

FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 December 2012, 3:10-4:30PM CET - Teleconference

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

R. K. Pachauri (Chair); H. Lee; J.-P. van Ypersele; T. Stocker; C. Field; O. Edenhofer; R. Pichs Madruga; T. Hiraishi.

Advisory Members:

R. Christ; P. Midgley; D. Dokken; J. Minx; S. Eggleston; L. Meyer.

Others:

G. Leone (minutes); J. Lynn.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The ExCom adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting (EXCOM-XV/Doc.1), attached as **Annex 1**.

2. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

2.1 Report on COP-18 events

The Secretary reported on the two successful events on SRREN and SREX respectively held on 28 November 2012 in Doha, Qatar, during the UNFCCC COP18 meeting. The attendance had been very high (more than 300 participants in the SREX event, and more than 100 in the SRREN event, held in the evening), as well as the level of interest and participation and the quality of discussion. The Chair addressed COP18 at the opening session that same day. Several meetings were held with civil society representatives and their associations. The IPCC exhibition booth recorded high levels of interest. Finally, IPCC representatives had been involved in numerous media activities. J.-P. van Ypersele, Vice-Chair, reported on his involvement in various activities at the Doha meetings, and in particular on the upcoming event entitled "Implications for Monitoring, Mitigation and Management in the Air Quality-Climate Change Nexus", presented by Yale University and moderated by himself. In this regard, it was agreed that it was premature for the IPCC to make any statements on black carbon, given the status of preparation of the WGI AR5. It was suggested by T. Stocker, Co-Chair, WGI, to refer to the latest literature on the subject, which was being considered by the AR5 authors.

2.2 SRREN outreach

The Head, WGIII TSU reported on the good progress made in fund raising and planning of a series of additional SRREN outreach activities starting in spring 2013 with focus on developing countries. He highlighted three recent SRREN outreach activities in Africa as well as the side event in Doha. The Secretary reiterated that funds are available in the IPCC Trust Fund for outreach purposes, currently an unspent amount of close to CHF 100,000 in 2012, which can be used for SRREN outreach activities. She also reminded the ExCom of the interest of Saudi Arabia to host a SRREN event. O. Edenhofer, Co-Chair WGIII, reported that Saudi Arabia is already included in the SRREN outreach plan; together with the Chair, he will follow-up on this matter.

2.3 Plans for future communications activities

The Secretary reported that the Secretariat had prepared a draft proposal for the AR5 outreach programme reflecting discussions held by the Communications Manager with several Co-Chairs. The proposal had been submitted to the Chair and to the WG Co-chairs for consideration. In accordance with the IPCC Communications Strategy, it will be further developed with the WGs with the aim of presenting it to the 46th Session of the Bureau. The Chair expressed appreciation for the draft and stressed the importance of projecting to the world one single report made of different components; in this regard, a common approach and template across the various AR5 components is essential. It was decided that the Secretariat would organize a teleconference with the WGs before the year-end holidays to move the document forward.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1.	To organize a teleconference with WG Co-Chairs and the Chair in order to revise the draft proposal prepared by the Secretariat for submission to the Bureau at the end of January 2013.	Secretariat	December 2012

3. ISSUES FOR ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION AT THE 46th SESSION OF THE BUREAU

3.1 Report on the activities of the ExCom

The Chair suggested that the Bureau should be informed of the activities of the ExCom, and referred to the reports of its meetings.

3.2 Electronic versions of IPCC reports as documents of record

C. Field, Co-Chair, WGII, reported that his analysis of the possible options available on this issue is progressing. He will report to ExCom-16 in January 2013. It was reiterated that the enhanced PDF format (or equivalent) and the printed version would both constitute the official document of record.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
2.	To submit a proposal to ExCom-16, including a mock-up version of a document of record showing the available options.	C. Field	In advance of ExCom-16

3.3 Possibility of convening Bureau Sessions through electronic means

The Secretary reported that, as decided at ExCom-14, the Secretariat has set up a test run for 11 December 2013 with some Bureau Members. Some Bureau Members from developing countries have indicated that their participation was not possible because of technical reasons. She informed the meeting that remote interpretation is not possible at WMO. R. Pichs Madruga, Co-Chair, WGIII, suggested making it possible for those Bureau Members who have access to adequate technology to participate in Bureau Sessions remotely. The Chair concluded that work should continue in looking at the various options, but that a final decision requires consensus.

Upon the Chair's suggestion, the ExCom agreed to set-up a sub-group to look at ways and prepare a plan of action to reduce the IPCC's carbon footprint, composed of C. Field, Co-Chair, WGII, R. Pichs Madruga, Co-Chair, WGIII, and R. Christ, Secretary. This would include possible reduction of travel and of paper usage and carbon offsets.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
3.	To prepare a plan of action to reduce the IPCC's carbon footprint.	ExCom sub-set composed of C. Field, R. Pichs Madruga, and R. Christ	

4. MATTERS OF COORDINATION ON ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PRODUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT IPCC PRODUCTS

The Secretary raised the issue of the dates of SYR CWT-3bis in April 2014. It was agreed that the calendar of the meetings in April 2014 would be as follows:

Saturday 5/4-Sunday 6/4: Pre-Plenary meeting of WGIII CLAs
Monday 7/4-Friday 11/4: WGIII-Plenary to approve the WG-contribution to AR5
Saturday 12/4: Free
Sunday 13/4: IPCC-39 and press conference in the morning.
Monday 14/4-Tuesday 15/4: SYR CWT 3bis

The Secretariat will inform the host country accordingly.

J.-P. van Ypersele, Vice-Chair suggested that the discussion on the future of the IPCC should start soon. Support was expressed by other Members.

5. AVAILABILITY OF IPCC DOCUMENTS

This matter should be discussed with Bureau delegations during B-46.

6. POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE “ASSESSING ASSESSMENTS” STUDY BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

The Chair introduced this item. It was recalled that similar requests were received in the past. P. Midgley, Head, WGI TSU, indicated that WGI was not in favour of observers being present at its Lead Authors' meetings and the preparation of WGI AR5 was likely too far advanced for undertaking this type of exercise, in any case it was too late for WGI at the current stage of preparation of its AR5 component. WGIII needed a preliminary discussion among its Co-Chairs. It was reiterated that the agreement of the authors to having scientists observing their work at meetings (informed consent) is necessary. It was suggested that this could also be done on a chapter-by-chapter basis. The Members agreed on the action described below. It was also agreed that, if the NSF request is to be further explored, it is advisable to contact also Prof. M. Hulme, who made a similar proposal in the past.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
4.	To write to NSF asking for a detailed proposal, as the decision will be taken only once there is a clear understanding of the terms of reference of this exercise.	Chair	21 December 2012

7. ANY OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Date of next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 2 January 2013.

The next ExCom meeting will be held on 3 or 4 January 2013. A meeting of the ExCom will be held in Geneva at the time of B-46, specifically on the afternoon of 27 February 2012.

	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
5.	To issue a doodle poll in order to ascertain the availability of ExCom Members to hold ExCom-16 at a later stage (e.g. 3 or 4 January 2013).	Secretariat	10 December 2012
6.	To prepare a calendar of events happening on the dates of B-46. This would include an ExCom meeting, meetings of the WG Bureaux, a meeting of the COI Committee, and media training for Bureau Members.	Secretariat	14 December 2012

The meeting closed at 04:40PM.

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(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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