addressing different aspects of support from the Secretariat from Working Group I and an update with information from Working Group III under Any Other Matters.

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 the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

The Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Co-Chair proposed that two expert meetings provisionally scheduled for mid-September 2021 at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Italy and late October 2021 in Turkey, respectively will be combined and take place virtually with several three-hour sessions during the period from 11 to 22 October 2021.

The expert meeting on Emission Factor Database (EFDB) and Software Users Feedback, provisionally planned for 16-19 November 2021 in Japan, was proposed to be cancelled. The 33rd meeting of Task Force Bureau, which was provisionally scheduled for late October 2021 in Turkey is now rescheduled to be held virtually in the week from 15 to 19 November 2021.

The ExCom agreed on the changes to the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories schedule.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Head of Communications updated the ExCom on communication activities surrounding the Working Group I report press conference as well as plans for COP26.

He informed the ExCom that the coverage around the Working Group I report significantly preceded levels of any previous reports and shared some statistics on social media, that the high quality of communications material prepared by the Working Group I Technical Support Unit, United Nations Secretary-General message comparing the report to a code red for humanity and good time management of the session as pre-condition for the strong coverage in the media, and that a lot of lessons were learnt which will be used to streamlining the communications process around the approval sessions for rest of the reports.

Followers	23-Jul	10-Aug	Increase	31-Aug	Total increase
Twitter	246,100	280,000	33,900	300,900	54,800
Facebook	177,000	200,000	23,000	210,000	33,000
Instagram	55,000	80,000	25,000	108,000	53,000
LinkedIn	63,410	75,000	11,590	90,022	26,612

The ExCom was informed that Mr Andrej Mahecic was newly hired as Head of Communications and Media of IPCC who will assume his functions on 15 September 2021, and noted that informal webinars helped in understanding the draft report and that there was still limited participation (only one participant) from Africa.

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-96 there are 29 new cases registered to the Working Group I report and one case to the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. Two cases have already been closed.

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 (bis) Session of the IPCC**

The Secretary noted that the 54th (bis) Session of the IPCC scheduled to take place in the first half of December will be dedicated to the budget and remaining items will be discussed in 2022. The Secretariat is currently working on the budget document which will be posted 2 months before the session.

- **55th Session of the IPCC and 12th Session of Working Group II**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the preparation of the 55th Session of the IPCC and 12th Session of Working Group II. Following two virtual meetings with the representatives of the host country (Germany) regarding the 55th Session of the IPCC and the 12th Session of Working Group II on the arrangements for the meeting it was agreed to look at and undertake an assessment of the possible options on the format of the session. Given the proximity of the approval sessions for Working Group II and Working Group III, coupling the preparations of both sessions was the most effective way in moving forward.

The ExCom noted the challenges around physical meetings and virtual sessions, and recalled that the Working Group I plenary was not supposed to set a precedence, and there will need to be provisions for delegations that will not be able to attend. ExCom further noted that the two Working Group II Co-Chairs might not be in the same geographical location and that the panel might debate much more of the Summary for Policymakers material at the 12th Session of Working Group II.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Suggestions for support from the Secretariat

The Working Group I Co-Chair suggested support from the Secretariat regarding information technology tools, participation in COP26 by Working Group I authors from developing countries, and global outreach in each time-zone. The Secretariat indicated positive consideration.

6.2 Information from Working Group III

The Working Group III Co-Chair shared information on their current and upcoming activities: The interim internal review of the Summary for Policymakers is open to ExCom members for review and closes on the 5 September 2021; Working Group III is planning to hold a Light Touch Stocktake on 20, 21 and 23 September 2021; There will be a Summary for Policymakers write-shop with Working Group III authors on 6 and 7 October with participation and guidance from Working Group III Bureau Members.

- **The next meeting of the ExCom**

The Secretary confirmed a Doodle poll for the next meeting of the ExCom will be sent for the first Wednesday of October 2021.

The meeting concluded at 15:35.

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