

**IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING**  
**Teleconference, 6 October 2021**

**CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS**

Participants

*Chair:*

Hoesung Lee

*Members:*

Ko Barrett (IPCC Vice-Chair), Thelma Krug (IPCC Vice-Chair), Valérie Masson-Delmotte (WGI Co-Chair), Panmao Zhai (WGI Co-Chair), Hans Pörtner (WGII Co-Chair), Debra Roberts (WGII Co-Chair), Joy Pereira (WGII Vice-Chair), Jim Skea (WGIII Co-Chair), Priyadarshi Shukla (WGIII Co-Chair), Eduardo Calvo (TFI Co-Chair), Kiyoto Tanabe (TFI Co-Chair).

*Advisory members:*

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

*IPCC Secretariat:*

Andrej Mahecic (Head of Communications), Jonathan Lynn (Communications), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Mxolisi Shongwe, Laura Biagioni, Joelle Fernandez, Melissa Walsh.

*Invited:*

Elvira Poloczanska (TSU WGII), Roger Fradera (WGIII TSU).

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-XCVIII/Doc.1) as attached in Annex 1 was adopted.

**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 the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

The Secretary updated the Executive Committee (ExCom) on the changes to the schedule of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) for 2021. Changes to the schedule were agreed at the 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ExCom. The IPCC Bureau and Panel have approved these changes by correspondence. The changes are now reflected on the website.

The Co-Chairs of the TFI have further submitted the following proposed changes to the schedule of the TFI for 2022 for consideration by the ExCom:

- 11-15 April - 3rd Expert meeting on SLCFs (venue TBD)
- 27 June – 3 July: EFDB meetings (20th meeting of Editorial Board and 19<sup>th</sup> Data meeting) (venue TBD)
- 25-29 July - Expert meeting to collect EFDB and Software Users feedbacks (Japan (TBC))

- 5-9 September: Expert meeting (possibly on application of satellites in monitoring atmospheric GHG concentration) (theme TBC, venue TBD), followed by 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of Task Force Bureau (venue TBD)

The Secretary highlighted that the Scoping Meeting and approval session of the Short-lived climate forcers (SLCFs) will be held after the election of the IPCC Bureau with new TFI Co-Chairs. The Legal Officer reminded the ExCom that there was no decision but the view of the Panel was that the scoping and the approval of outline should take place after the election.

The ExCom agreed on the TFI schedule for 2022.

## **2.2 IPCC-SBSTA-COP26 events**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the preparations for the SBSTA-IPCC Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting to be held on 12 October 2021 and the UNFCCC mandated events including the SBSTA – IPCC special event on the Working Group I contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) to be held at COP26 on 1 November 2021.

He noted that the agenda for the JWG meeting will focus on updates from UNFCCC and IPCC and on the IPCC-UNFCCC mandated events which will take place during COP26, an update on the activities at the science pavilion, and progress on the other Working Group contributions to the AR6 as well as the Synthesis Report.

The ExCom took note of the update by the Secretary.

## **3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

### **3.1 Ongoing and planned activities**

The Secretary introduced the new Head of Communications, Andrej Mahecic. The new Head of Communications Andrej Mahecic stated he is honoured and privileged to join the Secretariat of the IPCC and is looking forward to working with the ExCom on the challenges ahead. The Communications Team informed the ExCom that it started to work on the communication of the next reports in cooperation with the Working Group Technical Support Units (TSUs) and that a brief statement was issued on 5 October 2021 congratulating the laureates for the 2021 Nobel Prize with a quote from the IPCC Chair.

The ExCom took note of the report.

## **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-97 and following the Working Group I approval, there are 17 new error claims, and one case has been closed by the TFI.

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**

- **55<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC and 12<sup>th</sup> Session of Working Group II**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on forthcoming meetings.

The 54<sup>th</sup> (bis) Session of the IPCC (IPCC-54bis) will be held virtually in written format, in the first half of December 2022 and will have one agenda item on the budget.

Regarding the preparations for the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-55) and 12<sup>th</sup> Session of Working Group II (WGII-12), a draft consultation paper developed in collaboration with Working Group II (WGII) and Working Group III (WGIII) was presented with the view to solicit views on the format of the session: physical meeting, virtual meeting, and hybrid meeting. The Secretary stated that it is still not feasible to hold a physical meeting as it fails to meet IPCC standards, the virtual meeting could be improved by ensuring all countries participating via the same platform and conditions and that the next steps include ExCom feedback/comments, formal consultations with the Panel via correspondence and implementing the Panel's feedback and recommendations.

The ExCom noted the needs for webinars for governments on the key elements of the Summary for Policymakers (SPMs) of the WG II & III reports and for a task team to prepare the next two approvals.

The ExCom took note of the report on the preparations for the next two approval plenaries.

## **6. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### **6.1 Gender Action Team**

The Chair of the Gender Action Team (GAT) updated the ExCom on the second meeting of the GAT which was held in July: plans to survey and interview authors and colleagues from the sixth assessment cycle to gain insights in this assessment cycle and hand over to the next cycle; the need to train authors and Bureau members; finalizing a formal code of conduct; and GAT membership open to the ExCom and the Technical Support Units.

The Chair noted that one of the successes of the sixth assessment cycle is the establishment of the GAT and thanked the Chair of the GAT for making it operational.

The ExCom took note of the report.

- **The next meeting of the ExCom**

The Secretary confirmed a Doodle poll for the next meeting of the ExCom will be during COP26 and it should not be the first Wednesday of November 2021.

The meeting concluded at 15:50.

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