

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING
Teleconference, Wednesday 14 December 2017 at 14:00 CET

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:

Hoesung Lee

Members:

Ko Barrett (IPCC Vice-Chair), Thelma Krug (IPCC Vice-Chair), Youba Sokona (IPCC Vice-Chair), Valérie Masson-Delmotte (WG I Co-Chair), Panmao Zhai (WG I Co-Chair), Hans-Otto Pörtner (WG II Co-Chair), Debra Roberts (WG II Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WG III Co-Chair), Jim Skea (WG III Co-Chair), Joy Pereira (WG III Vice-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair), Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair)

Advisory members:

Anna Pirani (WG I TSU), Elvira Poloczanska (WG II TSU), Melinda Tignor (WG II TSU), Lizzie Huntley (WG III TSU), Raphael Slade (WG III TSU), Andrej Kranjc (TFI TSU), Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary)

IPCC Secretariat:

Jesbin Baidya, Jonathan Lynn, Sophie Schlingemann

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as proposed by the Secretariat (attached as **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 Proposal for an IPCC Expert Meeting on assessing climate information for regions

The Agenda item was introduced by Valérie Masson-Delmotte, Co-Chair of Working Group I. She informed the members that the Expert Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy, from 16-18 May 2018. The Secretary of the IPCC added that the budget for the Expert Meeting corresponds with the amount allocated and approved by the Panel at its 46th Session (Montreal, 6-10 Sep. 2017). Subsequently the ExCom cleared and adopted the proposal for an IPCC Expert Meeting on assessing climate information for regions.

It was agreed by the ExCom that the mandate of the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) for the Expert Meeting, would be reviewed by the legal officer at the Secretariat for advice. The Chair concluded that the mandate of the SSC was adopted in the understanding that the legal officer would look into the matter and give her advice.

3. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACITIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Senior Communications Manager, reported on activities at the 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP23) to the UNFCCC, future planned outreach activities in Quito, Ecuador, on

the margins of the Special Report on Climate Change and Oceans and the Cryosphere (SROCC) 2nd Lead Author Meeting (LAM2), and the enhancement of the website. Members stressed the importance of maintaining links to documents, or facilitating searches for new links if these change to ensure a user-friendly experience.

3.2 Expert Meeting on the Science of Science Communication

The Senior Communications Manager noted that the Panel had budgeted an expert meeting on the science of science communication for 2018. However the heavy work programme meant it was now difficult to schedule this next year. Some members said such a meeting would still be useful, building on recent enhancements to IPCC communications. Others questioned the added value especially given the likely timing. The Chair requested the Communications Action Team to consider the various viewpoints expressed and come up with a proposal on whether to postpone or cancel the meeting.

4. RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE ERRORS IN COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER PRODUCTS

4.1 Update on the implementation of the Error Protocol and follow-up

The IPCC Secretary thanked the Working Group III Co-Chairs and the Technical Support Unit (TSU) for closing the error claim on FOLU numbers in the Working Group III Fifth Assessment Report.

He furthermore noted that there are currently six pending error claims as listed in a table which was submitted to the ExCom. He expressed the hope that the cases would be closed in the near future.

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 Preparations for the 55th Session of the IPCC Bureau

The Secretary informed the ExCom that the next Bureau session will be held at WMO Headquarters in Geneva from 29-31 January 2018. From 29-30 January the Working Group Bureaux will meet to select authors for the Sixth Assessment Report. The regular, i.e. 55th Session of the Bureau, will be held on 31 January. The Secretary went through the Provisional Agenda which was submitted to the ExCom and noted with thanks that the agenda was the result of extensive discussions of the Operations Action Team (OAT). The minutes of the last meeting of the OAT were submitted to the ExCom members for their information.

5.2 Preparations for the 47th Session of the IPCC and the thirtieth anniversary of the IPCC

5.3 Preparations for the 48th Session of the IPCC and First Joint Working Group I, II and III Session (approval session)

It was agreed to discuss the programs for the two Panel sessions together. The Secretary introduced the agenda items for both sessions. The 47th Session of the IPCC is scheduled to be held in Paris, France, from 13-16 March 2018. On 13 March it is proposed to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the IPCC. From 14-16 March the regular agenda items will be discussed. The First Joint Working Group I, II and III Session and the 48th Session of the IPCC are scheduled to be held from 28 Sept.- 8 Oct. 2018 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. It is proposed to dedicate the sessions in Korea mainly to the approval of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C.

Some members requested an agenda with a clear organization of work for the 47th Session of the IPCC since, because of the heavy workload, they did not expect to be able to attend the full Session.

As far as the agenda for the 48th Session of the IPCC was concerned, some members requested that the outcome of the Cities and Climate Change Science Conference, the Expert Meeting on assessing climate information for regions (scheduled to be held from 16-18 May 2018) and the Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (scheduled to be held from 28-31 May 2018) should be put on the agenda as well. The Co-Chair of Working Group I proposed to discuss this topic after the approval of the Special Report.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

It was agreed that the next ExCom meeting, to be conducted as a teleconference, would be held on Wednesday 3 January 2018, starting at 14:00 CET.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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