IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NINETY-NINTH MEETING
Teleconference, 1 December 2021

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:
Hoesung Lee

Members:
Ko Barrett (IPCC Vice-Chair), Thelma Krug (IPCC Vice-Chair), Valérie Masson-Delmotte (WGI Co-Chair), Panmao Zhai (WGI Co-Chair), Hans Pörtner (WGII Co-Chair), Debra Roberts (WGII Co-Chair), Joy Pereira (WGII Vice-Chair), Jim Skea (WGIII 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:
Andrej Mahecic (Head of Communications), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Judith Ewa, Mxolisi Shongwe, Laura Biagioni, Melissa Walsh, Joelle Fernandez, Werani Zabula

Invited:
Elvira Poloczanska (TSU WGII), Roger Fradera (WGIII TSU)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-XCIV/Doc.1, Rev.1) as attached in Annex 1 was adopted.

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

The Co-Chair of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) r updated the Executive Committee (ExCom) on clarifications to the TFI schedule for 2022 that was agreed at the 98th meeting of ExCom on 6 October 2021.

The proposal below is without any major differences from the one agreed at ExCom-98 but has been presented for more clarity.

(1) Third Expert meeting on SLCFs (venue TBD) postponed to 11 to 15 April 2022 from 24 to 30 January 2022.
(2) Fourth Expert meeting on SLCFs from 15 to 17 March 2022 is cancelled.
(3) EFDB meetings (20th meeting of Editorial Board and 19th and 20th Data meetings) (venue TBD) postponed to 27 June to 3 July 2022 from 24 to 27 May 2022.
(4) Expert meeting to collect EFDB and Software Users feedbacks (Japan (TBC)) moves to an earlier date, to 25 to 29 July 2022 from 6 to 9 September 2022.
(5) 34th meeting of Task Force Bureau (venue TBD) moves to an earlier date, to 5 to 9 September 2022 from 9 December 2022.
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 lessons learned from COP26 and concluded that the broad programme of events and coverage of the events overall was successful.

The ExCom took note of the report.

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-98 there are 9 new cases registered to the Working Group I. No new cases have been closed. Relevant Technical Support Units have been requested to work on the pending cases.

The Chair requested for relevant TSU’s to work on 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 (bis) Session of the IPCC

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the preparations for the 54th (bis) Session of the IPCC (IPCC54 (bis)) which will be in writing from 14 to 18 December 2021: relevant documents have been posted on PaperSmart; video presentations will be posted to receive comments before 14 December; and a draft decision will be posted on PaperSmart for adoption by silence procedure.

- 55th Session of the IPCC and 12th Session of Working Group II and 56th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group III

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the preparations for the 55th Session of the IPCC and 12th Session of Working Group II (WGII-12) and the 56th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group III (WGIII-14): consulting the Panel on the format of WGII-12 and WGIII-14 through a consultation paper sent to IPCC Focal Points on 14 October 2021; measures proposed in the IPCC-54(bis) budget decision for sanitary matters and connectivity improvement; contingency plans for travel; and setting up a task team for preparations for the above two sessions.

The ExCom took note of the report on the preparations for the next two approval plenaries.
6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Reflections on the outcome of the COP-26 and lessons learnt from the Science Pavilion.

The Secretary summarized the COP-26 decisions with implications for the IPCC, including the Glasgow Climate Pact, the new mandate in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, Warsaw International Mechanism for loss and damage, SBSTA conclusion on research and systematic observation, and the Decision on the guidance on cooperative approach in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. Regarding the science pavilion, he noted needs for improving remote participation and cooperation with the large number of partner organizations hosting the pavilion.

The Chair noted that COP-26 highlighted IPCC’s contributions and this is a valuable sign for the IPCC.

The ExCom took note of the update on COP-26 and lessons learnt.

6.2 Update on the Gender Action Team activities

The Chair of the Gender Action Team (GAT) updated the ExCom on the GAT activities, focusing on two tracks - to learn lessons from the current cycle through a survey of sixth cycle participants and prepare for the next cycle with plans for inclusivity training at the beginning of the seventh cycle and finalizing a code of conduct before the next cycle, noting the need for an ombudsman/person. The GAT will put forward a budget proposal for the next plenary.

The ExCom took note of the update on GAT activities.

- The next meeting of the ExCom

The Secretary confirmed a Doodle poll for the next meeting of ExCom will be sent for the second Wednesday of January 2022.

The meeting concluded at 15:55.
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       • Update by the Secretariat on the preparations for the 54th (bis) Session of the IPCC, the 55th Session of the IPCC and 12th Session of Working Group II as well as the 56th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group III.

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