

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH MEETING
Teleconference, 6 July 2022

DRAFT 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-Otto Pörtner (WGII Co-Chair), Debra Roberts (WGII Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WGIII Co-Chair), Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair).

Advisory members:

Anna Pirani (WGI TSU Head), Melinda Tignor (WG II TSU Head), Raphael Slade (WG III TSU Head), Roger Fradera (WG II TSU Head of Operations), Sandro Federici (TFI TSU Head), José Romero (SYR TSU Head), Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary).

IPCC Secretariat:

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

Invited:

Elvira Poloczanska (TSU WGII).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-CVII/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 Synthesis Report of the Sixth Assessment Report

The Head of the Synthesis Report (SYR) Technical Support Unit (TSU) updated the ExCom on the urgent consideration for the schedule. He stated that the initial analysis of the comments will be distributed to the Core Writing Team, the review editors, Ex-officio members and authors, that the survey deadline has been extended to Friday 8 July, and that there have been four meetings of the High-Level Consultative Group (HLCG) with productive results.

The IPCC Vice-Chair briefed the ExCom as a member of the HLCG. She stated that she did not have any reservations with the summary of the HLCG. She noted that she received comments from authors and Bureau Members in the meeting and these are included in the summary. She requested an update from the Secretary on the recent letter sent to the Focal Points.

The Secretary noted that a letter has been sent to Focal Points and it included two main pieces of information: the 57th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57) will be held from 27 to 30 September 2022 and will include two agenda items on the Ad-hoc Group on Elections (AHGE) and

budgetary items; the 58th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-58) will be in the first quarter of 2023, possibly in March. The Secretary added the HLCG should meet next Monday to discuss the survey results and can propose another survey should a decision not be reached.

The ExCom requested a timeline with steps going forward, including to consider the schedule for an 8-week government review process. The ExCom also noted that there are still issues around trust and adequate levels of support. A plan of action is needed from the SYR TSU and how various elements such as trust issues will be handled.

The ExCom suggested to provide feedback on the work in progress so far to see if the format of comments is suitable to schedule meetings of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) so that the Working Group Co-Chairs can gain the authors' confidence, and identify potential replacement authors if needed.

The IPCC Secretary highlighted that a collective effort is needed. He classified the concerns into three categories and called for ExCom members to appeal to the authors of the positive outcome and convince them to join:

1. Due to the availability of authors, the SYR approval could be extended to the first quarter of 2023.
2. As to the support requested from the SYR TSU, the comments and analysis will be uploaded to the Documents Management System (DMS). There is also the outcome of the Third Core Writing Team (CWT-3) Meeting and a First-Order Draft with comments that will require authors' attention.

The Secretary indicated that the HLCG will have a clearer picture by next week as they will have been able to review the author survey results and review comments. The SYR TSU could then schedule a meeting for Friday the same week with an agenda on the process for the following steps to invite the SSC.

The SYR TSU Head provided a summary:

- Information has been provided on what the Working Group TSUs have been doing and the SYR TSU will take them into consideration for planning of the SYR.
- Government comments will be uploaded by the end of the week.
- The availability of authors will be a good input for scheduling.
- The SYR TSU will support the authors to increase trust and confidence.
- The SYR TSU already has the initial analysis of government comments and has also been working on communication and figures.

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 ongoing and planned activities since the 106th Meeting of ExCom. He noted two main points in addition to the detailed report that was sent to the ExCom. The first point relates to the SYR situation and changes to the schedule. The Communications Team continues to monitor the situation on traditional and social media. The second point relates to the preparations for the 56th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SBs) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). There are also several requests for outreach events and initial consultations for the programme at the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP27).

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-106, 5 new error claims have been received, 89 cases have been closed with 82 cases assigned to Working Group I and seven to Working Group II. He thanked Sarah Connors from Working Group I and Melinda Tignor from Working Group II for their help. The Secretariat is kindly requesting the relevant TSUs to help work towards the closure of 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 57th Session of the IPCC**

The Secretary provided an update on the preparations for the 57th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57). IPCC-57 is scheduled to take place in person from Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 September 2022. The session will be held at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), in Geneva, Switzerland. The main agenda items of IPCC-57 will be the work of the Ad-hoc Group on the Size, Structure and Composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the seventh assessment cycle, and the IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget. IPCC Focal Points have been informed and an invitation letter to Focal Points will follow shortly.

The Secretary also informed the ExCom on the preparations for the 58th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-58). IPCC-58 will be dedicated to the SYR approval. Preparations for this session will commence as soon as a final decision has been made on the timeline of the SYR, with the view to hold the approval session in the first quarter of 2023.

The ExCom took note on the update on the preparations of the next IPCC Plenary Session.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 IPCC activities at UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (6 – 16 June 2022)

The Secretary provided a summary of IPCC activities at the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies 56 (SB56) by a PowerPoint presentation under three main areas of activities: IPCC activities during SB56, Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) conclusions on Research and Systematic Observations and other activities.

The ExCom asked if the IPCC will be part of the science pavilion at COP27.

The Secretary responded that there will be a science pavilion and there are many requests for IPCC involvement. Priority is given to the parent organization and the partnership with the Meri Foundation will continue.

The ExCom took note of the report.

- **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 August 2022.

The meeting concluded at 15:39.

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