

THIRTY- SIXTH MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2 March 2016, 15h00 (CET), teleconference

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

K. Barrett; E. Calvo; V. Masson-Delmotte; H. Lee; H. Pörtner; D. Roberts; P. Shukla; J. Skea; Y. Sokona; K. Tanabe; P. Zhai.

Advisory Members:

M. Sivakumar; A. Pirani; M.Tignor.

Secretariat:

C.Martin-Novella; J. Lynn.

Apologies:

T.Krug; J. Pereira;

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The provisional agenda of the meeting (EXCOM-XXXVI/Doc.1), as attached in Annex 1, was adopted without any change.

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

2.1. Update on the establishment of Technical Support Units

The Head of Working Group I (WGI) Technical Support Unit (TSU), the Co-Chairs of Working Groups II, III and of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) provided oral updates on the establishment of their respective Technical Support Units (TSUs).

Ms Pirani reported that three staff members of WGI TSU will attend the 43rd Session of the IPCC. The positions for an Information Technology Officer and a Head of Operations are being advertised.

Mr Pörtner reported that on that date was the deadline for applications for the four positions advertised. There may be a second round advertising additional positions at a later stage.

Mr Skea reported that draft funding agreements with the United Kingdom are still under consideration. Signing of these agreements is expected for April 2016. In the meantime the host organization will provide temporary administrative support. Mr Shukla reported that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to receive support from the IPCC Trust Fund has already been signed. The host organization will operationalize the MoU by the beginning of April 2016.

Mr Calvo reported that the interviews for the position of Head of the TSU TFI have been held and the evaluation is ongoing. Mr Tanabe added that the selection procedure is expected to be completed by the beginning of April 2016.

Mr Martin-Novella confirmed that all MoUs regarding support from the IPCC Trust Fund to Co-chairs from developing countries have been concluded.

The Chair of the IPCC recommended the Co-chairs not to hesitate to ask the Secretariat for technical support if necessary for finalizing the setting up of the Technical Support Units.

The ExCom took note of the reports.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1. Overview of ongoing and planned communication and outreach activities

Mr Lynn provided an oral report on the preparations of the report of the Expert Meeting on Communication (Oslo, Norway, 9-10 February 2016). It is expected to be released before the 43rd Session of the IPCC. He also reported that a document will be submitted for consideration of the Panel at its 43rd Session regarding the main recommendations of the Expert Meeting. This might be followed up with further proposals to be transmitted for consideration of the Panel at its 44th Session.

Members of the ExCom who participated in the Expert Meeting regarded it as very useful.

Ms Masson-Delmotte reported that Working Group I is preparing to launch two initiatives. The first is an on-line training for authors on “what is an assessment report”. The second is a document on key concepts in Climate Change.

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

Mr Martin-Novella provided an oral report on the six outstanding error claims that are being processed in accordance with the Error Protocol. Mr Skea informed that one of his students is submitting an additional error claim.

The ExCom took note of the 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. 10th International Carbon Dioxide Conference (ICDC10)

Mr Martin-Novella reported on following up on discussions at the 35th meeting of the ExCom, on 25 January 2016. Mr Thomas Stocker wrote to the Chair of the IPCC requesting IPCC Co-sponsoring for the 10th International Carbon Dioxide Conference (ICDC10) to be held in Interlaken, Switzerland from 21 to 25 August 2017. In the light of rule 7.2 the proposals was transmitted for consideration at this 35th meeting of the ExCom.

The ExCom was informed that in the light of rule 7.2 of the “Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports” the Chair of the IPCC and the Co-Chairs of Working Group I have agreed that the IPCC should co-sponsor this Conference.

The ExCom took note of the report.

5.2. Workshop with PROVIA and Future Earth

Ms Roberts reported on the ongoing contacts with PROVIA and Future Earth for the IPCC to co-sponsor a Workshop on lessons learned during the AR5 cycle. A revised scoping paper for the workshop will be submitted for the consideration of the ExCom at its 37th meeting.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr Skea reported that a draft Information paper on regional approaches and a roadmap for the incorporation of proposals for Special Reports within the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) products being prepared by the Co-chairs will be sent to the Secretariat on Friday 12 for its transmission to the Panel for consideration at its 43rd Session.

Mr Martin-Novella reported on possible offers to provide support for the production of Special Reports.

Ms Masson-Delmotte suggested some topics for Expert Meetings during the AR6 cycle. Following a short exchange of opinions the Chair of the IPCC concluded that this matter could be considered at the 44th Session of the IPCC.

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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the Acting Secretary of the IPCC)

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