

ipcc

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

**AR5 Scoping Meeting
Venice, Italy, 13-17 July 2009**

AR5-SCOP/Doc. 4
(25.VI.2009)
ENGLISH ONLY

DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 30TH SESSION OF THE IPCC

(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

IPCC Secretariat

c/o WMO • 7bis, Avenue de la Paix • C.P. 2300 • 1211 Geneva 2 • Switzerland
telephone : +41 (0) 22 730 8208 / 54 / 84 • fax : +41 (0) 22 730 8025 / 13 • email : IPCC-Sec@wmo.int • www.ipcc.ch



The following decisions on the scoping of the 5th Assessment Report (AR5) and future IPCC activities were adopted by the Panel at its 30th Session (21-23 April, Antalya):

Decision 1:

The scoping of the AR5 Synthesis Report (SYR) and the identification of cross-cutting issues begins with the first scoping meeting, but, in line with past procedure, provision is made for a special meeting dedicated to scoping the SYR structure and content. It is expected that the scoping meeting in Venice (13-17 July 2009) would come up with chapter outlines for the three Working Group contributions to the AR5 and prepare a broad outline for the SYR.

Decision 2:

In preparation of the scoping process, the Panel agreed that the IPCC Vice-Chairs, in cooperation with the Co-Chairs and assistance from the IPCC Secretariat and Technical Support Units (TSU), should carry out an evaluation of the treatment of cross-cutting topics in the Third Assessment Report (TAR) and Fourth Assessment Report (AR4), summarizing issues that were covered well and the elements that could be strengthened and to identify new cross-cutting issues for AR5. They are encouraged to consult past Bureau members and TSU heads to benefit from their experience and to share their views within the Bureau. This should be carried out before the scoping meeting on AR5 in Venice.

Decision 3:

As a first step a letter will be sent to governments by the Secretariat inviting them to submit, before the end of May 2009, their views on questions they would like to see addressed in AR5. The output of the contact group set up at IPCC-30 for this purpose is appended to the report of the Session.

Decision 4:

The Panel decided to consider proposals for Special Reports, such as requests from the UNFCCC, on an ad-hoc basis, to be presented to the Panel, for decisions in keeping with existing practice and criteria.

Decision 5:

The Panel felt that much greater attention is required to improve the treatment of regional issues. The scoping meeting should take note of the proposal presented by the IPCC Vice-Chair Mr van Ypersele as well as other options to improve the treatment of regional issues as it develops the Working Group outlines. The scoping meeting should also consider options for a more detailed regional division.

Decision 6:

The Panel encourages all TSU's to formalize agreements such as the one set up by WG I during the AR4, whereby free online access to major scientific journals was granted to lead authors from developing/EIT countries.

Decision 7:

The Panel charges the IPCC Vice-Chairs to carry out over the next six months an assessment of the current shortcomings in involving an adequate number of developing/EIT country scientists and to propose approaches to address this issue.

Decision 8:

The Panel encourages access to a) grey literature and b) literature in all languages, around topics particularly relevant to the AR5, through expert meetings or workshops to be organized by the WG Bureaus and TSUs.

Decision 9:

The Panel decided that Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) should be considered as part of all future assessments and reviewed accordingly.

Decision 10:

The Panel decided to set up a task group to collectively explore using the full range of electronic technologies to enhance the accessibility of approved and accepted IPCC products. This task force is composed of the Representatives from Austria, India, New Zealand, Singapore and Uganda, as well as of Mr van Ypersele, Mr Stocker, Co-Chair of WG I and the IPCC Secretary, and is supported by the 4 TSUs. The task group is invited to submit a report to the Panel at its next Session in October 2009.

Decision 11:

The Panel agreed, as a matter of urgency, to develop an easily searchable version of the AR4 (including SYR and possibly all UN language versions of the SPMs and TSs) and make it accessible in the same way that TAR was.

Decision 12:

The Panel decided to make the Chairman's paper for the AR5 Scoping Meeting available to the governments beforehand for the sake of transparency (second half of May / early June).

Decision 13:

For longer term issues not covered here, the task group on the future of the IPCC is invited to come up in July with a document identifying main issues to be addressed in the longer term, which would be sent to governments well in advance of the 31ST Session of the Panel (26-29 October 2009).