



IPCC Statement on Revision of the Revised 1996 IPCC Inventory Guidelines

The IPCC Panel approved at its 21st Session the plans to revise the Revised IPCC 1996 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas inventories in response to the invitation from SBSTA at its 17th Session. The Terms of Reference, Table of Contents and workplan for the “2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories” were developed at an IPCC Scoping meeting and a meeting of the IPCC Task Force Bureau on inventories, both held in September this year.

The basis for the “2006 IPCC Guidelines” will be the existing 1996 IPCC Guidelines and the two IPCC good practice guidance reports. These reports will be merged into one document. Experience and feedback in using the existing reports and from the UNFCCC inventory reviews, as well as advances in science will be taken into account in the preparation. The IPCC is preparing two special reports, “Safeguarding the ozone layer and the global climate system: issues related to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons” and “Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage” - the inventory related issues from these reports will also serve as input to the “2006 IPCC Guidelines”.

In the “2006 IPCC Guidelines” each sector – Energy; Industrial Processes and Product Use; Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use; and Waste; as well as the Cross-Cutting Issues and Reporting Tables - would be synthesised into single volume each. The “Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use” sector would encompass the Agriculture and Land-Use Change and Forestry sectors of the 1996 Guidelines, with a structure consistent with the IPCC Good Practice Guidance on Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry.

New sources and gases will be included in “2006 IPCC Guidelines” according to criteria laid out in the Terms of Reference for the work: namely, availability of a Global Warming Potential, identified anthropogenic sources, existing basis for methodology development, ability to develop default emission factors, etc. The current outline for the “2006 IPCC Guidelines” does not include aerosols (black carbon, organic carbon or mineral dust). The question of possible inclusion or non-inclusion of these will be addressed at an IPCC expert meeting in 2004, and the IPCC will consider the issue again at its 22nd Session in October/November next year.

The revision work will start in 2004 and will be finalised in 2006 in line with the invitation by SBSTA 17. The call for nominations has been sent out to governments and organisations during the last week of November and the nominations for authors are due 15 January 2004. We hope for active participation of inventory experts worldwide. Additional information on the scope and workplan for the preparation of the “2006 IPCC Guidelines” will be given at the IPCC NGGIP side-event on Friday, 5 December at 1 – 3 pm.
