

FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7 September 2016, Teleconference

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

Participants:

Members:

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

Advisory Members:

A. Kranjc; A. Mokssit; A. Pirani; M. Tignor.

Apologies:

J. Hardy; J. Skea.

Secretariat:

C. Martin-Novella; J. Lynn.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Provisional Agenda (EXCOM-XLIII/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. Follow up to the scoping meeting for the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.

Ms Thelma Krug, Vice-Chair of the IPCC and Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee for scoping the Special Report reported on the outcomes of the scoping meeting.

The Executive Committee took note of the report. Two documents will be transmitted to the 44th Session of the IPCC: the first document will be a “Doc.” introducing as an annex the proposal for the outline of the Special Report and will also refer to the agreement at the 52nd Session of the IPCC Bureau regarding a recommendation on the title of the Special Report. The second document will be an “Inf.” describing the organization of the scoping meeting. The drafts of both documents should be transmitted by Working Group I (WGI) Technical Support Unit (TSU) to the Secretariat by Monday 12 September 2016.

2.2. Arrangements for scoping the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems.

Mr Youba Sokona, Vice-Chair of the IPCC and Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee for scoping the Special Report reported on the preparations for the scoping meeting, including

on the outcomes of the second meeting of the Scientific Steering Committee held on 23 August 2016. He reported that the Scientific Steering Committee is defining the areas of expertise to be mentioned in the call for nomination of experts, that the scoping meeting will be held in Dublin (Republic of Ireland) on 13-15 February 2017 and that the Scientific Steering Committee will be convened monthly until that date.

The Executive Committee took note of the report.

2.3. Arrangements for scoping the Special Report on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere.

Ms Ko Barrett, Vice-Chair of the IPCC and Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee for scoping the Special Report reported on preparations for the scoping meeting, to be held in Monaco in the first week of December.

The Executive Committee was informed about the site visit to Monaco recently made by the Co-Chair of Working Group II (WGII) and the Head of WGII TSU.

The Executive Committee discussed the merits of issuing a pre-scoping questionnaire and agreed to request the Scientific Steering Committee to consider this matter.

The Executive Committee took note of the report and agreed on the need for finalizing the budget for the scoping meeting and formalizing the arrangements with the host country.

2.4. Follow up to the scoping meeting for the Methodology Report(s) to refine the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

Mr Kiyoto Tanabe, Co-Chair of the Task Force Bureau, reported on the outcomes of the scoping meeting, held on 29-31 August 2016 in Minsk, Belarus. This includes a proposal for an outline of the Methodology Report and related terms of reference.

The Executive Committee took note of the report. Two documents will be transmitted to the 44th Session of the IPCC: the first will be a “Doc” introducing as annexes the proposed outline for the Methodology Report and related terms of reference. The second will be an “Inf” describing the organization of the scoping meeting. The drafts of both documents should be transmitted by the TSU of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) to the Secretariat by Friday 16 September 2016.

2.5. Workshop on Climate Change and Cities

Mr Carlos Martin-Novella, Deputy Secretary of the IPCC, introduced the proposal for co-sponsoring a workshop on this matter submitted by a coalition of organizations.

The Executive Committee supported the proposal and agreed to address some outstanding aspects such as the title and budget of the initiative by written procedure before its transmission to the 44th Session of the IPCC for consideration.

The Executive Committee invited the Secretariat to explore options for fundraising at the occasion of the HABITAT III – United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

3.1. Overview of ongoing and planned communication and outreach activities

Mr Jonathan Lynn, Programme Manager, Communications and Media Relations, reported on recent and planned outreach activities.

The Chair of the IPCC stressed the need for members of the Executive Committee to inform the Secretariat regarding their contacts with media and participation in events.

The Executive Committee 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 Abdalah Mokssit, Secretary of the IPCC, introduced this agenda item noting the reduction in the number of cases currently open. The Executive Committee 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. Preliminary exchange of views on how to handle scientific contents in the AR6 report

The Chair of the IPCC stressed that all topics for Special Reports considered by the Panel at its 43rd Session should be incorporated in the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6).

The Executive Committee agreed to continue considering this matter at its future meetings.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Executive Committee took note of minor changes in the Strategic Planning Schedule. These changes will be posted in the IPCC website.

Mr Eduardo Calvo, Co-Chair of the Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories informed about a possible proposal from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to collaborate in some outreach initiatives.

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(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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