

Scientific Steering Committee for the scoping of the IPCC Special Report on 'Climate change and land use'¹

Terms of Reference

Introduction

1. In Paragraph 3 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6 on the Sixth Assessment Report Products - Special Reports - the Panel decided:

To prepare a Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems. The scoping process may consider challenges and opportunities for both adaptation and mitigation.

2. In Paragraph 2 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-7 on the Sixth Assessment Report Products – Strategic Planning – the Panel decided:

To consider the outline of the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems at the 45th Session of the IPCC in 2017.

3. In Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-10 on Communications for the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) the Panel decided :

To request the respective Working Group Bureau, or in the case of the Synthesis Report, the IPCC Chair, in preparing a scoping meeting:

- *to engage with governments and a wide range of stakeholders in the scoping process, seek greater input from stakeholder groups in the scoping process, and identify, with the help of governments and observer organizations, audiences and stakeholders who can provide input;*
- *to consider different options to enable stakeholders to contribute to the scoping process, for instance through a call for submissions or other pre-scoping contacts;*

4. The Special Report will be developed under the joint scientific leadership of Working Groups I, II, III and the Task Force on Inventories (TFI) with support from the Working Group III Technical Support Unit.
5. The Government of Ireland has offered to host the Scoping Meeting in Dublin in the week commencing 13 February 2017.
6. The Chair of the IPCC herein establishes a Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) to lead the scoping of the Special Report.

Composition of the Scientific Steering Committee

¹ The term "Land use" is used to denote all of the elements covered in Paragraph 3 of Decision IPCC/XLIII-6 and is without prejudice to the final scope of the report decided by the Panel.

7. The SSC will be composed as follows:

Chair of SSC

Youba Sokona (IPCC Vice-Chair)

Vice-chair of SSC

Any Reisinger (WG III Vice-chair)

Members

Ko Barrett, IPCC Vice-Chair

Eduardo Calvo, TFI Co-Chair

Josep Canadell, Lead Author, WG I AR5 Carbon and other biogeochemical cycles Chapter 6

Jan Fuglestedt, WG I Vice-Chair

Mark Howden, WG II Vice-Chair

Thelma Krug, IPCC Vice-Chair

Nagmeldin Goutbi Elhassan Mahmoud, WG III Vice-Chair

Valerie Masson-Delmotte, WG I Co-Chair

Cheikh Mbow, Lead Author, WG III AR5 AFOLU Chapter 11

Carlos Mendez, WG II Vice-Chair

Ramon Pichs-Madruga, WG III Vice-Chair

Hans Pörtner, WG II Co-Chair

Debra Roberts, WG II Co-Chair

Sergey Semenov, WG II Vice-Chair

PR Shukla, WG III Co-Chair

Jim Skea, WG III Co-Chair

Pete Smith, CLA, WG III AR5 AFOLU Chapter 11

Diana Urge-Vorsatz, WG III Vice-Chair

Caroline Vera, WG I Vice-Chair

Noureddine Yassaa, WG I Vice-Chair

Taha Zatari, WG II Vice-Chair

Panmao Zhai, WG I Co-Chair

8. The Chair of the SSC may appoint a vice-chair in consultation with the WG III Co-chairs. The Vice-chair will chair meetings in the absence of the Chair.
9. The SSC may invite additional members after consultations with leading scientific bodies.

Mandate

10. The role of the SSC is to support the convening of and reporting on the scoping meeting for the Special Report in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, “Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports”.
11. The specific mandate of the SSC is as follows:

- a. To facilitate the process by which the IPCC Bureau² selects participants to be invited by the Secretariat to the Scoping Meeting.
- b. To prepare the draft agenda for the Scoping Meeting.
- c. To prepare the necessary documentation to inform the Scoping Meeting, taking into account different options to enable stakeholders to contribute to the scoping process, for instance through a call for submissions or other pre-scoping contacts.
- d. To prepare a document with the outcomes of the Scoping Meeting to be transmitted, through the Secretariat, to the 45th Session of the Panel for their consideration.

Mode of Operation

12. The SSC will meet by Webex or similar means, or physically as circumstances permit, as often as is necessary to fulfil its mandate.
13. The SSC may form sub-committees to advance aspects of its work. However, all decisions are taken by the SSC a whole.
14. The SSC will strive to reach consensus in making decisions. In the event that consensus does not emerge, the Chair of the SSC will make the decision in consultation with the co-chairs of WG III which is supporting the production of the Special Report.
15. The work of the SSC will cease when the Panel has agreed the scope and outline of the Special Report and has agreed the work plan including schedule and budget.

² The IPCC principles refer to "relevant respective Working Group Bureau/Task Force Bureau". As the Special Report is under the scientific leadership of Working Groups I, II, III and the TFI, the selection will be made by the whole Bureau.