

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NINTY-THIRD MEETING
Teleconference, 5 May 2021

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:

Hoesung Lee

Members:

Ko Barrett (IPCC Vice-Chair), Thelma Krug (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), Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WGIII Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair), Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair), Joy Pereira (WGII Vice-Chair).

Advisory members:

Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary), Anna Pirani (WGI TSU Head), Melinda Tignor (WGII TSU Head), Roger Fradera (WGIII TSU Head of Operations), Sandro Federici (TFI TSU Head), Noemie Leprince-Ringuet (SYR TSU Head).

IPCC Secretariat:

Ermira Fida (IPCC Deputy Secretary), Jonathan Lynn (Head of Communications), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Judith Ewa, Nina Peeva, Laura Biagioni, Mxolisi Shongwe, Jesbin Baidya, Melissa Walsh, Werani Zabula, Joelle Fernandez.

Invited:

Elvira Poloczanska (TSU WGII), Sarah Connors (WGI TSU Head of Science Team)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-XCIII/Doc.1, Rev.1) as attached in Annex 1 was adopted with the addition of Agenda item 6.1 in Any Other Matters for an update on the IPBES/IPCC Report.

The ExCom adopted the provisional agenda.

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

2.1 Coronavirus related issues: Impact on AR6 schedules and products

- **Update on the changes to the schedule of Working Group III, as well as Working Group II and Synthesis Report (SYR)**

The Deputy Secretary updated the ExCom on changes to the schedule of Working Group III as well as Working Group II and the SYR.

The Secretariat has sent a letter summarizing the changes to the Bureau with a deadline for comments by 30 April, and no comments were received. The Secretariat has sent a letter to Focal Points on 3 May with a deadline of 14 May 2021.

The ExCom took note of the update to the changes of the schedule.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Secretariat updated the ExCom on the Communication activities and noted two new initiatives: “Say It With Science” with the UN Foundation and two outreach events with Africa that will be held later in the month.

The ExCom took of the report by the Communications Head.

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-92, no new error claims were received, no case has been closed and there are three pending error 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

- **54th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group I**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the plans for the 54th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-54) and the 14th Session of Working Group I (WGI-14). The Secretariat has been working on the revision of the Discussion Paper to convert it into a Consultation Paper. The finished document will be shared with the Panel including an explanatory letter.

The changes made to the Discussion Paper consist of the following:

- Insertion of a new annex with a summary of the comments from BUR-60 (bis).
- Revision of section 3 “Challenges and barriers” to reflect comments from the BUR-60 (bis) in Section 3 and “Principles” for the approval session.
- Revision of the background section to reflect the BUR-60 (bis) discussions
- Revision of the roadmap to IPCC-54 / WGI-14 to reflect the consultations with Focal Point and the next steps as endorsed by the BUR-60 (bis)
- An updated version of the activities using AirTable application.
- Revision of Section “Moving forward” to reflect the BUR-60 decision and the roadmap to the implementation of IPCC-53 (bis) Decision 2.2.

The Secretariat has been working on a consultation session with around 40 Focal Points on the online Q&A Forum that will run in parallel with the Final Government Distribution. On the 28 April the Secretariat circulated the Final Government Draft (FGD) of the Working Group I Report for comments. A press release followed the circulation of the FGD stating it will run until 20 June 2021.

The Working Group I (WGI) Co-Chair updated the ExCom on the state of the WGI report. The WGI Technical Support Unit (TSU) has established a small task team with Ko Barrett, Greg Flato, Fatima Denton and Ermira Fida. It was requested if the task team could work from the WMO office during the approval session and the feasibility of vaccination requirements to do this. Working Group III Co-Chair requested for the task team to put forward requests for participation and to give more precise times for when participation is needed.

The ExCom took note of the information provided.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Update on the draft IPCC/IPBES workshop-report

The Legal Officer updated the ExCom on what had transpired since the last ExCom-92 meeting and laid out a proposal for a way forward. The ExCom will have the opportunity to examine and comment on the draft report and review that the final clean draft is satisfactory in terms of both prescriptive policy language and the 7.2 provisions for a logo on the published report.

The ExCom expressed concerns that the IPCC/IPBES workshop report could be seen as being much like an assessment report. Concerns were also raised on the apparent planned further use of the report that is to come before the 8th Plenary Session of IPBES for approval, scheduled for June 2021. The ExCom invited the Secretariat to facilitate the discussion with the IPBES Secretariat with the view to find a solution which will be acceptable for both organizations.

The Chair noted that the ExCom will take a decision after it receives a final version before publication.

The ExCom took note of the update from the Legal Officer.

- **The next meeting of the ExCom**

The Secretary confirmed the next meeting of ExCom will be the first Wednesday of next month.

The Chair noted that ExCom will convene an extraordinary meeting when it receives the final version before the publication of the IPBES/IPCC Co-Sponsored Workshop Report.

The meeting concluded at 15:00.

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