

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – HUNDREDTH MEETING
Teleconference, 12 January 2022

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), 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), Raphael Slade (WGIII 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), Mxolisi Shongwe, Jesbin Baidya, Laura Biagioni, Melissa Walsh, Joelle Fernandez.

Invited:

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-C/Doc.1) as attached in Annex 1 was adopted. Two additional topics on Debriefing on translations of the Working Group I Report, and on Zoom were discussed 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

The Secretary informed the ExCom that following the comments received from a Member country on the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) schedule changes, the Secretariat had interactions with the Member country and issues were resolved.

The ExCom took note of the report.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Head of Communications updated the ExCom on the written report sent to ExCom prior to the meeting.

Two media announcements have been issued, a press release on the IPCC Scholarship Programme and a Media Advisory on the formal registration for governments on the Synthesis Report (SYR) First Order Draft (FOD).

A press release will be issued on key dates for the release of the Working Group II contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report.

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-99 seven new cases have been registered, eight cases have not yet been processed and no new cases have been closed. He urged the relevant Technical Support Units 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

- Update by the Secretariat on the preparations for 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

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the 55th Session of the IPCC and the 12th Session of Working group II and 56th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-56) and the 14th Session of Working Group III. He updated the ExCom on the respective contingency plans, the letter informing the Focal Points on the virtual format of the sessions and plans for the respective invitation letters and the guidance notes. He informed that the respective host country agreements are being finalized.

The Working Group II Head of the Technical Support Unit (TSU) updated the ExCom on the outcome of the latest meeting of the Task Team held on 10 January. It was confirmed that the three IPCC Vice-Chairs will be chairing the Task Team. The Task Team will meet weekly and the IPCC Vice-Chairs will report to the ExCom. Working Group II and III Co-Chairs will consult and coordinate with respective Bureaus. A draft Guidance Note will be shared with the Task Team for feedback and comments. The next meeting of the Task Team will include two presentations: One from the Secretariat on the 54th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group I survey from Focal Points, and IPCC Vice-Chair Ko Barrett will present on previous experience and lessons learnt from the Working Group I Task Team.

The Legal Officer confirmed that the Working Group Co-Chairs are empowered to delegate their role in exceptional circumstances.

The ExCom took note of the report.

- Next Session of the IPCC Bureau

The Secretary stated the next Bureau Session will be held in the second half of May 2022 to allow the Secretariat to prepare and post documentation one month before the session. A Doodle poll will be sent to determine the date.

The ExCom took note of the report on the preparations for the next two approval plenaries.

5.2 Update on the development of the Synthesis Report

The Chair said that the First Order Draft went out for the review for a period of ten weeks as from 10 January 2022 and next and third Core Writing Team (CWT-3) meeting are planned to be held in person depending on the COVID-19 situation.

The Head of SYR TSU updated the ExCom on the development of the SYR and the drafting of the report which included 9005 comments from 52 reviewers. The Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) has continued to provide guidance to the SYR development and to the Core Writing Team and have also been invited to meetings. The CWT-3 meeting has shifted to April and are waiting for the final decision with regards to schedule of the Working Group II and III sessions. A formal process will be launched to change the dates.

The ExCom took note of the report.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Requests from IPBES

The Chair updated the ExCom on a letter from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) requesting a meeting with the Secretary and Chair of the IPCC to discuss the collaboration between IPCC and IPBES following a decision by the IPBES on such collaboration.

The ExCom were divided in sharing their concerns and support for a joint collaboration with IPBES. Some members find it as an offer to help with scientific information on biodiversity with others noting that any collaboration would be a major commitment as assessments can take many years and approval could be challenging. ExCom expressed that any request for collaboration would require a decision from the Panel noting that IPCC and IPBES share the same Panel members.

The Chair concluded that he and the Secretary will meet with IPBES in the second week of April and will report back on the outcome of the meeting.

The Working Group I Co-Chair shared concerns regarding an infographic developed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and shared by IPBES which was found inconsistent with some aspects of the Working Group I report.

Regarding the UNEP infographic, it was suggested to engage with the UNEP led Ad Hoc Group on Global Assessments and have an explicit position on global assessment including derivative materials.

The ExCom took note of the report.

6.2 Debriefing on translations of the Working Group I Report

The Working Group I Co-Chair raised some concerns regarding the quality of translation of IPCC publications. There is a concern that the translators do not work from the corrections onwards. She requested some additional information on operational matters as well as the guidance document given to the translators. She requested for this item to be discussed at the next ExCom meeting.

The ExCom took note of the report and the Secretariat took note of the questions from Working Group I Co-Chair for the next ExCom meeting.

6.3 Zoom

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the technical issues with Zoom. The licencing and management of the Zoom licence is with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Copenhagen. The Secretariat is preparing a backup solution. He added that all the necessary efforts are being taken to cover any incidents.

- **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 February 2022.

The meeting concluded at 15:50.

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