

FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3 August 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.

Advisory Members:

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

Apologies:

J. Skea; K. Tanabe; P. Zhai.

Secretariat:

J. Lynn.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Provisional Agenda (EXCOM-XLII/Doc.1), as attached in Annex 1, was adopted, moving the item under Any Other Matters to a new agenda item 2.5 reworded as “Preliminary exchange of views on how to handle scientific content between the special reports and the main assessment report in the AR6 cycle”, and postponing the item under agenda item 5, pending further discussion, to the next meeting.

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

2.1. Arrangements for scoping 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, Chair of the Steering Committee for scoping the Special Report, reported on the preparations for the scoping meeting to be held in Geneva from 15 to 18 August 2016. A background paper and a draft agenda are being prepared. All funded participants, but one, had so far confirmed their attendance.

A summary and analysis of the responses to the questionnaire sent to National Focal Points would shortly be available for circulation to members of the Executive Committee and National Focal Points.

The Executive Committee took note of the report and agreed that the Scientific Steering Committee should examine a request concerning the description of two selected experts on the published list of experts.

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, Chair of the Steering Committee for scoping the Special Report reported on the preparations for the scoping meeting following the Steering Committee's first meeting. These included the creation of four sub-committees to expedite preparatory work. The Steering Committee is working on defining the areas of expertise to be sought before the call for nominations goes out on 5 September. It is also considering possible linkages between this Special Report and the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, possible proposals for an appropriate and representative abbreviated title for the report, and requests for the IPCC to co-sponsor various activities (i.e. workshops) on relevant topics.

A pre-scoping document to define the call for nominations, which is being prepared by the sub-committee on nominations, would be ready before the call for nominations starts.

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, Chair of the 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 discussed the nominations process and timetable, and preparations for the scoping meeting and how to engage expertise for Working Group III related topics that may arise in the scoping of the Special Report. 458 nominations were received for the scoping meeting. These are now being considered by the Working Group I and II bureaus.

The TSUs of all three working groups are in contact to ensure a consistent approach for the scoping of all Special Reports.

The Executive Committee took note of the report.

2.4. Schedule and arrangements for scoping the Methodology Report on Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

Mr Eduardo Calvo, Co-Chair of the Task Force Bureau, reported on the preparations for the scoping meeting, to be held on 29-31 August 2016 in Minsk, Belarus, to which 111 experts had been invited. He presented a statistical analysis of the nominations.

It was noted the need to consider how best to present statistics on nominations as citizenship was not always the most accurate indicator for country of attribution. The Executive Committee requested the Secretariat to submit proposals in this regard.

The Executive Committee took note of the report.

2.5. Preliminary exchange of views on how to handle scientific contents between the special reports and the main assessment report in the AR6 cycle.

It was noted that scoping meetings for the Special Reports should signal topics that could be covered more comprehensively in the full AR6 and the importance of defining boundaries between the Special Reports and the full AR6. The Special Reports should be focused and

limited in terms of topics to be addressed and length, and experts scoping the Special Reports should make proposals on the focuses for the Special Report and what to defer to the full assessment.

It was noted the importance of maintaining coherence between the Special Reports and the AR6, bearing in mind that new findings on some topics would only be available for the full assessment as the gap between cut-off dates for literature between the Special Reports and the AR6 would be up to two years. It was also noted the importance of considering how to treat regional issues in the Special Reports and the AR6.

It was stressed that both the Special Reports and the AR6 should provide a scientific basis for the global stocktake.

It was suggested that the findings identified in AR5 with high confidence for the present and future under low emission scenarios would be prime candidates for being selected 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, also taking into account their level of policy relevance. Some of these findings were highlighted in the 2013 to 2015 Structured Expert Dialogue under the UNFCCC and would need to be complemented by relevant updates from recent literature.

The Executive Committee encouraged the Steering Committees for the three special reports to seek broad representation of experts from developed and developing countries and economies in transition, and different social and cultural sectors, as well as a broad range of expertise from different countries, mindful of the different topics to be addressed in each report. It was noted that the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, to be delivered in 2018, is intended to inform the “facilitative dialogue” foreseen by the UNFCCC for that year, and that in addition other products, including the main AR6 should feed into the global stocktake in 2023.

The Executive Committee took note of the issues raised during the consideration of this agenda item and agreed to address it further at its next meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Secretariat reported on recent and planned outreach activities.

The IPCC will communicate the outlines of the Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways after adoption at the 44th Session of the IPCC.

The Chair stressed the need to inform members of the Executive Committee as soon as possible of any activities they would be requested to participate in.

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.

The Secretariat introduced this agenda item and the Executive Committee took note of the report.

5. ANY OTHER MATTERS

5.1. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7 September 2016.

5.2. Participation in a scoping meeting

One expert invited 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 has asked to be accompanied by an assistant. The Executive Committee agreed that the Steering Committee would consider this request with advice from the Secretariat.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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- 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. Roles, responsibilities and working arrangements between the IPCC Secretariat and the Technical Support Units.
- 6. ANY OTHER MATTERS**
 - 6.1. Preliminary exchange of views on how to handle scientific contents in the AR6 report.