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## **INTRODUCTORY NOTES**

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK OF THE PANEL

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will hold two sessions from 1 to 5 October 2018 as follows:

- The 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC, which will be chaired by the Chair of the IPCC; and
- The First Joint Session of Working Groups I, II and III, which will be chaired by the Co-Chairs of Working Groups I, II and III.

The IPCC Chair will open the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC at 10:00 on Monday 1 October 2018. After the official opening, the Plenary will address a number of agenda items in the morning of 1st October 2018. The 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC will then be suspended and the IPCC Chair will hand over to the Co-Chairs of Working Groups I, II and III to chair the First Joint Session of Working Groups I, II and III. The Joint Session will convene from Monday afternoon to Friday lunch time.

Agenda items of the First Joint Session of Working Groups I,II and III will be the approval of the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C and acceptance of the underlying scientific-technical assessment.

After the conclusion of the Joint Session, the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC will reconvene on Friday 5 October 2018 in the afternoon to accept the actions taken at the First Joint Session of Working Groups I,II and III and to address other agenda items.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IPCC**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

**REFERENCES:**

None

**CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document [IPCC-XLVIII/Doc. 2](#) contains the draft report of the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC and includes in its Annex 1 decisions taken by the Panel at that session.

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to adopt the report.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: AD HOC TASK GROUP ON FINANCIAL STABILITY**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

**REFERENCES:**

Paragraphs 15 and 16 of Decision IPCC-XLVI-1 and Paragraph 4 of Decision IPCC-XLVII-10

**CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document [IPCC-XLVIII/Doc.3](#) contains a report from the Ad hoc Task Group on Financial Stability which includes a timeline of activities undertaken since the creation of the group and a summary of views solicited from the members of the Ad Hoc Task Group on barriers and opportunities for financing the activities of the IPCC.

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to consider the report and decide on any follow-up action required.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:                    PROGRESS REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.1:                International Conference on Climate Change and Cities**

### **INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

#### **REFERENCES:**

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLIV-6.

#### **CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document [IPCC-XLVIII/INF. 1, Rev.1](#) presents a progress report on the International Conference on Climate Change and Cities.

#### **DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:                    PROGRESS REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.2:                Expert Meeting on Assessing Climate Information for Regions**

### **INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

#### **REFERENCES:**

Paragraph 1 of Decision IPCC/XLVI-9.

#### **CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document [IPCC-XLVIII/INF. 5](#) presents a progress report on the Expert Meeting on Assessing Climate Information for Regions.

#### **DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:                    PROGRESS REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.3:                Expert Meeting on Short-Lived Climate Forcers**

### **INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

#### **REFERENCES:**

Decision IPCC/XLVI-6

#### **CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document [IPCC-XLVIII/INF. 4](#) presents a progress report on the Expert Meeting on Short-Lived Climate Forcers.

#### **DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:                    PROGRESS REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.4:                Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI)**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

**REFERENCES:**

None

**CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document [IPCC-XLVIII/INF. 3](#) presents a progress report of activities undertaken by the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.



**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE FIRST JOINT SESSION OF WORKING GROUPS I, II AND III**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

**REFERENCES**

Decision IPCC/XLIII-6

**CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, an IPCC 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.

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to accept the actions related to the approval of the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) line by line and the acceptance of the underlying scientific-technical assessment taken at the First Joint Session of Working Groups I, II and III in accordance with Section 4.4 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ORGANIZATION OF THE FUTURE WORK OF THE IPCC IN LIGHT OF THE GLOBAL STOCKTAKE**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

**REFERENCES**

Decision IPCC/XLVI-5 and IPCC-XLVII-8

**CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document [IPCC-XLVIII/INF.2](#), [Corr.2](#) presents progress made by the Task Group on the Organization of the Future Work of the IPCC in Light of the Global Stocktake since the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC and an Action Plan which identifies salient activities to be undertaken during the period of work, their sequences and estimated duration.

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel is requested to take note of the action plan and of the suggested Task Group short name, and provide guidance as appropriate.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:                   REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) COMMITTEE**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

**REFERENCES:**

IPCC Conflict of Interest Policy

**CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The Chair of the IPCC Conflict of Interest Committee will give an oral report.

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: IPCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

**REFERENCES:**

None

**CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT:**

The document IPCC-XLVIII/Doc. 4 presents the proposed candidates to serve on the Scholarship Programme Board of Trustees. The interim statement of the IPCC Scholarship Programme Trust Fund is also presented.

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS EXPECTED:**

The Panel will be invited to consider support for developing country scientists to function as Chapter Scientists for the AR6 cycle, and approve the composition of the new Board of Trustees and to provide any other necessary guidance.