

REPORT OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Geneva, 9 June 2012, 05:15-06:30PM CET

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

Rajendra K. Pachauri (Chair); Ismail Elgizouli; Hoesung Lee; Jean-Pascal van Ypersele; Vicente Barros; Christopher Field; Ottmar Edenhofer; Youba Sokona; Taka Hiraishi; Thelma Krug.

Advisory Members:

Renate Christ; Pauline Midgley; Kristie Ebi; Jan Minx; Simon Eggleston; Leo Meyer.

Others:

Gaetano Leone (minutes); Jonathan Lynn

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The ExCom adopted the provisional agenda (EXCOM-X/Doc.1). Pauline Midgley proposed adding an item to the agenda, to list all the actions required of the ExCom by IPCC-35 decisions in order to make a plan of work. However, this was not discussed at this meeting of the ExCom.

2. TIMING AND FORMAT OF PUBLICATION OF THE WORKING GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AR5 - LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE RELEASE OF RECENT SPECIAL REPORTS (*continuation*)

The discussion on this item had been concluded at the previous meeting.

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM THE PANEL CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

The Members agreed that the draft implementation plan prepared by the ExCom subgroup on Communications Strategy (ExCom-CS) is a good starting point for further work on this matter. According to the decision taken at IPCC-35, the implementation plan has to be completed by 1 October 2012. The Secretary stressed that there is also a need for a specific work plan for AR5 outreach activities.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1.	To prepare an issues paper for the implementation of the Communications Strategy and submit it to the ExCom.	Secretariat (J. Lynn)	30 June 2012
2.	To continue developing the draft Implementation Plan of the Communications Strategy.	J.-P. van Ypersele and ExCom-CS	Ongoing

4. PROS AND CONS OF SUBMITTING GLOSSARY DEFINITIONS TO THE REVIEW PROCESS (follow up to the discussion held at the Seventh Meeting of the Executive Committee)

The ExCom agreed with the Secretary's proposal to continue past practice and send out draft AR5 Glossaries as an annex to the draft reports, but not for review. In the meantime, Working Groups (WGs) should continue the cross-WG collaboration on Glossary development and internal review, as per current practice.

5. TIMING OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The ExCom agreed that it will hold regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month from 03:00-04:00PM Geneva time.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Translation of IPCC Reports: Based on the positive experience with the SREX SPM, it was agreed that it is important to have senior scientists involved in the translation process and to develop a plan of action to mobilize a few experts to work with the translators. However, in order to ensure mere translation of the approved text and avoid any attempt to better the text through translation, the Secretary stressed that the final responsibility for translations in the UN languages rests with the UN Editor. It was also suggested that the IPCC clearly states that the original approved version would be the one in English.

It was proposed that the Plenary-approved outlines for each Working Group Contribution to AR5 and the SYR be translated into the other UN languages early, so that there is plenty of time for reconciliation of translated terms. This will also provide an agreed set of key terms that will be of value to the interpreters at the approval sessions as well as for future translators.

Publication of AR5: In order to issue the call for tender for the publication of AR5, the Secretariat needs information from the Working Groups.

Members noted the desirability of consistency of style and layout across the Working Group Reports and the Synthesis Report (SYR). The WGs have all implemented style guides for the drafts that are largely consistent and the SYR authors will be provided with a style guide based on these.

Outreach: On the issue of the SREX outreach event in Pakistan planned for the end of June, the need to receive urgently the programme and the list of participants from the organizers was emphasized, so that the Secretariat may initiate the necessary arrangements to cover the travel costs of IPCC experts from developing countries.

Several Members noted other countries that are interested in hosting SREX outreach events, such as Mexico and countries in the South Pacific. Youba Sokona, Co-Chair of Working Group III, noted that Working Group III has identified a number of meetings that provide suitable opportunities for outreach on the SRREN.

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3.	To write to the organizers of the event in Pakistan indicating that IPCC support is not confirmed and requesting the agenda and list of participants.	Secretariat (G. Leone)	10 June 2012

The Chair informed the Executive Committee that the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) is organizing its Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Hyderabad, India, on 8-19 October 2012, and asked whether there was interest in organizing an IPCC event on that occasion. Working Groups II and III will not be available at that time.

The suggestion by the Secretary to revitalize the IPCC outreach calendar was generally supported, although concern was expressed for the IT problems making it difficult to synchronize the calendar hosted by the Secretariat with those maintained by TSUs.

On the basis of the positive experience of SREX outreach, it was suggested that it could be beneficial to consider the preparation of professional videos to accompany IPCC presentations. The Chair suggested considering collaboration with major media players.

6.1: IPCC contribution to the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI)

This item was not discussed.

The meeting closed at 06:30PM.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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