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1. Introduction

The objective of this document is to provide information regarding the replacement of a member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (hereafter referred to as the 'Task Force Bureau' or 'TFB') for the Sixth Assessment cycle.

Throughout this document a reference will be made to the Procedures for the election of IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau contained in Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work (hereafter referred to as the 'Election Procedures')¹.

2. Background

At its Forty-Second Session (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 5 - 10 October 2015), the Panel elected the TFB members for the Sixth Assessment cycle². The composition of the TFB consists of two Co-Chairs, also members of the IPCC Bureau, and twelve members, two of each are drawn from the following six Regions: Africa – Region I; Asia – Region II; South America – Region III; North America, Central America and the Caribbean – Region IV; South-West Pacific – Region V; Europe – Region VI³.

During the Forty-Ninth Session of the IPCC (Kyoto, Japan 8 - 12 May 2019)⁴, the Panel was informed that a member of the TFB from Benin would step down in June 2019 and that the replacement of this member would be undertaken in accordance with Rule 12 of the Election Procedures, which stipulates that "If a member of the IPCC Bureau or any Task Force Bureau, other than the IPCC Chair, resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, the Region from which the member originated shall be asked to nominate a replacement with relevant expertise." In this particular case, Region I – Africa would be expected to nominate a candidate for the replacement.

Consequently, in May 2019, the IPCC Secretary invited Member countries from Africa – Region I to nominate candidates⁵ informing that the respective elections for the vacant TFB position are planned for the Fifty-Second Session of the IPCC (Paris, France, 24 - 28 February 2020).

3. Nominations

In accordance with the Election Procedures, the nominations of candidates for the vacant position by members of Region I - Africa should reach the IPCC Secretariat at least one month before the scheduled election. The nominations should include the curriculum vitae of the person nominated, as well as a Disclosure Form in accordance with the IPCC Policy on Conflict of Interest.⁶

Nominations of candidates can be also made from the floor to the Panel at the Session of the IPCC where the elections are to be held. Individuals so nominated must provide curriculum vitae for distribution to the Panel at the time of nomination, as well as submit a Disclosure Form⁷ to the IPCC Secretariat.⁸

¹ [Procedures for the election of IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau, contained in Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work.](#)

² [Decision IPCC-XLII/4, Forty-Second Session of the IPCC.](#)

³ [Annex A and B, Election Procedures.](#)

⁴ [Report of the Forty-Ninth Session of the IPCC, page 10.](#)

⁵ [Rule 21 \(b\), Election Procedures.](#)

⁶ [Rule 21 \(c\), Election Procedures](#) and [IPCC Conflict of Interest Policy.](#)

⁷ [Rule 21 \(d\), Election Procedures.](#)

⁸ [Rule 21 \(d\), Election Procedures.](#)

The Panel will be invited to establish Nominations and Credentials Committees on the opening day of the Session where the election is being held.⁹ Taking into account that the Nominations Committee shall prepare and submit to the members of the Panel a list of nominees at least 24 hours before the actual election¹⁰ and the necessary involvement of the Conflict of Interest Committee prior to the Nominations Committee to review the Disclosure Form of each nominee¹¹, the process could be facilitated by submitting the respective nominations as soon as possible.

The curricula vitae of nominated candidates are posted on the IPCC website¹² here:
<https://www.ipcc.ch/p52-tfb-cv-nominees/>

4. Proposed Next Steps

In accordance with the Election Procedures, Members of Region I – Africa are encouraged to meet before and/or as early as possible during the Fifty-Second Session of the IPCC where the election are planned to take place, to consider the nominations for the vacant TFB position.¹³

If through such meetings or consultations the Region could reach agreement on one single candidate, the replacement could be brought to conclusion to the Panel through a simple election by acclamation.

If no consensus on one candidate for the Region has been reached, an election by voting will be organized.

⁹ [Rule 5 and Rule 22, Election Procedures.](#)

¹⁰ [Rule 22, Election Procedures.](#)

¹¹ [Implementation Procedures of Annex A, page 3 IPCC Conflict of Interest Policy.](#)

¹² [Rule 21 \(c\), Election Procedures.](#)

¹³ [Rule 23 \(c\), Election Procedures.](#)