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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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The Fortieth Session of the IPCC (IPCC-40) will take place from 27 to 31 October 2014 at the Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center, Arni Magnussons Grade 2, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during the plenary meetings of the Session. All documentation will be in English only.

Pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. The IPCC papersmart system will allow registered participants to access session documents in electronic format during the meeting on a dedicated web portal via individual credentials linked to their registration. Specific guidance on the use of the papersmart system is made available in advance of IPCC sessions. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

It is suggested that the working hours be from 10.00–13.00 and from 15.00–18.00 hours.

Additional information about IPCC-40 is available on the dedicated web page at www.ipcc.ch

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The IPCC Chair will call the session to order at 10:00 am on Monday, 27 October 2014. A number of special guests will address the Plenary.

The provisional agenda IPCC-XL/Doc.1 will be submitted to the Panel for approval. The agenda may be amended at any time during the session.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 39th SESSION

The draft report of the 39th Session of the IPCC will be presented to the Panel for approval.

3. IPCC PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

3.1 Statement of income and expenditures

The Secretariat will report on the state of income and expenditures of the Trust Fund and present the report of the external auditors.

3.2 Budget for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017

In line with Appendix B to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, a revised budget proposal for the year 2015 will be submitted to the Panel for consideration and adoption. The amendments to the budget intend to address increasing demands regarding communications. The Panel is also invited to note the revised forecast budget for the year 2016 and the revised budget proposal for the year 2017. As per practice, the IPCC Chair may call on the Financial Task Team (FiTT) to consider the documentation and proposals before submitting them for consideration and decision to the Panel.

3.3 Any other matters

The Secretariat will report about responses to the letter sent by request of the 39th session to IPCC focal points, inviting them to consider making provisions for funding which would also cover outreach activities following the launch of a report, including outreach activities

related to the UNFCCC process. It will also report about any changes and improvements related to travel of participants.

4. THE 5TH ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE. CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT SYNTHESIS REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ITS DRAFT SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS (SPM)

In accordance with paragraph 4.6.1 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, the Chair will submit to the Plenary for approval the draft Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the Synthesis Report of the 5th Report Assessment. The Chair will also submit to the Plenary for adoption the draft longer report of the Synthesis Report of the 5th Assessment Report.

The Session is expected to first approve the SPM provisionally, line by line. It would then review and adopt the longer report of the Synthesis Report section by section. Finally, the Panel will adopt the longer report of the Synthesis Report and approve the SPM.

5. ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

Consistent with the "IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations" the Panel is invited to consider the admission of new observer organizations. The applications presented to the Panel have been reviewed by IPCC Bureau at its 47th Session.

The Chair will inform the Panel of considerations by the Bureau regarding the participation and the number of observer organizations, as was suggested at the 39th session of the Panel.

6. FUTURE WORK OF THE IPCC

As indicated in the Terms of Reference of the Task Group on the Future Work of the IPCC decided at IPCC-37, the Task Group held its first meeting in conjunction with IPCC-39 on 6 April 2014 and submitted its first progress report to IPCC-39. At that meeting it was decided that the TG would also seek an input from those involved in the preparation of reports during the AR5 cycle as well as from IPCC observer organizations and scientists involved in the IPCC process, and other relevant stakeholders. A compilation of the submissions and a synthesis of points raised were prepared by the IPCC Secretariat.

Consistent with the decision by the Panel at its 39th Session, a meeting of the Task Group was held in Geneva on 16-17 September 2014. Delegates considered submissions and the document mentioned above in order to develop options for discussion at 40th Session of the Panel. The Task Group met for the third time in Copenhagen on 26 October 2014.

A second progress report by the Task Group, outlining different options regarding future work of the IPCC is provided for consideration by the Panel.

7. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Secretariat will report on communications and outreach activities undertaken since IPCC-39 and outreach plans for coming year. Co-chairs may supplement this report by informing the Panel about additional specific activities carried out by the Working Groups/Task Force.

8. REQUEST FOR A POSSIBLE TECHNICAL PAPER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

At its 39th Session, the Panel had before it a request from CGIAR for a technical report on climate change, food and agriculture. The Panel discussed three options: preparation of a Technical Paper; organizing an Expert Meeting; and preparation of a Special Report. The Chair requested the Secretariat to approach CGIAR for more details and clarification and to consult with other UN organizations, including UNEP, FAO, WMO, UNFCCC, the World Bank and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, to enable an informed decision by the Panel at its 40th Session. Meanwhile a specific request has been received from FAO requesting IPCC to prepare a technical report on climate change and agriculture, synthesizing the work of the Working Groups.

The Panel will be informed about consultations held by the IPCC Secretariat and the considerations of the Bureau at its 47th Session and will be invited to take a decision on the matter.

9. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The decision taken by the Panel at its 33rd Session states that the “Executive Committee is accountable to the Panel, and the Chair of the IPCC should report on the activities of the Executive Committee to the Panel and the Bureau”. The Chair will report on the activities of the Executive Committee since IPCC-39.

10. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IPCC CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) POLICY

Consistent with the decision taken by the Panel at its 35th Session on the Method of Working of the COI Committee, the Chair of the COI Committee will present a report to the Panel. Information about the activities of the COI Expert Advisory Committee may also be presented to the Panel.

11. PROGRESS REPORTS

11.1 Progress Report on the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)

The TFB Co-chairs will provide a progress report on TFI activities.

11.2 Progress Report on the TGICA

The TGICA Co-Chairs will provide a progress report on its activities.

11.3 Progress Report on the IPCC Scholarship Programme

The Secretariat will provide a progress report on the Scholarship Programme

11.4 Preparations for the Expert Meeting on potential studies of the IPCC process

The Panel at its 39th session discussed the matter of potential studies of the IPCC process and it requested the Executive Committee to initiate an expert meeting which should produce a report that recommends principles to guide the IPCC’s engagement with such research. A Steering Group has been set up to prepare that expert meeting. A report on the state of play will be presented to the Panel.

11.5 Other Progress Reports

The Secretariat will report on further work regarding options to reduce the carbon footprint and environmental impact of IPCC work.

12. MATTERS RELATED TO UNFCCC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES

The Secretariat will inform the Panel about IPCC presentations at UNFCCC Subsidiary Body meetings since IPCC-39 and about the preparations for IPCC events and presentations at UNFCCC COP-20. The representative of the UNFCCC will be invited to provide further information.

The Secretariat will further report about IPCC presentations at other major UN meetings including, WMO Executive Council (EC-66, 19 June 2014, Geneva), UN Environment Assembly, UNEP (23-27 June 2014, Nairobi), SBSTTA 18 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (23-28 June 2014, Montreal, Canada) and the UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit (23 September 2014, New York).

Representatives of other relevant international organizations will be invited to bring matters related to the work of the IPCC to the Panel's attention.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Delegates will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require the Panel's attention.

14. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The 41th Session of the IPCC is planned to be held in February 2015.

15. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Session is expected to close at 06:00 pm on Friday, 31 October 2014.