

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING
Teleconference, 8 October 2025

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:
Jim Skea

Members:

Diana Ürge-Vorsatz (IPCC Vice-Chair), Ramon Pichs-Madruga (IPCC Vice-Chair), Robert Vautard (Working Group I [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), Mazhar Hayat (Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories [TFI] Co-Chair).

Absent:
Ladislaus Chang'a (IPCC Vice-Chair), Takeshi Enoki (TFI Co-Chair).

Advisory members:

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

IPCC Secretariat:

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

Invited:
Géninha Lisboa (Executive Assistant to the IPCC Chair), Emilie Vanvyve (Science Adviser to the IPCC Chair), Michael Westphal (WGIII TSU Head of Science).

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair opened the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCom-136).

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

2. COORDINATION BETWEEN WORKING GROUPS AND TASK FORCES ON ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PRODUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT IPCC PRODUCTS

2.1. P-63 – AR7 Work Plan and Methodology Report

The Secretary reported that arrangements for the 63rd Session of the IPCC (IPCC-63) to take place in Lima, Peru, on 27 - 30 October 2025 were underway. The host country agreement had been finalised and signed, with the venue now being confirmed. Early registration and

visa applications were key to mitigating potential participation risks, as visa processing issues can be challenging, particularly for those requiring a transit visa through other countries.

An IPCC Vice-Chair highlighted that the recent Expert Meeting on Gender, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (GDEI) recommended addressing visa barriers to strengthen inclusivity across all future IPCC meetings.

The Chair welcomed such recommendations, noting that while the IPCC could advocate for inclusive participation, ultimate decisions on visa facilitation rested with competent governmental bodies and national authorities.

The Secretary assured that the Secretariat would continue to engage with the host authorities to address these challenges.

The Chair noted that a separate planning meeting had been scheduled to discuss detailed planning for the plenary session. The reports for the Chair and Vice-Chairs might be introduced earlier than usual in the plenary session. A revised schedule for the three Working Groups' contribution to the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) may need to be presented to IPCC-63.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

2.2. Joint First Lead Author Meeting (LAM1) preparations

A WGI Co-Chair provided an update on Joint First Lead Author Meeting (LAM1) preparations. The meeting programme has been developed with common elements across the Working Groups (WGs) while preserving space for each Working Group (WG) to develop its own specific sessions. Surveys were being deployed to solicit key cross-cutting themes. Logistical arrangements around the meeting, including receptions and outreach activities, were being organised in parallel.

The WGI Co-Chair acknowledged that outreach and communication planning had not yet been formally established, indicating that preliminary discussions involved social events with external stakeholders but noted uncertainty about whether these constituted formal outreach activities or should be characterised differently.

The Chair clarified that communication plans for LAMs were primarily the responsibility of the WG convening the meeting but emphasised that consulting with the Secretariat's Communications Team was specified in the Communications Strategy.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

2.3. Other Expert Meetings and Workshops

The Chair provided an update on the co-located workshops on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems and Methods of Assessment to be hosted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) at the University of Reading from 10 - 12 February 2026. The selection process was nearing completion, with over 700 nominations received. A second Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) meeting has been scheduled to finalise the process. The Chair highlighted the complexity and challenges of the selection process across two separate workshops, including ensuring inclusivity and appropriate representation of Indigenous Peoples and managing overlapping nominations. The next step would be to design the programme for the meeting.

A proposal for the Expert Meeting on the Science of Science Communication would be presented to the Bureau at its next Bureau Session. The Expert Meeting had already been approved by the Panel in 2016, therefore, no new Panel approval is required. There would be ample opportunity for Bureau members to shape the meeting and provide input. The Expert Meeting would focus on the clarity, readability, and accessibility of IPCC materials, including the Summary for Policymakers (SPMs), Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Executive Summaries, and headline statements, with the Synthesis Report also included.

A WGI, a WGII and a WGIII Co-Chair took the floor. There was support for holding a communications expert meeting, with a suggestion to broaden its scope to include tone, language, and narrative structure alongside technical considerations. It was noted that the Co-Chairs' participation would add value. A proposal was made for the meeting to generate user-friendly guidance on the IPCC process. It was also highlighted that calibrating language in the SPM is important and that discussions on communication and uncertainty language should begin earlier in the cycle, ideally during the first lead author meetings. Some concerns were also voiced about achieving full cross-WG alignment on these matters, especially regarding the uncertainty language.

The Chair welcomed these suggestions as helpful and noted that they would be incorporated into the Bureau discussion.

A WGII Co-Chair provided an update on the Expert Meeting on Methodologies, Metrics, and Indicators for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation, scheduled for 3 - 5 March 2026 in Ghana. The following SSC meeting would focus on finalising the selection of approximately 60 expert participants. All Bureau members had been invited to propose experts, and the SSC was currently prioritising nominations. The programme skeleton had been drafted. Logistical preparations were advancing well. The discussion of metrics and indicators for climate action would also be prominent at COP30, making attendance at that event particularly relevant for this expert meeting.

The WGII Co-Chair also reported on the co-sponsored expert meeting on Food and Climate Change, noting coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) representative following the ExCom's endorsement at a previous ExCom meeting. A meeting with FAO was scheduled for the following week to begin organising the workshop.

Another WGII Co-Chair highlighted progress on the Health and Climate Change Expert Meeting, which was co-sponsored by the Wellcome Trust. The next SSC for this expert meeting has been scheduled to finalise the invitations.

A WGI Co-Chair reported on preparations for the Co-sponsored Workshop on Earth System High Impact Events, and Tipping Points and their Consequences. The workshop would be held back-to-back with the joint LAM1 from 26 to 28 November 2025 at Sorbonne University in Paris, with approximately 60-70 participants. The programme was under development, with preliminary recommendations being prepared to inform LAM1 discussions.

The Chair encouraged careful calibration of the workshop's messaging, noting the high external expectations for this topic. There was also a plan for a proposal for an Atlas expert meeting by WGI and WG II. The meeting location was in the process of being identified, with the meeting targeted for spring 2026. He also highlighted that the upcoming Bureau meeting will discuss engagement with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and noted ongoing interest from Member Country Focal Points in strengthening these linkages.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Head of Communications and Media Relations reported on preparations for the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change. Templates and a tentative schedule have been shared with the WGs and TFI to collect inputs. WGII was leading an IPCC side event scheduled for 13 November 2025. The Secretariat was coordinating the IPCC's participation in the joint pavilion with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the MERI Foundation at COP30.

It was proposed for the ExCom to consider the five recommendations from the Communications and Outreach Activities Team (COAT) following extended discussions at its 100th meeting. The recommendations were related to IPCC's presence on major social media platforms to support its current presence on dominant social media platforms, which tasked COAT with developing qualitative and quantitative indicators to gather additional evidence prior to the release of the first reports in the AR7 cycle to inform future ExCom decisions on social media engagement.

A WGIII Co-Chair expressed appreciation for the work done and noted IPCC's recent activity on one of the social media channels. A question was raised whether the same social media indicators would apply to existing platforms versus emerging ones, suggesting that COAT could consider different thresholds for joining new platforms versus leaving current ones.

The Head of Communications reiterated that ExCom should task the COAT with indicator development, and by default, the IPCC's presence on social media would continue until ExCom decided otherwise.

The Head of Communications inquired about communications plans for the first-ever joint LAM1, and the need for early planning and coordination for any outreach activities was emphasised.

A WGI Co-Chair reported that planning for joint LAM1 outreach activities is underway. The details were unclear due to ongoing liaison with multiple authorities. The events aimed to spotlight IPCC scientists' presence in Paris and mark the Paris Agreement anniversary through a positive panel discussion, which would draw on findings from the Sixth Assessment Cycle.

The Chair echoed the need for a consolidated calendar of planned and potential events to prevent overlaps and ensure efficient coordination of events at COP30 and LAM1.

The Chair invited the ExCom to request a review of the Communication Strategy and Implementation Plan to better reflect the IPCC's cyclical activities, the evolution of communication priorities and the messages across the assessment cycle. He also recommended developing precise, detailed indicators of social media use to enable the ExCom to make evidence-based decisions on communication matters.

ExCom agreed to the proposals made by the Chair and endorsed the five recommendations set forth by the COAT and took note of the updates provided.

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

A Programme Officer reported that two error cases had been registered since the last update. One case had been resolved and formally closed. The other outstanding case had been assigned to the TFI for their action and resolution.

A TFI Co-Chair noted that TFI would take action on its assigned case shortly.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

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

The Chair noted that this item was for urgent matters only.

5.1. Working Group I

A WGI Co-Chair reported that there were no urgent issues to raise from WGI.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

5.2. Working Group II

A WGII Co-Chair reported that the draft Report on Climate Change and Cities (SR CITIES) had received an exceptionally high level of engagement in the review process, with approximately 3,700 review registrations received and counting. It was noted that while the volume presents challenges, it also reflects successful engagement with the broader scientific and policy community regarding the report's content.

An IPCC Vice-Chair, who is the Chair of the Gender Action Team (GAT), requested clarification regarding the registered reviewers. Particularly, as one of the recommendations from the Expert Meeting on Gender, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (GDEI) was to expand participation among early-career scientists.

The WGII Co-Chair clarified that multiple target groups, including young scientists, would be participating in the review process. The WGII TSU Head provided additional clarification on the screening mechanism in place to filter registrations lacking appropriate credentials, including submissions generated by artificial intelligence bots, journalistic inquiries, and other non-expert applications. For these cases, follow-up communications were being initiated to request clarification before making a decision.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

5.3. Working Group III

A WGIII Co-Chair reported that there were no urgent issues to raise from WGIII at this time.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

5.4. Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

A TFI Co-Chair reported that work was progressing on a revised outline proposal for the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage, taking into consideration the comments from Member Countries expressed at the previous 62nd Session of the IPCC (IPCC-62). The TFI intended to present the revised proposal for Panel consideration at IPCC-63.

The TFI Co-Chair also reported progress on the Second Lead Author Meeting for the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers, scheduled for 7 to 9 October 2025 in Istanbul, Türkiye, and the Third Lead Author Meeting, planned for 7 to 10 April at FAO headquarters in Rome. The First Lead Author Meeting for the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage could be held back-

to-back with the Third Lead Author Meeting for the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers in Rome, if approved by the Panel at IPCC-63.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

5.5. Chair

The Chair provided an update on ongoing engagement with major academic publishers, including Elsevier, Wiley, and Springer Nature. These publishers had responded positively to IPCC requests for facilitating access to climate-relevant literature for IPCC authors.

The Chair expressed gratitude to the office of the Chair for their work in advancing this initiative, which will significantly improve author access to scientific literature during the AR7 cycle.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

5.6. Vice Chairs

An IPCC Vice-Chair, who is the GAT Chair, provided an update on the recently concluded Expert Meeting on GDEI. The Expert Meeting SSC was currently preparing the expert meeting report. The Vice-Chair noted that while the report of the Expert Meeting was being drafted, initial interactions with the participants confirmed that the meeting had been very successful.

The Chair proposed that a brief update on the GDEI meeting outcomes be incorporated into the Vice-Chairs' section of the Chair and Vice-Chairs' report for presentation to the IPCC-63.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

5.7. Secretariat

The Secretary provided updates on several matters. The selection of the members of the Task Group on Data (TG-Data) has been completed, and the Task Group held its inaugural meeting on 29 September 2025. All 20 members had been confirmed, including the replacement of Co-Chair. The complete and updated members list had been posted on the IPCC website. During the inaugural meeting, the TG-Data members received formal introductions, detailed Terms of Reference (TOR), and the expected role they would play in supporting AR7. The predecessor group had prepared handover documents, including a transition document and AR7 recommendations, drawing on lessons learned from AR6 to inform the future work of TG-Data in the AR7 cycle.

A hybrid meeting for TG-Data is in the process of being scheduled for 11 to 13 December 2025. The Secretariat has begun discussions regarding the workplan for this meeting. The handover of documents and communications would be handled by the Secretariat to ensure a coordinated flow of information. The Secretary noted that in an effort to streamline the reporting process, moving forward, the TG-Data Co-Chairs would present updates directly to ExCom as opposed to updates being provided by the Secretariat.

A WGII Co-Chair emphasised the importance and urgency of the TG-Data meeting, noting the significant support that WGII TSU provides and the value of having substantive in-person discussions on TG-Data workplan and priorities. The Co-Chair also highlighted that clarity on the meeting venue, timing, and visa requirements was essential to permit timely visa applications for all participants.

The Secretary emphasised the increased workload in the Secretariat, particularly regarding coordination of meetings, administrative support, visa processing, and broader coordination. The Secretary appealed for ExCom's understanding of workload pressures and requested that resource constraints be communicated to the Panel to permit appropriate resource planning.

An IPCC Vice-Chair raised the visa issue, building on the recommendations from the GDEI Expert Meeting. The issue of visa accessibility was reiterated as a recurring barrier to inclusive participation and suggested that the visa issues should be negotiated and addressed during the Host Country Agreement (HCA) negotiation process for future meetings.

The Secretary responded that the Secretariat would continue to attempt incorporation of visa facilitation matters into host country negotiations, emphasising that ultimate authority rested with host governments.

A WGII Co-Chair acknowledged that visa issues reflected both structural country-level constraints and workload-related timing pressures. It was important not to conflate these two categories of barriers, as they required different solutions. The Co-Chair suggested that when the recommendations from the GDEI Expert Meeting were presented to ExCom, there would be sufficient material and concrete proposals to discuss these matters substantively and develop actionable recommendations.

ExCom took note of the information provided.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

No additional items were raised.

The meeting concluded at 15:57.

ANNEX 1

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