

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD MEETING
Teleconference, 11 June 2025

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:
Jim Skea

Members:
Ladislav Chang'a (IPCC Vice-Chair), Diana Ürge-Vorsatz (IPCC Vice-Chair), Robert Vautard (Working Group [WGI] Co-Chair), Xiaoye Zhang (WGI Co-Chair), Winston Chow (Working Group II [WGII] Co-Chair), Bart van den Hurk (WGII Co-Chair), Katherine Calvin (Working Group III [WGIII] Co-Chair), Joy Jacqueline Pereira (WGIII Co-Chair), Takeshi Enoki (Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories [TFI] Co-Chair), Mazhar Hayat (TFI Co-Chair), Laura Gallardo (representing Region III).

Advisory members:
Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary), Clotilde Péan (WGI Technical Support Unit [TSU] Head), Melinda Tignor (WGII TSU Head)

IPCC Secretariat:
Erмира Fida (IPCC Deputy Secretary), Andrej Mahecic (Head of Communications and Media Relations), Mxolisi Shongwe (Programme Officer), Jesbin Baidya (Information Technology and Logistics Officer), Nina Peeva (External Relations Officer), Werani Zabula (Communications and Information Specialist), Melissa Walsh (Communications Officer), Joelle Fernandez (Administrative Assistant and Assistant to the Secretary), Laura Biaigioni (Web Information and Publications Assistant), Minang Acharya (Programme Officer), Julius Brandes (Programme Officer)

Invited:
Géninha Lisboa (Executive Assistant to the IPCC Chair), Emilie Vanvyve (Scientific Adviser to the IPCC Chair)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair opened the One Hundred and Thirty-third Meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCom-133) and welcomed the new Programme Officer (Finance) at the IPCC Secretariat.

The IPCC Executive Committee (ExCom) adopted the provisional agenda (EXCOM-CXXXIII/Doc. 1), as attached in Annex 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

A Working Group II (WGII) Co-Chair provided an update on the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, highlighting the preparations for the Second Lead Author meeting (LAM-2), scheduled for 21-25 July in Mombasa, Kenya, and the relevant pre-LAM2 activities, including work on case studies and city typologies and Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) meeting to finalise the programme. The zero-order draft was under review. A plan for a digital

atlas was in place, which may have implications for the approval process and required legal advice. There was also an organisation that might be interested in hosting the atlas, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) might be required for that. The host country for the Third Lead Author Meeting (LAM3) was Norway, and for the Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM-4) was to be confirmed.

The Chair clarified that provisions for supplementary materials were outlined in the IPCC principles and procedures and advised continuing the legal related discussions on this topic offline.

ExCom took note of the update on the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.

2.2. Update on the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies and Carbon Dioxide Capture, Use and Storage

A Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) Co-Chair provided an update on the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies and Carbon Dioxide Capture, Use and Storage, noting there was a meeting scheduled with the Chair later in the week to discuss documentation and preparation for the 63rd Session of the IPCC (IPCC-63).

ExCom took note of the updates on the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies and Carbon Dioxide Capture, Use and Storage.

2.3. Update on the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers

The TFI Co-Chair provided updates on the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers, noting that the LAM2 was planned for 7-9 October 2025 and preparations were ongoing.

ExCom took note of the updates on the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers.

2.4. Update on the Working Group Reports

The Working Group I (WGI) Co-Chairs provided an update on the preparations for the joint First Working Group Lead Author Meeting (LAM1) for the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7), noting that the organisation was progressing well in terms of logistics. The three Working Groups collaborated on the overall programme, as well as on the pre-LAM1 activities. For the AR7 author selection, the proposed authors list for all chapters was sent to the WGI Bureau for feedback, with the aim of bringing the final proposed list to the 69th Session of the IPCC Bureau (BUR-69). The same applied to the selection of members of TG-Data.

A WGII Co-Chair added that the WGII Bureau was also in the midst of author selection, mentioning bilateral meetings between the WGs on the CLAs with the objective of finalising this before BUR-69. Preparations for the Expert Meeting on Methodologies, Metrics, and Indicators for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation were progressing through ongoing communication with the potential host country, Ghana, as the meeting agreement was being prepared. The Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) was established and held its inaugural meeting, chaired by a WGII Vice-Chair. The plan was for the expert meeting to take place in the first week of March 2026.

A WGIII Co-Chair updated that WGIII was also in the process of selecting authors. They had consulted the respective WGIII Bureau and were aiming to close the lists before BUR-69. A significant effort was made to select authors from countries that were not typically represented, as well as from diverse institutions WGIII was making progress on recruiting staff for the Technical Support Unit (TSU).

An IPCC Vice-Chair expressed appreciation for the hard work of the WGs, noting that the assignment was complex and that all efforts needed to be made to ensure a balanced selection.

A WGI Co-Chair noted that a letter should be sent to the Secretariat regarding the co-sponsored meeting on tipping points. The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) has taken the lead in preparing the meeting, scheduled to take place from 26 to 28 November 2025, immediately following the joint WG LAM1 and will be hosted by France. The SSC has WG Vice-Chairs from all WGs. The Wellcome Trust may support with complementary funding.

A WGII Co-Chair added that, additionally, a proposal on a co-sponsored expert meeting on health has been developed. The dates were being selected to avoid overlaps with other IPCC meetings. Another co-sponsored meeting was being organised with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and scheduled for summer 2026.

The Chair added that he has been informed that the Wellcome Trust would be the co-sponsor of the health and climate change meeting, scheduled to take place in London.

The Chair provided updates on the two co-located workshops on "Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems" and "Methods of Assessment". A single SSC with two subcommittees for each workshop, chaired by two of the IPCC Vice-Chairs and comprising both external and internal members, has already begun its work. The call for nominations for these workshops was open to IPCC member countries, Observer Organisations and Bureau members until 16 July. The meeting would most likely take place in February 2026 in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK). As the 12th meeting of IPBES may also take place in the UK, there was an attempt to hold these meetings adjacent to each other, allowing for some overlap in attendance.

In response to a question from a WGII Co-Chair on whether co-located meant subsequent or parallel in the same location, the Chair answered that the two separate workshops would take place at the same time and same location, allowing for some joint sessions and the possibility for the participants to move from one to the other.

ExCom took note of the updates provided.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1. Ongoing and planned activities

The Head of Communications and Media Relations provided an update to ExCom on the communications activities since the 132nd meeting of the ExCom (ExCom-132). He gave an update on the IPCC events at the 62nd Subsidiary meetings (SB-62) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), noting that the IPCC side event has been confirmed for 18 June. The IPCC Chair will participate in the Twentieth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN-20), scheduled to take place from 14 to 18 July 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. An outreach was being planned for the audience attending the AMCEN-20. Further coordination took place with the WGII regarding a pan-African outreach event in the margins of LAM2 for the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, scheduled to take place on 25-26 July in Mombasa, Kenya. It would be attended by LAM2 participants as well as participants invited from the five African sub-regions and other audiences. The venue provided by the hosts is the Technical University in Mombasa.

It would be strategic to have guidance on the nature and scope of content for the events to take place in the joint Science for Climate Action pavilion with the WMO and the MERI Foundation, at the upcoming UNFCCC 30th Conference of the Parties (COP).

The Head of Communications and Media Relations informed that the IPCC has been approached by a research institute regarding a potential partnership, including a joint pavilion. Discussions took place and will continue with the view to avoiding any duplication or confusion regarding the name and nature of the IPCC pavilion.

The services for media training have been contracted. These services have been instrumental in shaping the overall messages in the past cycle, working with the TSUs and the Secretariat. The Head of Communications would be happy to make the necessary contacts for the WGs and TFI.

The Chair noted that there was encouragement from the COP30 Presidency to limit the size of delegations, given the pressure on accommodation, and emphasised the importance of considering the size of the IPCC delegation and the associated financial constraints.

Two IPCC Vice-Chairs, a WGI and a WGII Co-Chair, and a Representative of Region III took the floor. Questions included information regarding the duration of the WG presentations and the online participation of speakers at the SB62 side event, as well as the planning and timing for the outreach in Mombasa. The importance of strengthening collaboration with WMO and MERI was expressed. Key messaging and guidance were needed, considering some of the current challenges. It was noted that limiting the size of the IPCC delegation at COP30 had implications regarding participation, visibility and fundraising opportunities. Having a hybrid format would be beneficial if the size of the delegation is limited.

The Chair clarified that the proposal for a joint pavilion with the research institute would be discussed directly with the COP30 Presidency during the upcoming SB62, and further consideration by the ExCom on this topic may be necessary only after that. He clarified that the messaging work would focus on the big topics for this cycle, including what we know and the knowledge gaps, and that the messaging document would be shared with the Co-Chairs.

The Secretary noted ongoing discussions with the MERI Foundations on a joint IPCC, WMO and MERI pavilion and also included support for participation. The pavilion space and title were reconsidered to reflect the need for resource mobilisation and include new partners. Managing the financial crisis was critical, and WMO has established a task force on this issue.

A WGII Co-Chair inquired about the possibility of discussing the IPCC's use of social media platforms.

The Chair suggested addressing the use of social media platforms in a future ExCom meeting with more evidence from the Communications and Outreach Action Team (COAT). He also proposed that the COAT could progress with planning for COP30.

ExCom agreed to the proposal of the Chair and took note of the update on the communications 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 Programme Officer informed the ExCom that some errors were found in the Working Group III Technical Summary. However, the cases were already closed before they were even opened, as they had been resolved prior to being communicated.

The Chair clarified that these errors had come to light thanks to queries raised by the translators working in other UN languages.

ExCom took note of the update on the implementation of the Error Protocol.

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 63rd Session of the IPCC

The Secretary informed that the Host Country Agreement (HCA) for IPCC-63 was signed and Peruvian Congress has yet to endorse the dates and the venue. The targeted dates were in the last week of October, starting on 27 October. The main agenda items were the outline of the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies and Carbon Dioxide Capture, Use and Storage and the timeline for the Working Group contributions to the AR7. The budget was also to be considered. It was planned to use the upcoming SB62 and BUR-69 to conduct transparent consultations with countries and groups of countries in preparation for IPCC-63.

Two IPCC Vice-Chairs, a WGI and a WGII Co-Chair, as well as the Representative of Region III took the floor. Questions included a request for clarification on the process for revising the outline of the Methodology Report, noting that there was no scoping process in place anymore. Appreciation was expressed on the progress in preparation for IPCC-63, emphasising that it would be helpful to the extent possible to gather information from groups of countries on their concerns with the current schedule and areas where they have flexibility. It was noted that it would be important to have a clear direction and bridging proposal for IPCC-63. It was noted that the schedule was not infinitely flexible. There were areas in which the Co-Chairs and the TSUs' input would need to be considered. There were real constraints, if the dates were moved, it would have implications for the scientific content and, consequently, for the ability to produce a robust and comprehensive report. Clarification on the dates and venue of IPCC-63 was requested, as well as the need to ensure the facilitation of visas and visa-on-arrival mechanisms was highlighted. It was indicated that it would be essential to consider resource mobilisation in the everyday work of the IPCC, especially as it regards the government engagement, including in the selection process. There were gaps in the TG-Data list in terms of subregional representation. It was important to be inclusive in order for all governments to feel ownership of the IPCC, not to risk losing funding, engagement and participation.

A WGI Co-Chair responded that the WGs were in the process of revising the lists, all comments received were considered, and there would be a second round of consultations for TG-Data.

The Chair said that the 62nd Session of the IPCC (IPCC-62) was very close to finding a solution on the Methodology Report. He was having a meeting with the TFI Co-Chairs to develop a new single proposal to be presented to IPCC-63, which would be subject to the upcoming consultations. As for the timeline, based on his discussions with the Co-Chairs, there was some flexibility. Some flexibility on the countries' side was also detected. However, the gap had not yet been closed and would need to be addressed through further consultation during the SB62 and the BUR-69.

An IPCC Vice-Chair also informed that they had a Board of Trustees meeting for the Scholarship Programme, and there was consideration for a physical meeting during IPCC-63. The need for confirmation of dates and location as soon as possible was crucial.

The Secretary added that the Secretariat does its best to facilitate visas, but the process is handled by the host countries. As soon as the venue is announced, the Secretariat would be able to send out the invitations.

The ExCom took note of the information provided.

- Provisional plans for subsequent Bureau/Plenary meetings

The Secretary emphasised the importance of advance preparations and having draft proposed lists ready, particularly for the selection of authors and the TG-Data prior to the BUR-69. The one-day BUR-69 should be used efficiently, with the Chair introducing the selection for authors and TG-Data in the morning, allowing time for refinements during lunch and finalisation in the afternoon.

The Secretary also reported on progress regarding TG-Data, noting that Bureau members had been granted access to an online portal containing all relevant information regarding the nomination of experts, with access provided on 28 April. A compiled spreadsheet of nominations was also shared. He also presented the process for considering the agenda items at the Bureau, with relevant scenarios, including for TG-Data. The Secretariat would introduce the background, outline the nomination process, and explain relevant procedural elements. The Chair would then invite WGI, unless otherwise agreed, to present the draft list of selected candidates. The Bureau would collectively discuss the proposed list. If consensus is reached in the first round, the list would be finalised. If not, breakout groups would reconvene during the lunch break to address concerns and present a revised proposal.

The Secretariat would inform selected members. In the event of any declines, the Bureau would be notified. Given the unpredictability of declines in terms of region, gender, or expertise, it was recommended preparing a reserve list during BUR-69 to ensure smooth replacements if needed. This approach was consistent with past practice and intended to facilitate an efficient and effective TG Data selection process.

The Chair suggested starting the Bureau meeting an hour earlier, at 9:00 am instead at 10:00 am.

An IPCC Vice-Chair, a WGI and a WGIII Co-Chair took the floor. Questions were raised regarding how the breakout groups would work. It was emphasised that it was for the Bureau and not their government representatives to make the decision on selection. It was confirmed that the plan was to come with agreed lists within the WGs Bureaux. There was a question on whether any documents had to be sent to the Secretariat and the deadline for this.

The Chair added that it would be very helpful to have these posted at the end of the second day of the WG Bureaux meetings.

The Secretary noted that, once the timeline was approved, it would be possible to have a long-term strategic planning document. The 64th Session would be a business plenary. The idea was to target the week of March 2026, and there were three potential candidates to host the meeting.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1. Matters related to the UNFCCC

- Update on IPCC engagement at SB62 (16 - 26 June)

The IPCC Deputy Secretary provided updates regarding the IPCC engagement at SB62, noting that the list of events in the shared planning document remained unchanged but now included additional details, highlighting that the 17th Research Dialogue would take place on 17 June, featuring opening remarks from the Chair and a presentation by Working Group I Co-Chairs. Regarding the IPCC Special Event on Adaptation, an agenda had been agreed upon by the WGII Co-Chairs and the UNFCCC Adaptation team, and moderators had been confirmed. Most bilateral meetings had been confirmed, including with the UNFCCC Secretariat, COP30 Presidency, and other key stakeholders. The meeting management training was also confirmed for June 19. The Deputy Secretary thanked participants for their contributions to the recent Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting and noted that the next meeting would likely take place shortly before COP, potentially overlapping with preparations for IPCC-63.

A WGII Co-Chair requested more information about the meeting management training and clarification on whether the Co-Chairs were to join some of the bilateral meetings.

The Chair noted that the meeting management training was targeted for the Secretariat, the Chair, and the IPCC Vice-Chairs, with the agreement that additional training services would be provided for the Co-Chairs in advance of the approval sessions. He also clarified that the Secretary and he would take the lead on the bilateral meeting and briefings, noting some of those planned were with the African Group of Negotiators, the G77 and China, etc.

The Secretary added that the Decisions and Conclusions of the 127th, 128th, and 129th meetings of the ExCom had already been cleared by the Chair, and the Secretariat would post these on the website if no objections from the ExCom.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

The meeting concluded at 15:45.

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