

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH MEETING
Teleconference, 10 January 2024

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:

Jim Skea

Members:

Ladislaus Chang'a (IPCC Vice-Chair), Ramón Pichs-Madruga (IPCC Vice-Chair), Diana Ürges-Vorsatz (IPCC Vice-Chair), Robert Vautard (Working Group [WG I] Co-Chair), Xiaoye Zhang (WGI Co-Chair), Winston Chow (WGII Co-Chair), Bart Van den Hurk (WGII Co-Chair), Joy Jacqueline Pereira (WGIII Co-Chair), Katherine Calvin (WGIII Co-Chair), Ines Camilloni (representing Region III).

Advisory members:

Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary), Clotilde Péan (WGI Technical Support Unit [TSU] Head), Melinda Tignor (WGII TSU Head); Dave Dokken (WGIII TSU Head).

IPCC Secretariat:

Ermira Fida (IPCC Deputy Secretary), Andrej Mahecic (Head of Communications and Media Relations), Mxolisi Shongwe (Programme Officer), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Jesbin Baidya (Information Technology and Logistics Officer), Nina Peeva (External Relations Officer), Werani Zabula (Information and Communications Specialist), Joëlle Fernandez, (Administrative Assistant and Assistant to the Secretary, Laura Biagioni (Office Assistant – Web Information and Publications).

Invited:

Géninha Lisboa (Executive Assistant to IPCC Chair).

Apologies:

Takeshi Enoki (Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories [TFI] Co-Chair), Mazhar Hayat (TFI Co-Chair) and Sandro Federici (TFI TSU Head).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The ExCom adopted the provisional agenda (EXCOM-CXIX/Doc.1) as attached in Annex 1 with the exceptions to discuss Agenda Item 6.1 Reflections on the outcome of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) before Agenda Item 5.1, Update on Forthcoming Meetings, and the request for a discussion on the white paper under Agenda Item 5.1.

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

2.1. Update on the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

The Working Group II Co-Chairs and the IPCC Secretary updated the ExCom on the progress of preparations for the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities. The Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) met four times since the 118th ExCom Meeting and plan to meet in the margins of the 60th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-60). The list of experts for the Scoping will be

finalized shortly. The Scoping Meeting will be held in Riga, Latvia around 15 to 19 April 2024. The Secretary will meet to discuss logistics with the representative of the Latvian government at IPCC-60.

The ExCom took note of the report.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1. Ongoing and planned activities

The Head of Communications and Media Relations informed the ExCom on communications activities since the 118th Meeting of ExCom. He highlighted the importance for ExCom members to familiarise themselves with the two documents that are appended to the report as annexes, the IPCC Communications Strategy (Annex I) and the related Implementation Plan (Annex II).

The Chair stated that ExCom plays an important role in the implementation of the Communications Plan, and this will be discussed in further detail in the coming ExCom meetings. The Communications Action Team (CAT) will also need to be formally set up.

The ExCom took note of the report on communications and outreach activities.

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 Science programme officer informed the ExCom that since the last reporting to ExCom-118 three cases have been registered with one case rapidly addressed by the TFI. The pending cases include an error on the Sixth Assessment Report, Synthesis Report and two cases assigned to Working Group I and Working Group III.

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 on the preparations for the 60th Session of the IPCC**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the preparations of the 60th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-60) to be held from 16 to 19 January 2024 in Istanbul, Türkiye.

He informed the ExCom of most of the documents posted on PaperSmart noting that a few documents are still under preparation by the Secretariat including the Provisional Annotated Agenda which should be available the beginning of the following week.

Registrations closed on 20 December 2023 and there are 413 registrations from 131 countries and 32 Observer Organizations (late registrations pending). All other logistics are on track.

The Chair updated the ExCom on the background and sequence of agenda items to ensure the smooth running of the plenary session. Noting the Agenda Items 5 – the Chair's Vision for

the seventh assessment cycle, Agenda Item 6 – Lesson Learned from the sixth assessment cycle and Agenda Item 7 – Planning for the seventh assessment cycle will be delivered as a sequence and government interventions will be taken as a package. The priority for the session is to get to the programme of work established.

A revised version of the white paper reflecting a comment from a member government was shared with ExCom to discuss and agree on. The ExCom agreed on the revised text and the Secretariat will submit it as a revised document to the Panel.

The Chair expressed for Working Group Co-Chairs to think about the feasibility of delivering Working Group reports by 2028 while protecting the integrity of IPCC processes. The Chair expressed the view to propose expert meetings after the programme has been decided at the 61st Session of the IPCC.

The ExCom noted the update on the preparations for the forthcoming meetings.

The Secretary updated the ExCom that the 61st Session of the IPCC will likely be taking place in Vienna, Austria, last week of July, beginning of August.

The ExCom took note on the efforts by the Secretariat in the planning for forthcoming meetings and update.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Reflections on the outcome of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

The Deputy Secretary summarized the decisions from COP28 and the implications for the IPCC as well as lessons learned from IPCC participation at COP28. The outcomes from the UNFCCC decisions with relevance to the IPCC include the outcome of the first Global Stocktake (GST1), the Global Goal on Adaptation Decision and the Decision on the Sixth Assessment Report of the IPCC. More specifically, she noted paragraphs 184 of the GST1 decision which invites the IPCC to consider how to align its work to the second and subsequent Global stocktakes. Also, she noted the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) decision which mentions collaboration with IPCC regarding the development of the indicators, metrics and methodologies for the development and implementation of the Global Goal on Adaptation Framework.

As to the lessons learned from the IPCC's participation at the COP28 she highlighted a set of operational measures aimed at more effective participation and engagement with stakeholders.

The ExCom noted other COP28 decisions that referred to the scientific community or other organizations, which seem relevant to IPCC and should be included in the white paper being prepared by the Working Groups. The ExCom noted the value of IPCC's presence in COP meetings to provide guidance to governments and ensure that IPCC findings are adequately represented in COP decisions. The ExCom also acknowledged the Secretariat's and the Vice-Chairs' work in coordinating and participating in events to engage with young people and indigenous peoples, and noted how it is helpful to IPCC's future work.

The Secretariat acknowledged that a deeper dive is needed into the COP28.

The Secretariat and the Chair have already been in discussions with COP29 presidency building on the good practice of engaging with COP28 Presidency.

The ExCom and the Chair thanked the Secretariat and Communications for their coordination and support at COP28.

The ExCom took note of the report from the Secretariat.

6.2 Request for co-sponsorship by Geohazards International (GHI), “Does climate change affect earthquake risks”

The Secretariat received a request for a co-sponsorship workshop from Geohazards International (GHI), and in alignment with IPCC Principles, ExCom needs to decide on a response.

The ExCom took note of the report and decided to decline the invitation.

The meeting concluded at 15:30.

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