

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND MEETING
Teleconference, 9 March 2022

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:

Hoesung Lee

Members:

Ko Barrett (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), 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:

Ermira Fida (Deputy Secretary), Andrej Mahecic (Head of Communications), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Jonathan Lynn, Mxolisi Shongwe, Jesbin Baidya, Laura Biagioni, Nina Peeva, Melissa Walsh, Joelle Fernandez.

Invited:

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-CII/Doc.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 Secretary updated the ExCom on the proposed changes to the schedule of the Sixth Assessment (AR6) Synthesis Report:

- The Core Writing Team 3 (CWT-3) has been postponed to 25-29 April 2022, instead of 4-8 April 2022.
- The SYR Final Government draft review has been shortened to six weeks instead of eight weeks, starting on 27 June to 7 August 2022.

Following consultation with the Bureau, a letter has been sent to IPCC Focal Points for their approval. Ten responses were received with two countries requesting for a seven-week review period. The Chair commented that after consulting with authors, a seven-week review period is acceptable. The Secretariat was requested to take the necessary administrative steps to inform the Panel on the seven-week Final Government Review period.

The ExCom took note of the report and supports the changes.

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.

He noted at the time of the press conference, there were over 1,100 reporters and journalists registered for embargoed materials. There were no serious breaches of the embargo and the pre-briefing sessions allowed for better coverage in Africa and Asia. In the first 24 hours after the press conference there were 12,000 articles and the report made it to the headlines in major newspapers. Coverage also extended to over a million impressions on social media.

He advised that a media advisory for Working Group III had already been released with another due for release on Friday.

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-101, nine new error claims (seven assigned to Working Group II and two assigned to Working Group I) have been received. 59 cases have been processed but not yet closed. No case has been closed. The Secretariat is kindly requesting the relevant Technical Support Units (TSUs) to help work towards the closure of the pending cases.

The Working Group I Co-Chair noted in the Working Group II report that emission scenario 8.5 is depicted as « business as usual » which is not consistent with the cross-Working Group scenarios and asked if they should go through the Error Protocol to resolve the issue.

The Chair suggested to collaborate with the other Working Group Technical Support Units on relevant issues. He also noted that 59 cases are a large amount to be outstanding in the last stages of the cycle and requested the relevant TSU to address the claims.

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 Lessons learnt from the 55th Session of the IPCC and 12th Session of Working Group II

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the 55th Session of the IPCC. He shared Lessons Learnt from the approval session from the Secretariat's perspective. Overall, the session was successful, and it was a collective effort. He noted the co-location of the core team (TSU, Co-Chairs and Secretariat), consultation with Focal Points, Paper Smart upgrade, Help Desk, weekly coordination meetings between the Secretariat and the TSU and contingency planning worked well for the successful conducting of the session. Aligning the session schedule with the interpreter's availability and considering daily coordination meetings during the sessions were suggested to the Working Group III TSU for the upcoming 56th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group III. He also thanked the Working Group II Head of Technical Support Unit.

The ExCom noted that the lessons learnt should have been co-developed with Working Group II. The ExCom referred to challenges such as not having the Secretariat on the Slack channel with authors. There was a leak to the media which was not the first leak and would like this brought up at the next Bureau Session. There could be an improved approach on training authors on the traceability of figures. The approval session could be more efficient by ensuring consistency across reports as well as having Bureau Members help authors through Slack channels and in contact groups.

The ExCom noted that the structure of online approval worked well and would like to know if it can be kept for physical sessions.

The IPCC Secretary referred to the leak and stated that the rules and procedures of the IPCC are robust to avoid future leaks. He said that the secretariat will announce the code of conduct and rules of confidentiality at the beginning of each plenary session.

The Deputy Secretary presented the outcome of the survey sent Focal Points regarding the WGII approval session noting alignment with the feedback on the previous approval session.

The Working Group III Head of TSU noted that major changes to the guidance note for the upcoming WGIII approval session broadly align with the survey.

The ExCom took note on the report of lessons learnt and the survey outcome.

5.2 Update on forthcoming meetings

- **Update by the Secretariat on the preparations for the 56th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group III as well as the 61st Session of the IPCC Bureau**

The IPCC Secretary updated the ExCom on the preparations for the next plenary which are informed by lessons learnt and feedback from the survey. Key milestones reported included but not limited to the invitation letter, arrangements for enhanced connectivity for participants from developing countries, posting of documents in PaperSmart and weekly coordination Task Team and Coordination meetings.

The Secretary informed the ExCom that the 61st Session of the Bureau will be held on 16 - 17 May 2022 in a virtual format.

The 57th Session of the IPCC will be held in a physical format in Geneva, Switzerland in September 2022 and will focus on the approval of the SYR Summary for Policymakers. The 57th (bis) Session of the IPCC will be held shortly after and will focus on preparations for the elections of the IPCC Bureau for the seventh cycle.

On behalf of the Working Group III Co-Chairs, the Working Group III Head of TSU referred to the upcoming press conference. He stated that Working Group III would like to avoid uncertainty of the start time, and requested if dignitaries are attending, can they attend at the beginning of the conference and if speakers' timings can be identified, and if they are too long they should be pre-recorded.

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

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Update on compatibility of UN derivative material with underlying IPCC reports and coordination with the Adhoc Global Assessment Dialogue (AGAD)

The Deputy Secretary updated the ExCom on a discussion with UNEP following concerns raised by Working Group I and III Co-Chairs at the 101st Meeting of ExCom on the coordination with AGAD and UN derivative material.

The next meeting of AGAD is scheduled to take place on Friday, 11 March with derivative material as an agenda item. An invitation has been sent to IPCC Vice-Chairs and Co-Chairs to attend this meeting.

The Secretary proposed that the Secretariat will act as a facilitatory role for IPCC participation in AGAD activities.

The ExCom took note of the report.

- **The next meeting of the ExCom**

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

The meeting concluded at 15:59.

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