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(Submitted by the Co-Chairs of the Task Force Bureau)

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1. The scoping meeting in Geneva on 1st – 4th May 2012 produced a work plan for the “2014 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance arising from the Kyoto Protocol” for consideration by the Thirty-Fifth Session of the IPCC (See IPCC-XXXV/Doc. 20). This work plan envisaged that the work would complete in March 2014. However, at the thirty-sixth session of UNFCCC SBSTA (14th - 25th May 2012 in Bonn) the Parties re-considered the timeline in decision 2/CMP.7 and invited the IPCC to consider a faster timetable finishing by October 2013. This note outlines the implications of meeting the revised deadline.
2. SBSTA 36 Conclusions, entitled, “Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol”[FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.16] provide, in part:

“5. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) scoping meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 1–4 May 2012 in response to the invitation in decision 2/CMP.7 on the work of the IPCC to review and, if necessary, update supplementary methodologies for estimating anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol, on the basis of, inter alia, chapter 4 of its *Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry*.

6. The SBSTA considered the timeline in decision 2/CMP.7 for completion of the work of the IPCC referred to in paragraph 5 above and its subsequent consideration by the SBSTA with a view to forwarding a decision on the matter to the CMP at its tenth session. It noted with concern that this timeline would not allow for the methodological guidance to be adopted in time for the inventory submissions by 15 April 2015, the due date for the inventory submissions for the first year under the second commitment period. Therefore, the SBSTA invited the IPCC to consider the possibility of completing the work on the methodological guidance within a revised time frame, by October 2013, to allow for adoption of a decision on this matter by the CMP at its ninth session.”
3. Following this invitation the Task Force Bureau (TFB) re-considered the work plan and has produced this proposal for finalising this work in October 2013. The revised schedule is contained in Table 1 (the “fast schedule”). This revised work plan has a number of implications:
 - a. The periods of the IPCC reviews will need to be reduced from the minimum of 6 to 4 weeks for the expert review, and from 8 to 6 weeks for the expert/government review.
 - b. There will need to be an additional Panel meeting in the week beginning 14 October 2013. This would require additional budget to cover the new session in 2013.
 - c. The output will be entitled, “2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol”.
 - d. The writing periods have been shortened as much as possible and the TFI Technical Support Unit (TSU) considers that this is the absolute minimum time required.
 - e. One lead author meeting will move from 2013 to 2012.
4. While the timetable is challenging the TFB and TSU consider this is feasible and will ensure this work is used by Annex I Parties to the UNFCCC in the compilation of inventories for the second commitment period.

Table 1. Work Plan, as proposed by Scoping Meeting and the "fast schedule"

| Action | Proposed by Scoping Meeting | <i>"Fast Schedule"</i> | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <i>Start</i> | <i>End</i> | <i>Duration (weeks)</i> |
| Panel Approval of this proposal | June 6-9 2012 | 06 Jun 2012 | 09 Jun 2012 | |
| preparation of letter to Focal Points | 3 weeks | 09 Jun 2012 | 18 Jun 2012 | 1 |
| IPCC requests for nominations | Late June 2012 | 18 Jun 2012 | | |
| Governments submit nominations | 6 weeks | 18 Jun 2012 | 15 Jul 2012 | 4 |
| <i>TFB decides Author list</i> | <i>Early Aug 2012</i> | 16 Jul 2012 | 29 Jul 2012 | 2 |
| <i>Authors prepare writing process</i> | <i>8 weeks</i> | 30 Jul 2012 | 23 Sep 2012 | 8 |
| LA1 | Early Oct 2012 | 24 Sep 2012 | 29 Sep 2012 | |
| Authors prepare 0 Order Draft | 3,5 months | 01 Oct 2012 | 11 Nov 2012 | 6 |
| LA2 | Late Jan 2013 | 12 Nov 2012 | 17 Nov 2012 | |
| Authors prepare 1 st Order Draft | 2 months | 19 Nov 2012 | 06 Jan 2013 | 7 |
| Expert Review (6 weeks) | April-May 2013 | 07 Jan 2013 | 03 Feb 2013 | 4 |
| Authors prepare preliminary 2 nd Order Draft | 1 month | 04 Feb 2013 | 03 Mar 2013 | 4 |
| LA3 | Late June 2013 | 04 Mar 2013 | 9 Mar 2013 | |
| Authors prepare 2 nd Order Draft | 2 months | 11 Mar 2013 | 21 Apr 2013 | 6 |
| Government/Expert Review (8 weeks) | Late Aug - Early Oct 2013 | 22 Apr 2013 | 2 Jun 2013 | 6 |
| Authors prepare preliminary Final Draft | 6 weeks | 03 Jun 2013 | 14 Jul 2013 | 6 |
| LA4 | Late Nov 2013 | 15 Jul 2013 | 20 Jul 2013 | |
| Authors prepare Final Draft | 5 weeks | 22 Jul 2013 | 01 Sep 2013 | 6 |
| Government Consideration (4 weeks) | Jan - Feb 2014 | 2 Sep 2013 | 29 Sep 2013 | 4 |
| Authors prepare Draft for Approval | 2 weeks | 30 Sep 2013 | 13 Oct 2013 | 2 |
| IPCC Panel Adoption/Acceptance | Early March 2014 | 14 Oct 2013 | | |
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