

IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – HUNDRED AND FIRST MEETING
Teleconference, 2 February 2022

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 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 (WG II TSU Head), Raphael Slade (WGIII TSU Head), Sandro Federici (TFI TSU Head), Noemie Leprince-Ringuet (SYR TSU Head), Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary).

IPCC Secretariat:

Ermira Fida (Deputy Secretary), Andrej Mahecic (Head of Communications), Jonathan Lynn, Mxolisi Shongwe, Jesbin Baidya, Laura Biagioni, Nina Peeva, Melissa Walsh, Joelle Fernandez.

Invited:

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda (EXCOM-C1/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 Synthesis Report

The Chair gave an overview of the proposed changes for the Third Core Writing Team meeting (CWT-3) and Final Government Distribution (FGD): It consists of the CWT-3 meeting shifting to 25 to 29 April 2022, instead of 4 to 8 April 2022 and the SYR Final Government Distribution running from 27 June to 7 August 2022, allowing eight weeks for authors to develop the Final Draft whilst maintaining the SYR approval dates, currently scheduled for the last week of September 2022. The changes have been reviewed and found necessary by the section facilitators and authors and the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) supports these changes.

The ExCom took note of the report and supports the changes.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1 Ongoing and planned activities

The Head of Communications updated the ExCom as per the written report sent to the ExCom prior to the meeting which consists mainly of the communications, media and outreach activities for the upcoming 55th Session of the IPCC and 56th Session of the IPCC approval sessions and their respective report launches. The press conferences are scheduled for 28 February (Working Group II) and 4 April (Working Group III), respectively. Two media advisories were issued on 17 January and 1 February. Media briefings have continued with major media outlets to cover all regions throughout the world.

The Working Group III Co-Chair supported by many ExCom members asked if the first part of the press conference with addresses from dignitaries could be skipped and jump straight to the report launch or moved to the end.

The Secretary highlighted that the press conference format will follow the past practices with the dignitaries addressing the launch of the report and suggested to post the agenda beforehand so journalists can go directly to the section they would wish to follow.

The Chair suggested for the communications team to better handle the press conference considering suggestions from the ExCom.

The Head of Communications took note of the suggestions and recommendations from the Chair.

The ExCom took note of the report.

- **Compatibility of UN derivative material**

Working Group III Co-Chair referred to the issue of how IPCC derivative products are used. He noted a recent infographic shared by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) on Twitter, that was brought to his attention by Working Group I, misrepresented the findings of IPCC reports. He asked what approach the IPCC should take with regards to IPCC derivative products and suggested participation in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) led Ad Hoc Group of Assessments (AGAD) could be a way forward.

The Deputy-Secretary noted that following concerns raised in the previous ExCom about the infographic prepared by UNEP, the Secretariat are meeting with the AGAD Focal Point to discuss ways of more effective engagement of the IPCC in AGAD and seek the possibility of discussing future derivative materials including and will report back after the meeting.

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-100 three new cases have been registered, and 59 cases have been processed but not yet closed. Relevant Technical Support Units have been requested to work on the pending 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

- **55th Session of the IPCC and 12th Session of Working Group II and the 56th Session of the IPCC and 14th Session of Working Group III**

The Secretary updated the ExCom on the 55th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-55) and 12th Session of Working group II (WGII-12) and 56th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-56) and the 14th Session of Working Group III (WGIII-14). He highlighted the following key deliverables since the previous ExCom meeting.

- A draft Guidance Note has been developed and sent to the Focal Points which includes a draft schedule and information related to COVID-19.
- IPCC-55/WGII-12 provisional agenda and meeting documents for WGII-12 have been posted.
- Weekly Task Team meetings focusing on the status of the draft Guidance Note and contingency plans for IPCC-55.
- Weekly coordination meetings between the Secretariat and WGII and WGIII Technical Support Units.
- Engagement with and support to delegates that have expressed interest to travel to Berlin with the view to clarify the implications from travelling to Berlin so as to reduce the number of those travelling to Berlin.
- Draft Invitation letter for IPCC-56/WGIII-14 has been cleared by the respective Co-Chairs and WGIII.
- Two media advisories for the IPCC-55/WGII-12 and the press conference have been finalized.

Planned activities / deliverables:

- Animated guidance document for IPCC-55/WGII-12
- Briefing sessions with Focal Points including on communications
- Newsletter # 9 focusing mainly on upcoming sessions

The 57th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57) is planned to be held at the CICG in Geneva, Switzerland and there will be a different venue for IPCC-57 (bis).

The IPCC Vice-Chair updated the ExCom on the duties of the Task Team in her capacity of the Co-Chair of the Task Team. The revised guidance note follows the format of the Working Group I approval session but reflects a few lessons learnt and feedback from the delegates received through the survey conducted after the session.

- **Bureau Session**

The Secretary stated the next Bureau Session would be held in the second half of May 2022 to allow the Secretariat to post documentation one month before the session. A Doodle poll showed preferred dates as 16 to 19 May.

The ExCom took note on the updates on the preparations for the next two approval plenaries and the upcoming Bureau session.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Translation of Working Group I Summary for Policymakers

The Working Group I Co-Chair highlighted the huge importance for the scientific integrity of the translations, so that the exact scientific meaning when translated as the approved English text and using the terms that are used in each scientific community or technical community in the relevant countries. Quality and peer-review is at the heart of the reports and the same applies to translations. The IPCC has advised WMO that the quality is not satisfactory. There is a need for a process to ensure and quality control which requires interacting with those that have edited the translation. The same issue also applies to other organizations.

The ExCom noted this is an important and ongoing issue. The problem stems with the United Nations (UN) translation process. UN translators are not scientific and there needs to be a way to translate scientific documents and too much time is spent revising.

The Secretary noted there is an informal group on publications and they are preparing an implementation plan for the next Bureau session. Also, he presented a background of the translation process with WMO. According to WMO Standing Instructions paragraph 3. 1.3, WMO should provide translations, publications, and printing.

The IPCC Secretary advised that suggestion for the implementation plan to be sent by email.

The Chair reminded the ExCom that at its 60th Session the Bureau asked the Secretariat to provide an implementation plan on the Informal Group on Publications to the Bureau. All interventions will be a valuable input for the implementation plan.

The ExCom took note of the information provided.

Statement by the Chair

The Chair added a short statement of gratitude to the Secretariat for the tireless work supporting the ExCom, Working Groups, respective Co-Chairs as well as managing complex sensitive issues and relations with member governments.

The Chair reminded the ExCom that the IPCC is in the busiest year of the sixth assessment cycle with three major reports scheduled this year. Under the leadership of IPCC Secretary Abdalah Mokssit, we are seeing the Secretariat foreseeing, planning and adjusting top notch support, day in and day out, in a challenging environment. Lots of diplomacy has been demonstrated with member governments about the upcoming sessions, the timely guidance notes delivered, and important lessons and experiences learnt, and feedback sought from member governments including through surveys and other means of engagement with them.

• The next meeting of the ExCom

The Secretary confirmed a Doodle poll for the next meeting of ExCom will be sent for the first Wednesday of March 2022.

The meeting concluded at 15:52.

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