

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

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

Subject to ongoing 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.
- Working Group I Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM-4) - Postponed from 1 to 5 June 2020 to the week of the 15th February 2021.

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

- Final Government Distribution (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 to 30¹ July 2021 instead of 12 to 18 April 2021².

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 to 2 October 2020 to 4 December 2020 to 29 January 2021.
- Fourth Lead Author Meeting postponed from 1 to 7 November 2020 to 1 to 7 March 2021 (dates to be confirmed in consultation with host and pending sufficient health and safety measures in place to prevent infection).

Panel approval in writing (Letter No.5155-21/IPCC/AR6 of 3 May 2021).

- The Working Group II Approval Plenary moves to an earlier date, from 28 February to 4 March 2022 to 14 to 18 February 2022³.

¹ The Panel at its 53rd (bis) Session through the [Decision IPCC-LIII\(bis\)-2.2](#) requested the Working Group I Co-Chairs/Working Group I Bureau within IPCC rules and procedures to make appropriate arrangements, with the assistance of the IPCC Secretariat, for holding the 14th Working Group I approval session (WGI-14) from 26 July 2021 as stipulated in [IPCC-LIII\(bis\)/Doc. 4, Rev.1](#), considering all options contained in [IPCC-LIII\(bis\)/INF. 10, Rev.1](#).

² Working Group I Approval Plenary was held in a virtual format from 26 July to 6 August 2022.

³ Due to COVID-19 pandemic and as per the Letter ref. 5242-21/IPCC/AR6 the Working Group II Approval Plenary was held in a virtual format from 14 to 27 February 2022.

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 to 14 March 2021.
- Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM4): 5 days between 12 to 30 April 2021.

Panel approval in writing (Letter No.5155-21/IPCC/AR6 of 3 May 2021)

- Cut-off date for literature submitted for publication: 11 October 2021.
- The Working Group III Government Review of the SPM postponed from 9 August to 3 October 2021 to 29 November 2021 to 30 January 2022⁴.
- The Working Group III Approval Plenary is moved later, instead of 5 days between 10 to 30 January 2022 to 21 to 25 March 2022^{5 6}.

4. AR6 Synthesis Report

ExCom-84

- First Core Writing Team (CWT-1), postponed from 7 to 13 December 2020⁷ to the week of the 25 to 31 January 2021⁸.

Panel approval in writing (Letter No.5155-21/IPCC/AR6 of 3 May 2021)

- The Synthesis Report Government and Expert Review postponed from 12 July to 5 September 2021 to 10 January to 20 March 2022⁹.
- As a result of the delay to the Synthesis Report Government and Expert Review, CWT-3 would be delayed from 29 November to 5 December 2021 to 4 to 8 April 2022.
- The commencement of the Final Government Distribution and Government review of the SPM would be delayed from 14 February to 17 April 2022 to 13 June to 7 August 2022.
- CWT-4 will take place from 19 to 23 September 2022 followed immediately by the Synthesis Report Approval Plenary from 26 September to 30 September 2022 as per the venue availability in the host country.

Panel approval in writing (Letter No.5132-22/IPCC/AR6 of 15 February 2022 and Letter No.5135-22/IPCC/AR6 of 16 March 2022)

- Third Core Writing Team (CWT-3), postponed from 4 to 8 April 2022 to 25 to 29 April 2022.
- Synthesis Report, Final Government Distribution (FGD) review period is shortened from eight weeks (13 June to 7 August) to seven weeks (20 June to 7 August 2022).

⁴ The review period is extended in duration beyond the normal eight weeks to nine weeks

⁵ This change is done on the premises of the following change: the literature acceptance cut-off date postponed from 12 July 2021 to 11 October 2021.

⁶ Due to COVID-19 pandemic and as per the Letter ref. 5242-21/IPCC/AR6 the Working Group III Approval Plenary was held in a virtual format from 21 March to 1 April 2022.

⁷ [Decision IPCC-LII-10](#)

⁸ CWT-1 took place from 25 to 29 January 2021.

⁹ The review period is extended in duration beyond the normal eight weeks to ten weeks

5. Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

ExCom-77

- 1st Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF) postponed from 27 to 29 April 2020 to 20 to 22 October 2020 (Rome, Italy¹⁰).
- 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories - IPCC Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software users' feedback changed from 8 to 11 December 2020 to 1 to 4 December 2020 (Hayama, Japan).
- 2nd Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF) postponed from 30 June to 2 July to 15 to 17 December 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- 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

- Use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories - Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software users' feedback, changed from 8 to 11 December 2020 to 1 to 4 December 2020 (Hayama, Japan) ---> is cancelled.
- 2nd Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers, postponed from 30 June to 2 July to 15 to 17 December 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey) ---> is postponed to 2021.
- 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 ----> was held virtually on 11 to 12 November 2020.

ExCom-97 and Member countries (Letter 5201-21/IPCC/AR6)

- The two Expert meetings on short-lived climate forcers (SLCFs) provisionally scheduled for mid-September 2021 at FAO in Italy and late October 2021 in Turkey will be combined into one and will take place virtually with several three-hour sessions during the period from 11 October to 22 October 2021.
- The Expert meeting to collect EFDB and Software Users Feedback provisionally planned for 16 to 19 November 2021 in Japan is cancelled.
- The 33rd meeting of Task Force Bureau provisionally scheduled for late October 2021 in Turkey is rescheduled to be held virtually in the week of 15 to 19 November 2021.

ExCom-99 and Member countries (Letter 5244-21/IPCC/AR6)

- Third Expert meeting on short-lived climate forcers (SLCFs), (venue TBD) postponed to 11 to 15 April 2022 from 24 to 30 January 2022.
- Fourth Expert meeting on short-lived climate forcers (SLCFs) from 15 to 17 March 2022 is cancelled.
- 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.
- Expert meeting to collect EFDB and Software Users feedbacks (venue: Japan (TBC)) moves to an earlier date, to 25 to 29 July 2022 from 6 to 9 September 2022.

¹⁰ *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.

- 34th meeting of Task Force Bureau (venue TBD) moves to an earlier date, to 5 to 9 September 2022 from 9 December 2022.