

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD MEETING
Teleconference, 14 April 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), 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:

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).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

The ExCom requested for an update on strengthening the relationship with IPBES. The Chair stated the meeting with IPBES will be at the end of April.

2. URGENT ISSUES RELATED TO IPCC PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK THAT REQUIRE PROMPT ATTENTION BY THE IPCC BETWEEN PANEL SESSIONS

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The Secretary noted there were no activities to report in this agenda item.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Head of Communications updated the ExCom on the ongoing and planned activities as summarised in the written report sent to ExCom prior to the meeting.

Due to the short turnaround time between the approval session and press conference closure for the Working Group III approval session some key embargoed interviews had to be shifted or cancelled. Some feedback from media included requests for more time under embargo. He

stated that in the first ten to twelve hours after the release of the Working Group II report there were 9,400 media articles.

The ExCom congratulated the Communications Team in the Technical Support Units and the Working Group II and III Co-Chairs on their respective approval sessions. The ExCom noted there were many lessons to be learnt and the collaborative effort of the Technical Support Units was very helpful.

The ExCom noted the 65 pages of the Working Group III Summary for Policymakers (SPM) made it difficult compared to the 30 plus pages for Working Group II and asked if the hot topics could be made available in advance for the Synthesis Report.

The ExCom also commented on the limited embargo period for media due to the delayed approval of the SPM. The ExCom suggested if there could be more of a structured approach in using YouTube channels and targeting reliable channels and allowing them to connect to authors.

The ExCom noted the experience of the Communications teams of the Technical Support Units and urged for this expertise to be involved in the Synthesis Report.

The Working Group I Co-Chair noted that a Press Agency had leaked the Working Group II SPM and framed a sense of urgency that was not in the report. She offered her time to brief journalists.

The Head of Communications responded that there is room to manage the embargo time. He noted that engagement on social media is growing and that longer formats either in written, video or audio format need to be strategically planned.

He noted there is a conversation to be held with this Press Agency and other media outlets.

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-102, 13 new error claims (seven assigned to Working Group II and two assigned to Working Group I) have been received. There are now 80 cases processed but not yet closed with 11 cases not yet processed, totaling 91 cases not yet closed.

The Chair requested relevant TSUs to address the substantial number of 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 Update on forthcoming meetings

- **Update by the Secretariat on the preparations for the 61st Session of the IPCC Bureau**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on preparations for the 61st Session of the IPCC Bureau.

The 61st Session of the IPCC Bureau will be held on 16-17 May in a virtual format. Invitation letters have been sent to Bureau members and Government representatives on 1 April 2022. The provisional agenda and draft reports of the 60th Session of the IPCC Bureau and 60th (bis) Session of the IPCC Bureau have been posted in Paper Smart.

- **Update by the Secretariat on the preparations for the 57th Session of the IPCC and 57th (bis) Session of the IPCC**

The Secretary informed the ExCom that the 57th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57) will be held from 26 to 30 September 2022 at CICG in Geneva, Switzerland, in person and will be dedicated to the approval of the Summary for Policymakers for the Synthesis Report (SYR).

IPCC-57 will be followed by the IPCC-57(bis) session which as per the respective decision of the IPCC-53(bis) will invite the Ad-hoc group on the Size, Structure and Composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the seventh assessment cycle to present its progress report. IPCC-57(bis) will be held in person the week after IPCC-57 to avoid overlap of work on the Ad-hoc group on the Size, Structure and Composition of the IPCC Bureau. Details of the session will be communicated in a later stage.

The ExCom expressed concerns over the standard of the working conditions during approval sessions and suggested a survey on the number of hours worked be sent to the Secretariat and Technical Support Unit staff. ExCom highlighted a need to ensure that long approval sessions do not set a precedent and working conditions are not repeated. ExCom noted that the sessions are more of a political negotiation rather than a co-production between scientists and governments. ExCom said that the consequences would have longer-term implications, such as the impact of long approval sessions on authors.

The Chair noted that the Panel will consider a review of the sixth assessment cycle and there are tools to convey these concerns to the Panel.

The Secretary noted there is a panel dedicated to the IPCC's future, and this will be discussed so as not to repeat the experience.

The ExCom took note of the update on the preparations for forthcoming meetings.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 IPCC partnership with The World Academy of Science (TWAS) on scholarship activities

The IPCC Vice-Chair sought endorsement from ExCom as to how to proceed on an opportunity to partner with TWAS on scholarship opportunities for least developed countries with the objective to increase the base of expertise in climate research throughout developing countries and in Least Developed Countries through a modern and complete PhD training programme.

The Working Group I Head of Technical Support Unit said that TWAS would like to engage with IPCC authors or Bureau Members who are willing to mentor students located in the same region as them in the Global South. They are putting together a strong programme three years experimental work and one year write up will be funded. Funding will be in place for students to start in 2023 with a plan to fund 20 students per year, possibly for the next three years.

The Secretariat mentioned that a teleconference was held on the same matter between TWAS and the Secretariat on 25 March 2022 attended by TWAS Executive Director, who will be visiting the Secretariat in May to share lessons learnt. They have already requested a list of

host institutions that have had relationships with the IPCC Scholarship Programme as well as a list of IPCC experts. The Secretariat will provide a further update once this is available.

The Chair asked if the selection will be made by TWAS and if it will be funded by Swedish organization. He asked what is the IPCC's role and how does it relate to the mandate of the IPCC scholarship programme. He suggested for the Secretariat to ask them when they visit to consider direct funding for IPCC scholarships.

The Secretary noted a need to develop a strategy to approach them and go back with an implementation plan that is aligned with IPCC rules and procedures.

The ExCom took note of the report.

- **Updated on the meeting with IPBES**

The Secretary confirmed a meeting is planned with IPBES at the end of month and will inform the ExCom on the outcome of the meeting.

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 May 2022.

The meeting concluded at 15:56.

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