# REPORT OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE IPCC BUREAU

# Geneva, 15-16 November 2023

#### 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

Mr Jim Skea, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) called the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC Bureau (BUR-66) to order. He welcomed participants emphasising the importance of this first Bureau meeting setting the direction for IPCC's seventh assessment cycle. The Chair reiterated three priorities announced during his campaign: interdisciplinarity and Working Groups (WGs) cooperation; policy relevance and interaction with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and inclusivity and diversity. He noted the improved gender balance in the new Bureau, with 40% women, as well as the regional diversity and representation. Additionally, the Chair also briefed the Bureau on the specific roles assigned to the IPCC Vice-Chairs including engagement with the youth and collaboration with the UNFCCC and other UN organizations. Emphasising the significance of the programme of work for the seventh cycle he highlighted it as the most important item of the Session of the Bureau.

The Chair invited Mr Abdalah Mokssit, Secretary of the IPCC, to moderate the opening ceremony.

The Secretary invited Mr Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Ms Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to address the Session.

The Secretary-General of the WMO welcomed the participants and congratulated the new IPCC Bureau members. He noted the WMO's forthcoming "State of Greenhouse Gases (GHG)" bulletin, highlighting new record-breaking levels of emissions. The Secretary-General also announced the release of the WMO's "State of the Climate" report before the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the UNFCCC. He commended the latest IPCC report and highlighted the WMO's role in providing supplementary information to the IPCC reports. The Secretary-General confirmed the WMO's continuous support to the IPCC. As regards the seventh assessment cycle, he noted the need for a United Nations (UN) perspective on solar radiation modification and flagged the interest in the assessment of tipping points. The Secretary-General promoted the "Early Warnings for All" initiative to mitigate losses and damages. Lastly, he announced succession in the leadership of WMO with Ms Celeste Saulo, assuming the role of Secretary-General at the beginning of 2024.

The Executive Director of UNEP congratulated the newly elected IPCC Chair and Bureau members and thanked the outgoing WMO Secretary-General. She emphasised the pivotal role of the IPCC reports in shaping climate science and facilitating the global stocktake (GST), which will continue to inform political decisions, including at COP28. The seventh cycle coincides with the critical time for climate action, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Biodiversity Framework. Stressing inclusion, diversity, gender, and geographical balance in IPCC's work, she underscored the critical aspects of interdisciplinarity, scientific integration and expansion of collaboration with other UN assessments. The Executive Director expressed the unwavering UNEP's support to the IPCC in the seventh cycle.

The Secretary thanked the two IPCC parent organizations, WMO and UNEP, for their support and expressed appreciation to UNEP's Executive Director, as well as the outgoing WMO Secretary-General.

The Chair thanked WMO and UNEP for their supportive remarks and declared BUR-66 open. He invited the Bureau to adopt the Provisional Agenda.

Switzerland took the floor seeking an amendment to agenda item 6.9, "Matters related to UNFCCC", to include "and other international organizations."

With this amendment, the Bureau adopted the BUR-66 Agenda (BUR-LXVI/Doc 1, Rev. 1, contained in Annex 1 to this report).

# 2. REPORT OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE BUREAU

The Chair noted that the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau (BUR-65), which took place on 19-20 June 2023, was the last Session of the Bureau of the sixth assessment cycle. As the Session took place before the elections of the current Bureau, the former Bureau didn't have the opportunity to approve the report of its last meeting. The document was submitted for information to the current Bureau and will be posted on the website after BUR-66.

The Bureau took note of the BUR-65 Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 11).

#### 3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

Ms Jennifer Lew Schneider, Legal Officer of the IPCC Secretariat, presented the document on Admission of Observer organizations (*BUR-LXVI/Doc.2, Rev.1*), and noted that since the BUR-65, the following eleven observer organizations requested observer status:

- 1. Action pour le Respect et la protection de l'Environnement (ARPE)
- 2. Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)
- 3. Colby College Law (Colby)
- 4. Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights (FEEDAR)
- 5. Washington University of St. Louis (WUSL)
- 6. University of Geneva (UNIGE)
- 7. International Copper Association (ICA)
- 8. Resilience First (RF)
- 9. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI)
- 10. MERI Foundation (MERI)
- 11. Meliore Foundation (Meliore)

In accordance with Rules II.5 and II.6 of the <a href="IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations">IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations</a>, the requests were submitted for review by the IPCC Bureau. Subsequently, the list of observer organizations, as reviewed by the IPCC Bureau, will be presented to the Panel for acceptance and decision.

As per Rule II.11 of the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations, the list of admitted observer organizations is subject to annual review by the Bureau and Panel. The Legal Officer stated that the last review took place in 2018, and with the beginning of the new seventh assessment cycle, it was timely to carry out such a review.

Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair; Ms Katherine Calvin, Working Group (WG) III Co-Chair; Ms Malak AlNory, WGIII Vice-Chair; and Mr Eduardo Calvo Buendía, WGIII Vice-Chair, as well as China, Germany, Norway, and the United States of America (USA) took the floor.

Bureau Members and government representatives raised the point that the Principles and Procedures should be followed to conduct due diligence and ensure that organizations continue to be willing to be engaged in the IPCC process and that they continue to satisfy the requirements such as non-profit, etc., to remain as observers. It was pointed out that adding further criteria to the review procedure was unnecessary. Views expressed included that the applications of the Holy See and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) cannot be resolved in BUR-66 with some suggesting for the Secretariat to release their pending status.

The Legal Officer referred to the Rule regarding review, noting that there is no detail as to what the review constitutes. Thus, the Secretariat seeks guidance from the Bureau as to the scope of the review.

The Bureau decided to request that the Secretariat undertake a review of the observer organizations of the IPCC, per Rule II.11 of and in alignment with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations.

Noting no objections from the Bureau on the new applications, the Chair concluded that the requests from the eleven organizations that applied for IPCC Observer Status will be forwarded to the Panel for acceptance and decision at the next available Session.

# 4. PLANNING FOR THE SEVENTH ASSESSMENT CYCLE

# 4.1. Lessons learned from the sixth assessment cycle

Ms Ermira Fida, Deputy Secretary of the IPCC, presented the report on Lessons Learned from the Sixth Assessment Cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 7). She noted the outline of the report structured around the views from Member Governments, Bureau Members and the TSUs on three areas covering the organizational elements, scientific work and communications and a summary outlining priority actions to be taken by the Panel, the Bureau and the Secretariat. Given the focus of the IPCC-60 on planning for the seventh assessment cycle, she presented areas of convergence among the Panel, Bureau, and TSU members on such planning with regard to organizational, scientific and communications aspects. On organizational aspects, she noted smooth transitions, support for TSUs, clear protocols, collaboration, technological advancements, and reduced carbon footprint. Scientific aspects included refining report quality, diverse formats, regional balance, equity, and access to literature and data. Communication aspects included enhancing outreach, engaging diverse stakeholders, and ensuring effective visual communication with early specialist involvement.

Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Ramón Pichs-Madruga, IPCC Vice-Chair; Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Robert Vautard, WGI Co-Chair; Mr Xiaoye Zhang, WGI Co-Chair; Mr Edvin Aldrian, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Sonia Seneviratne, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Adelle Thomas, WGII Vice-Chair, as well as Germany, India and the USA took the floor.

Bureau members and Government representatives who took the floor congratulated the Chair and Bureau Members on their appointment and expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for preparing the document. It was noted that while the IPCC assessment cycles have become longer, the urgency of policy needs has increased, emphasizing timely reports, including as input to the GST process. Maintaining and enhancing the rigour and robustness of IPCC findings, along with improving diversity and equity, particularly in regional and gender aspects, were highlighted. Other recommendations included prioritizing the carbon footprint benefits of virtual meetings, knowledge transfer between assessment cycles and the inclusion of IPCC authors' views in the lessons learned exercise. The absence of mention of the Himalayan polar region in the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere was noted, with a proposal for its consideration in future IPCC products, along with the Mekong River. Given the ambitious agenda of the upcoming Panel session, an informal group to discuss lessons learned was suggested, with issues categorized into short- and long-term priorities. potentially addressed by a Task Group composed of Bureau members and Government representatives.

The Chair suggested that the Lessons Learned document (BUR-LXVI/INF.7) could be broken down by key issues to further facilitate the discussions. He indicated that he would consult with the Secretariat on the process.

The Bureau took note of the report on Lessons Learned from the Sixth Assessment Cycle.

# 4.2. Options for the Programme of Work in the Seventh Cycle

Ms Katherine Calvin, WGIII Co-Chair, presented a white paper on the Planning for the Seventh Cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 9), on behalf of the WGs Co-Chairs. The paper outlined four options for products and a timeline for the seventh assessment cycle. This included an option, namely "distributed releases," suggesting completing one Special Report and one WG Assessment Report in time for the GST, with the remaining Special Reports, WGs Assessment Reports, and the Synthesis Report (SYR) completed later. Another option, namely the "classical" suggested completing Special Reports in time for the second GST and the WGs Assessment Reports, and the SYR completed after. A third option suggested a "shorter" cycle than usual with a Special Report, a more focused and concise set of assessment reports and a SYR prepared in time for the second GST. The fourth option, namely "Special Reports gallery," suggested a collection of Special Reports, with at least one being ready before the GST and after the Special Report on Cities and Climate Change along with an SYR. Ms Calvin also outlined the pros and cons of each option and presented considerations for scoping, suggestions for facilitating an increased integration, as well as criteria for selecting Special Reports

The Deputy Secretary presented a Synthesis of IPCC Member Countries' Views on the Products for the seventh cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 12). The views were solicited through a set of four questions, built around the following topics: the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) structure, consideration for an additional Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) product and for other additional products in the cycle, as well as general suggestions relevant to this cycle's products. Submissions were received from 65 Member countries with 42% of those who responded being developed countries and 58% developing countries and countries with economies in transition (EITs)). She noted the tight deadline and the limited time available to process the feedback from member governments. As to the AR7 structure, nearly all countries supported maintaining the current format with three WGs' contributions and a SYR. Regarding additional products from the TFI, Member Countries were narrowly split. As to additional products in the cycle, nearly all supported having other Special Reports, Technical Papers, or Methodology Reports. Expert meetings and workshops were proposed as well. General suggestions included having some topics addressed through expert meetings, limiting the Special Reports number, focusing on inclusivity and regional balance, avoiding delays, and enhancing transparency. Other suggestions included producing solution-oriented assessments, consideration of Indigenous perspectives and the youth, increasing the WGs and TFI collaboration, and improving communications of the IPCC products.

Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Ramón Pichs-Madruga, IPCC Vice-Chair; Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Robert Vautard, WGI Co-Chair; Mr Xiaoye Zhang, WGI Co-Chair; Mr Winston Chow, WGII Co-Chair; Mr Bart van den Hurk, WGII Co-Chair; Ms Joy Jacqueline Pereira, WGIII Co-Chair; Mr Edvin Aldrian, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Nana Ama Browne Klutse, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Ines Camilloni, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Aïda Diongue-Niang, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Sonia Seneviratne, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Fatima Denton, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Laura Gallardo, WGII Vice-Chair, Mr Mark Howden, WGII Vice-Chair; Mr Carlos Mendéz, WGII Vice-Chair; Mr Raman Sukumar, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Zinta Zommers, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Malak AlNory, WGIII Vice-Chair; Mr Eduardo Calvo Buendía, WGIII Vice-Chair; Mr Jan Sigurd Fuglestvedt, WGIII Vice-Chair; Ms Siir Kilkis, WGIII Vice-Chair; Mr Noureddine Yassaa, WGIII Vice-Chair, as well as Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Japan, Kenya, Norway, Switzerland, Turkiye, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), and the USA took the floor.

Appreciation was expressed to the WGs' Co-Chairs for the white paper and to the Secretariat for soliciting and compilation of the synthesis of views. It was noted that the short time provided didn't permit an iterative process in the development of these two related documents. There were proposals to have another round collecting IPCC Member Countries' views for those that didn't provide feedback due to the tight deadline. A question was raised on whether this discussion was a continuation of the work on the Future of the IPCC. There were some indications that the "Special Reports gallery" option was not favourable. Concerns were also expressed about the viability of the "Shorter cycle" option. There was a request for clarification as to whether BUR-66 was requested to take a decision.

Additional queries centred on whether all four options were to be presented to the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-60), whether the options would be narrowed down to just two options, or whether priorities would be set for the four proposed options. There was a proposal to select a maximum of three options with clear arguments for each. There was a suggestion to add another option with two SRs. Another suggestion proposed focusing solely on one option that could represent the maximum workload of the cycle and reflect the lessons learned from the sixth assessment cycle. A proposal was made to merge the white paper and the synthesis into one document for IPCC-60.

Regarding the length of the cycle, suggestions were made to maintain the current practice but limit the number of SRs produced, emphasizing that the focus should be on quality, not quantity. Proposals for a shorter cycle were also made, allowing for a product for the GST. It was cautioned against restricting the IPCC to the UNFCCC GST process.

Regarding the type and number of products, there was a suggestion first to decide on the Special Reports topics before deciding on the number of reports. It was suggested that perhaps Technical Papers would be an easier way to feed into the GST, recalling that the last Technical Paper produced by the IPCC was in 2008. Reference was made to the <a href="Decision Framework for Special Reports">Decision Framework for Special Reports</a>, Methodology Reports and Technical Papers, which outlined the set of criteria to be used in establishing priorities for these products. It was pointed out that the rules and procedures regarding Technical Papers were not fit for purpose and required changes and that these changes would take a long time. It was indicated that there was a need for the AR6 Interactive Atlas to be improved with more WGII information. The importance of focusing the new IPCC products on the Sustainable Development Goals was highlighted. There was a suggestion for a Methodology Report on abatement and removal technologies. Other product-related topics included food, water, health, overshoot, biodiversity, and knowledge gaps. The importance of assessing the opportunities for and threats against Indigenous Peoples was highlighted given the focus on this by the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. There were also calls for the setting up a Task Force on Adaptation and Loss and Damage.

Regarding other suggestions, the need to space out approval sessions to maximize their impact was highlighted. There was support for a joint WGs' reports scoping meeting to improve interaction and reduce the carbon footprint. It was stated that a good management process was needed for the SYR, with a scoping meeting scheduled earlier in the cycle. There was a call to focus on synthesising the WGs' contributions. A point was made to ensure that the proposals from the document on Lessons Learned were followed with a concern raised regarding authorship.

The Chair recalled the five-year cycle of the GST with the second one scheduled to end in 2028. In addition, on the issue of Technical Papers, he indicated that based on a discussion with the Chair of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) these would not carry the same weight as Special Reports. He pointed out that having a Task Force on Adaptation would require a change in the procedures. The Chair indicated that time was too short for having a second round of the questionnaire to the Member Countries as documents for IPCC Sessions should be posted one month in advance. He invited the Bureau to consider establishing an Informal Group on the Programme of Work for the seventh assessment cycle to continue the work on this.

The Bureau took note of the white paper and the synthesis of views as contained in the documents (BUR-LXVI/INF.9 and BUR-LXVI/INF.12 respectively).

The Bureau agreed to establish an Informal Group on the Programme of Work for the seventh assessment cycle, as per the Terms and Mandate contained in Annex 2 to this Report.

#### 5. INFORMAL GROUP ON PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS

The Chair introduced the document on the Informal Group on Publications and Translations (IG-Pubs) (BUR-LXVI/Doc. 3) in his capacity as the former IG-Pubs Co-Chair during the Sixth Assessment Cycle.

He recalled the purpose and mandate of the IG-Pubs to develop advice on the processes for managing publications of IPCC reports, including the preparation and conduct of procurement processes and the management of citation data (<u>Fifty-seventh Session of the Bureau (BUR-57), 24 October 2019</u>). He further noted the extension of the mandate of the IG-Pubs by the IPCC Bureau to cover the translation of IPCC products (<u>Sixtieth Session of the Bureau (BUR-60)</u> (16 March 2021).

The Chair clarified that the Bureau for the sixth assessment cycle considered the work of the IGPubs and accepted the recommendations without taking a formal decision to adopt them. He invited the Bureau to formally endorse the recommendations as presented in the document BUR-LXVI/Doc. 3.

Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, IPCC Vice-Chair, as well as Germany and the USA took the floor.

The efforts and progress made to ensure that the IPCC reports receive sufficient academic and scientific recognition, including using digital object identifiers (DOIs) were commended. It was suggested that the DOIs could be applied retrospectively to past IPCC reports. It was noted that after the adoption of the recommendations, subsequent steps towards their implementation should be overseen by the Secretariat contingent on the availability of the necessary resources, consistent with the <a href="Principles Governing IPCC Work">Principles Governing IPCC Work</a>. Questions were raised about the budgetary and other resource implications of the set of recommendations, as well as whether making decisions to adopt the recommendations was within the mandate of the Bureau or the Panel.

The Secretary indicated that there would be a need to engage Science Editors to check the quality of the translated versions of the reports. After the production of the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) SYR, certain native speakers from the IPCC community voluntarily reviewed its translations, an exercise that proved very successful and would be continued in future through the engagement of Science Editors. The financial implications of the recommendations will be presented to the Financial Task Team (FiTT) if the Bureau adopts the outcomes. He reported that the DOIs would be applied retrospectively to previous reports.

The Chair noted that the IG-Pubs has completed its mandate. Pursuing the issues, including the implementation of the recommendations could only be achieved if the Bureau adopts these, which could later be followed by the establishment of a Publications Committee. In conclusion, the Chair noted that there were no objections from Bureau members. He noted that some government representatives remarked that the adoption was acceptable for this specific case although general issues were raised about the interactions between the Bureau and the Panel decision-making, particularly for decisions with budgetary implications.

The Bureau agreed on the implementation of recommendations made by the Informal Group on Publications and Translations, as contained in Document BUR-LXVI/Doc. 3 and its annexes, Document BUR-LX/INF. 7 (Annex 1) and Document BUR-LXIV/INF. 5, Rev.1, (Annex 2), contingent on availability of resources as to be agreed by the Financial Task Team (FiTT).

# 6. PROGRESS REPORTS

# 6.1 Update from Working Group I

Mr Robert Vautard, WGI Co-Chair presented the WGI Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF.3). He reported on the establishment of the WGI TSU, hosted by the Université Paris-Saclay in France and located in the École normale supérieure. TSU would be funded by three French Ministries (the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Research, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs). China will also provide staff and in-kind support as needed. The TSU Head has already commenced work, a Project Assistant was selected, and three key TSU positions were being filled. Other positions will open in January 2024 after determining the seventh cycle work programme. Discussions with WGII are ongoing on a potential joint position on the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Mr Vautard mentioned WGI's contribution to the preparation of the Call for Nominations for the Scoping Meeting for the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities under the lead of the WGII Co-Chairs. WGI has also contributed to the organization of several events at the IPCC Pavilion during COP28 and to the IPCC side event scheduled for 4 December 2023. Monthly meetings with the three WGs have been set up since the beginning of the cycle to take stock and follow up on the various ongoing activities, with plans for additional meetings to collaborate on specific tasks.

Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Edvin Aldrian, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Laura Gallardo, WG II Vice-Chair took the floor.

They highlighted the importance of positioning on the topic of AI, raising the issue of ethics and suggesting holding an inter-working Group meeting on the subject. Other points included sharing perspectives on lessons learned from the cross-working group meetings. The issue of translation into different languages was highlighted as a pressing matter.

Mr Robert Vautard and Mr Xaiyoe Zhang, WGI Co-Chairs, addressed the comments on AI and noted that one of the important lessons learned was that more coordination was needed, including a joint WGs scoping meeting. Cross-Co-Chairs meetings were also very important, and they were currently holding a routine weekly Co-Chair meeting and a monthly WGI Bureau meeting.

The Bureau took note of the WGI Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF.3).

# 6.2 Update from Working Group II

Mr Winston Chow, WGII Co-Chair, presented the WGII Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 8). The call for nominations of participants to the Scoping Meeting for the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities was launched on 20 October with a deadline of 17 November 2023. A Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) to support the scoping process was established and chaired by Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, IPCC Vice-Chair, while the three WGs Co-Chairs and two Vice-Chairs from each WG were serving as SSC members. During its first virtual meeting (9 November 2023), the SSC agreed on the scientific, technical, and socio-economic areas of expertise for the meeting participants noting the need for regional and gender balance considerations. The Scoping Meeting venue, as well as the exact dates in April 2024, were still to be determined.

Mr Chow further informed the Bureau on WGII's contribution to the preparation of the IPCC events at COP28, including to the IPCC pavilion events, side events and COP-mandated events such as the GST, global goal on adaptation, loss and damage, and the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP).

Mr Bart van den Hurk, WGII Co-Chair, updated on the process of establishing the TSU for WGII. At the time of reporting, Ms Melinda Tignor had been appointed as the TSU Head. The recruitment of the Deputy Head of Science was under finalisation. A Storyline and Graphics Designer and a Science Network Officer who would promote diversity in authorship and stakeholder engagement were in the process of recruitment. Cross-WG collaboration was ongoing, as demonstrated by the preparations of the white paper and the fact that some staff, such as IT support, would work across WGI and WGII.

Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Ramón Pichs-Madruga, IPCC Vice-Chair; Ms Aïda Diongue-Niang, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Siir Kilkis, WGIII Vice-Chair; Mr Noureddine Yassaa, WGIII Vice-Chair as well as Canada took the floor.

The progress report presented by the WGII Co-Chairs was appreciated. It was suggested that the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, being the first product of the cycle, should be widely publicized and used to demonstrate that the IPCC is committed to enhancing diversity and the participation of developing countries in its work. Questions were raised regarding how gaps in expertise in the nominations would be filled. Other queries were about the process of communicating the selection outcome back to IPCC Member Countries and Observer Organizations that submitted

nominations. Concern was expressed about the SSC composition as the TFI was not included, and while the SSC had more female members, there was only one representative from Africa.

Mr Winston Chow and Mr Bart van den Hurk, WGII Co-Chairs, reiterated WG II's commitment to enhancing diversity and developing countries' involvement. This work would be coordinated by the TSU Science Network Officer. There would be a concerted effort to convey action-oriented messages this cycle and to update the AR6 Interactive Atlas jointly with WGI. Furthermore, efforts would be made to ensure transparency in the selection of the experts to participate in the Scoping Meeting. At the time of reporting, there were about 485 submitted nominations, consisting of about 54.9% and 44.8% nominees from developed and developing countries, respectively. The composition of the SSC while having more females, ensured that the most relevant urban-related expertise was represented. They noted that the participation of all Bureau members in the Scoping Meeting would be discussed in consultation with the Secretariat. The Co-Chairs invited the Bureau to identify gaps in expertise and solicit nominations to fill the gaps. They also invited the Bureau to provide guidance throughout the preparation of the Special Report, noting that the views of the TFI would be incorporated.

The Chair indicated that the final list of selected experts would be endorsed by the Bureau.

The Bureau took note of the WGII Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 8).

# 6.3 Update from Working Group III

Ms Katherine Calvin, WGIII Co-Chair, presented the WGIII Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF.6). She reported on the plans to have one single TSU operated by the WGIII Co-Chairs and distributed in different locations with two nodes in the USA and one in Malaysia. The USA Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) in Washington DC would host the Head of TSU, the Head of Science and several of the scientific and operational staff. Another part of the TSU consisting of technical services professionals (editorial, web, production) would be hosted in the same location as the USA National Climate Assessment (NCA) in Asheville, NC to utilise their technical expertise and services. The Malaysia node will be funded by three or four donor countries, with staff to be based at the Academy of Sciences of Malaysia. Contractual arrangements for all entities were in process. She noted that two positions were open for the Head of Science and Technical Specialist, and more positions would be open in the coming months. WGIII was actively engaged in the planning and preparation for the joint Special Report on Climate Change and Cities. She added that WGIII would be participating in the COP28 IPCC pavilion events and the side event. She concluded by noting WGIII's active engagement and collaboration in the cross-working group meetings as well as ExCom and other bodies.

Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, IPCC Vice-Chair; Jan Sigurd Fuglestvedt, WGIII Vice-Chair, as well as Germany, took the floor with comments addressed to all the WG Co-Chairs.

Queries were raised on whether there were any provisions for how the chapter scientists would be funded especially in developing countries. Sources for funding should be governmental, as the perception of funding from external sources could pose reputational risks. It was noted that the TSUs in developing countries were supported by developed countries also in the past and that all countries could contribute to the funding. The need to develop a common glossary could be addressed, possibly with the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities was suggested.

Ms Katherine Calvin and Ms Joy Jacqueline Pereira, Co-Chairs of WGIII, as well as Mr Bart van den Hurk, Co-Chair of WGII, responded to the comments. They clarified that the WG Co-Chairs and the Chair have been discussing matters related to chapter scientists with the view of preparing a concrete plan in the future. They welcomed the idea of initiating the work on developing a common glossary. Funding from all countries for the TSUs in developing countries was appreciated.

The Chair expressed his gratitude to all countries that have provided support for TSUs in developing countries. He also echoed the call for similar efforts to continue. The Chair further noted that there

was also a discussion with the IPCC Vice-Chairs on the issue of the chapter scientists and recommended that it would be best that this matter was brought to the Panel.

The Bureau took note of the WGIII Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF.6).

# 6.4 Update from the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

Mr Takeshi Enoki, TFI Co-Chair, presented the TFI Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 4). He reported on the continued upgrade of the functionalities of the IPCC Inventory Software. Users using complex methods of estimating emissions and removals can now use Tier 2 and Tier 3 tools. Similarly, interoperability between the Software and the UNFCCC reporting tool for Common Reporting Tables (CRTs) has also been enhanced. The TFI TSU developed a Users' Guidebook to help better understand and use the Software's functionalities. Furthermore, a new version of the Emissions Factor Database (EFDB) was published in September 2023, which includes an enhanced categorization of sources according to the 2019 Refinement of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

Mr Enoki further reported on the first meeting of the Bureau of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFB) held on October 2023 and discussed plans and activities for 2024 and associated resource requirements. Following the kind offer from the Government of Australia, the Scoping Meeting for the Methodology Report on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCFs) will take place in Australia, at the end of February 2024. The Bureau agreed on the extension of the term of members of the EFBD Editorial Board until the end of 2024 to focus on revising the data population procedure to improve its efficiency. The TFB discussed options to address the invitation by the UNFCCC 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to hold a Workshop on the IPCC Inventory Software and its interoperability with the UNFCCC reporting tools. The possibility of holding an expert meeting together with WG I and WG III on bridging gaps between modelled GHG emissions and removals in WGI and WGIII reports, and methodological approaches applied by UNFCCC Parties in their national GHG inventories was also explored.

Mr Enoki reported that the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) in Japan continues to host the TFI TSU. The recruiting process for TSU staff is ongoing and will conclude early in 2024. The TSU was structured to comprise a Head of Operations, a Head of Science, a Deputy Head, three Programme Officers, one IT expert, and one administrative assistant.

Ms Bart van den Hurk, WGII Co-Chair, as well as Germany, India and Switzerland took the floor.

The TFI work was appreciated. Considering that the first biennial transparency reports (BTR1) should be submitted by the end of 2024, some developing countries needed access to and familiarise themselves with the latest version of the IPCC Inventory Software and its interoperability with the UNFCCC reporting tool. Questions were raised about the outcome of the selection of experts who would participate in the Scoping Meeting for the Methodology Report on SLCF. There was also a query as to what action would be taken by the TFI to produce additional products. A remark was made that the invitation by the UNFCCC COP26 to hold a Workshop on the IPCC Inventory Software and its interoperability with UNFCCC reporting tools was previously discussed by the Panel and budgetary constraints were raised. A suggestion was made that the expert meeting on bridging the gaps between observed and modelled emissions could also consider relevant remote sensing observations.

Mr Enoki clarified that participants in the Scoping Meeting had already been selected by the TFB, and the plan was to complete the Methodology Report on SLCF around 2026 or 2027. He explained that having overlaps in producing methodology reports would be challenging. The Workshop on the IPCC Inventory Software and its interoperability with the UNFCCC reporting tool could tentatively be held around mid-2024 with the budgetary implications concerns to be taken into account. He said that satellite observations could be considered during the expert meeting.

The Bureau took note of the TFI Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 4).

# 6.5 Task Group on Data Support for Climate Change Assessments

Mr Sebastian Vicuña, TG-Data Co-Chair, presented the TG-Data Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 2). He recalled the mandate and membership of <u>TG-Data</u> noting that with the changes in the TSU staff, the Ex-officio members would still need to be designated.

Mr Vicuña reported on the fundraising activities due to reduced <u>Data Distribution Centre (DDC)</u> funding and the received funds from some governments and donors that would enable the completion of curating some of the AR6 datasets and maintaining the DDC catalogue and the Helpdesk for a few months. He called for additional resources as the available funding would not be sufficient for the DDC to fulfil its mandate for the duration of the seventh cycle.

Mr Vicuña also reported on the implementation of the Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) Data Principles. This, *inter alia*, entailed licensing of data to allow for their reuse and generating derivative products and creating an online catalogue that enables users to search and find input as well as intermediate and final data used during the assessment process. It also entailed archiving data in community formats that allow for interoperation, the production of rich metadata, and the inclusion of DOIs that allow the data to be citable.

Mr Vicuña reported that a reasonable percentage of the data underlying the IPCC AR6, particularly AR6 WGI were already curated by the DDC, and the number of data downloads increased notably after the approval of the IPCC reports. TG-Data recommends that all authors support the data curation efforts from the early stages of the assessment process.

He also reported on the outreach activities that TG-Data organized including three virtual events for Europe, Central and South America and Africa during which the AR6 WGI Interactive Atlas.

Mr Edvin Aldrian, WGI Vice-Chair; Mr Carlos Méndez, WGII Vice-Chair, Ms Zinta Zommers, WGII Vice-Chair; Mr Eduardo Calvo Buendía, WGIII Vice-Chair; Ms Siir Kilkis, WGIII Vice-Chair, as well as Canada, Germany and the UK took the floor.

Points made included appreciation of the progress report by the TG-Data Co-Chair. The recommendation to increase the engagement of the authors in data curation early in the assessment process was supported, and this could entail identifying data curation needs even during the scoping process. A suggestion was made to link some of the TG-Data recommendations with related ones made by the IG-Pubs. There was a suggestion that TG-Data could be involved in the compilation of data used over time in risk assessments and the construction of burning embers, as well as in the standardization of the methodologies. A question was raised on how TG-Data would contribute to the GST.

As it regards funding, a government indicated that their DDC support would cease in March 2024. Clarity was sought on whether a philanthropic donation received by the DDC was an in-kind or financial contribution, noting that there were previous requests for a broader conversation by the Panel about acceptable sources of funding for the DDC with a view of protecting the reputation of the IPCC. The Secretariat, the TG-Data Co-Chairs, and the Bureau were invited to consider the allocation of resources from the IPCC Trust Fund for the DDC for the consideration of the Panel. It was mentioned, citing Paragraph 15 (g) of the <u>Financial Procedures</u> of the IPCC, that there are no restrictions on who could provide "other cash and in-kind contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund". In this regard, the donations reported by TG-Data were in alignment with the IPCC Procedures.

Responding to the questions and comments, Mr Vicuña clarified that the funds received were financial contributions sent to the IPCC Trust Fund, and there was still no process on how the funds would be disbursed. He explained that TG-Data would discuss their possible role in the GST to the extent that there are data issues in the IPCC's GST-related work. TG-Data would also discuss possibilities for

compiling data underlying the burning embers and consider their role in the development of a WGII interactive product, as well as possible synergies with the outcomes of the IG-Pubs.

The Chair concluded that funding-related discussions were to be considered by the Panel.

The Bureau took note of the TG-Data Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 2).

# 6.6 Communications and outreach activities

Mr Andrej Mahecic, Programme Manager, Communications and Media Relations of the IPCC Secretariat, presented the Progress Report on Communications and Outreach Activities (BUR-LXVI/INF. 5). He added elements that have happened since the progress report was posted, including IPCC's participation at the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies meetings in June 2023 and preparations for IPCC's participation at COP 28 in December 2023.

Mr Robert Vautard, WGI Co-Chair; Ms Fatima Denton, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Adelle Thomas, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Siir Kilkis, WGIII Vice-Chair, as well as Ghana and India took the floor.

The importance of communicating IPCC reports was recognised, and the work of the Secretariat was appreciated. A proposal was made that the IPCC could hold webinars on key findings to inform policymakers in time for the second GST. The need for balanced messaging that captures fully the Summary for Policymakers (SPMs) text was highlighted. IPCC could explore the usage of simple language for clear and effective communication with high-level decision-makers. There were queries on the criteria for selecting speakers calling for equitable and balanced representation at events. It was stated that promoting the role of IPCC authors through webinars could increase participation from underrepresented groups and regions. It was suggested that having induction on what the IPCC is and its work at the COP meetings would be beneficial to delegates from developing countries.

In response, the Programme Manager, Communications and Media Relations stressed that outreach events have an element of what the IPCC is and what it does and are designed in line with the IPCC communications strategy. Regarding to more clear messaging for policymakers, he noted language barriers and provided an example of an outreach event in Senegal where materials had to be prepared and translated specifically for that event.

The Bureau took note of the Progress Report on Communications (BUR-LXVI/INF. 5).

# 6.7 IPCC Scholarship Programme

Mr Mxolisi Shongwe, Programme Officer of the IPCC Secretariat, presented the Progress Report on the IPCC Scholarship Programme (BUR-LXVI/INF.1) which covered issues related to the Seventh Round of Scholarship Awards, the end of the term of outgoing Board of Trustees and the need to appoint a new Board and the status of resources in the IPCC Scholarship Trust Fund. He further reported that Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair, had accepted the role of Chair of the IPCC Scholarship Programme Science Board.

Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Bart van den Hurk, WGII Co-Chair; Ms Nana Ama Browne Klutse, WGI Vice-Chair; Mr Cromwel Lukorito, WGII Vice-Chair; Mr Raman Sukumar, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Adelle Thomas, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Zinta Zommers, WGII Vice-Chair; Mr Eduardo Calvo Buendía, WGIII Vice Chair; Mr Noureddine Yassaa, WGIII Vice-Chair, as well as Germany took the floor.

Points were raised regarding the IPCC Scholarship Programme Seventh Round, comprising 25 scholarships launched in March 2023 including the need for a higher number of scholarships and a better regional balance among the applicants and the recipients. There was a need for increased research and data from developing countries, and the limited number of scholarships per given year could not meet such demand. It was acknowledged that there was an opportunity for nominees to

address thematic topics from the IPCC cycle, including those relevant to the reports' scoping. Supporting the applicants throughout was suggested. It was also proposed to integrate the Scholarship Programme with the IPCC reporting cycles, with an active monitoring process of these scholars' future and how they contribute to future cycles. The importance of enhancing the value of the Scholarship Programme was highlighted, including through candidates and awardees forums as well as outreach activities for donors and scholars. It was emphasized that working with the IPCC Focal Points would increase the visibility of the Scholarship Programme. Engaging with Observer Organizations and collaborating with other institutions offering scholarships in climate change-related topics, such as the World Academy of Sciences, was valuable. It was proposed that the wider donor community could be engaged by aligning topics with their specific issue interests. More funds could be brought through science diplomacy.

Responding to the comments and questions, the Programme Officer noted that the selection is conducted objectively. The majority of the applications received (up to 60%) come from Africa, even though the call for applications is widely published including on IPCC social media channels. He noted that Observer Organizations have been engaged through the help of the Board of Trustees. The number of scholarships offered is guided by the funding available, noting the increased number of scholarships during the sixth cycle. Monitoring was lacking as the nomination process of authors or participants in the scoping meetings does not include the criteria that preference is given to previous recipients of the IPCC Scholarship. Currently, the limited funding does not allow the IPCC Scholarship Programme to support chapter scientists.

The Bureau took note of the Progress Report on the IPCC Scholarship Programme (BUR-LXVI/INF. 1)

#### 6.8 Gender Action Team

Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, Chair of the Gender Action Team (GAT) for the seventh cycle, presented the GAT Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 10). She thanked the GAT members and the new GAT Vice-Chair, Ms Ines Camilloni for the support, noting that the GAT has been transitioning successfully between the two cycles and held three meetings since BUR-65. She urged Bureau Members to read the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) survey report completed in July 2023 appended as annex to the meeting document (BUR-LXVI/INF. 10). She further informed the Bureau on the progress of finalizing the IPCC Code of Conduct to align it with the WMO and United Nations (UN) model Code of Conduct, which applies to all UN events and activities and is endorsed by the UN High-Level Committee on Management on behalf of the UN Chief Executives Board. GAT will pick up the work initiated in the previous cycle on the process for dealing with complaints with elements that would need the Panel's approval and on the proposed Expert Meeting on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Ms Sherilee Harper, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Sonia Seneviratne, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Zinta Zommers, WGII Vice-Chair; as well as Canada and the US took the floor.

They congratulated the new GAT leadership noting the gender balance in the Team. Although gender statistics have improved for the IPCC Bureau in general, this was not the case for the senior leadership. The findings from the DEI survey report were noted with concern, indicating that a lot of work needs to be done recalling the white paper from the AR6 WGII authors with recommendations. Queries were raised regarding the status of the complaints from the previous cycle as well as plans for relevant DEI-related training and familiarisation with the Code of Conduct. The progress made regarding the work on the Code and the process of dealing with complaints was noted as reassuring. The GAT was encouraged to address issues early and consistently throughout the cycle.

The GAT Chair reassured the Bureau that the Team continues to work on the process of addressing complaints and other important matters that have been handed over by the GAT for the sixth cycle.

The Bureau took note of the GAT Progress Report (BUR-LXVI/INF. 10).

# 6.9 Matters related to UNFCCC

Ms Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga, Director of the UNFCCC Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress Division presented on matters related to UNFCCC as outlined in the document (BUR-LXVI/INF. 14). She expressed gratitude to the Chair of the IPCC, other Bureau members, authors, and the Secretariat for their valuable contributions during the technical dialogue of the first GST and for ensuring that the best available science is underpinning the UNFCCC processes. She further noted IPCC's contribution to the in-session technical workshop on emission metrics held during the 58<sup>th</sup> UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SBs) meetings in June 2023. She noted that the Joint Working Group (JWG) of the UNFCCC SBSTA and the IPCC, which took place on 20 October 2023, provided an informal space for strengthening collaboration.

Ms Kinuthia-Njenga emphasized that participation of the IPCC would be most valuable for the critical negotiations, the mandated events, and the climate action space during UNFCCC COP28, where the first GST would be concluded. She highlighted several key events where IPCC's input was expected, such as the World Climate Leaders' Summit, Earth Information Day and the three GST dialogues. She further highlighted two informal events, one at which reports from the regional climate weeks would be presented and another organized with the UN system on ways to engage with parties and civil society to take forward the GST outcome at COP28 in the post-implementation phase at regional and national, and sub-national levels across all sectors and systems.

As mandated by Decision 5 CMA 3, the UNFCCC Secretariat is looking forward to working with the IPCC to organize a workshop on the IPCC Inventory Software in the second half of 2024.

Switzerland expressed gratitude to the UNFCCC, further noting with appreciation the agenda item for BUR-66 was amended to cover other international organisations and requesting to maintain this item for the upcoming IPCC Plenary to allow for discussions on collaboration with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and with other international organisations. It was proposed for the Bureau to decide to invite the Panel at IPCC-60 to consider the relevant decisions taken at the tenth IPBES Session pertaining to the engagement with IPCC and to request the Secretariat to prepare the necessary documents ahead of the Plenary.

Mr Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Ramón Pichs-Madruga, IPCC Vice-Chair; Mr Raman Sukumar, WGI Vice-Chair; Ms Adelle Thomas, WGII Vice-Chair; Ms Malak AlNory, WGII Vice-Chair; Mr Eduardo Calvo Buendía, WGIII Vice-Chair; Mr Noureddine Yassaa, WGIII Vice-Chair took the floor.

Gratitude was expressed for the valuable presentation by the UNFCCC. Clarification was sought on progress related to the topic of research and systematic observations (RSOs), considering the GST issues and matters of interest to the IPCC. Recalling the previous collaboration between IPCC and IPBES, including through a co-sponsored workshop on biodiversity and climate change a suggestion was made to update the information from this workshop to cover gaps and issues related to this cycle through the conduct of an expert meeting. The importance of engagement with other UN bodies besides IPBES, such as the Convention on Desertification, was also emphasized. Such engagements need to consider the IPCC practices and respect the IPCC mandate, as well as to include a broad perspective, involving all Bureau members. Noting that the list of UN organizations or other bodies that are interested in collaborating with the IPCC is growing, there was a need to build a process to broaden engagement with these organizations in general and not with just particular ones. While the intention for collaboration with different UN bodies and other organizations was appreciated, taking a decision without advance information within the limited time of BUR-66 would be challenging, and this matter could be discussed in future meetings.

Ms Kinuthia-Njenga clarified that, indeed, there was a provision for negotiations around RSOs with the integration of elements of the GST that are cross-cutting.

The Chair indicated that he was committed to interdisciplinarity and highlighted the importance of enhancing the linkages with sister UN assessments. He informed the Bureau that IPCC Vice-Chair Mr Ramón Pichs-Madruga was assigned as a focal point for matters related to IPBES. He also noted that a decision on collaboration with other organizations by the Bureau at BUR-66 could be challenging as this was not anticipated for this Session and while consensus was not reached, the suggestions made will be recorded in the report of the Bureau meeting.

The Bureau took note of the progress report on matters related to the UNFCCC (BUR-LXVI/INF. 14).

#### 7. UPDATE ON FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

The Secretary informed the Bureau that IPCC-60 would take place in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 16 to 19 January 2024. He added that the main agenda items would include the programme of work for the seventh assessment cycle and the budget.

Ms Sonia Seneviratne, WGI Vice-Chair, as well as Germany, Norway, Switzerland and the USA took the floor.

Proposals included having a written document on this agenda item, including the draft IPCC-60 agenda to enable the Bureau to structure decisions that could be discussed by the Panel. Distributing essential documents six weeks before a Plenary session and two weeks before a Bureau session would be appreciated. Long-term planning was key, and it would be good to have the timeline for the one or two years in the cycle, including the meeting locations, in writing. A request was made to allow more flexibility for online participation.

The Secretary noted that the Working Groups would prepare a strategic planning schedule (SPS) in consultation with the Secretariat as per the practice providing for possibilities for certain adjustments if needed and documents will be posted ahead of the session as per the rules and practices of the IPCC.

The Bureau took note of the update on forthcoming meetings.

#### 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other matters were raised under this agenda item.

# 9. PLACE AND DATE FOR THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE IPCC BUREAU

The Secretary reported that the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC Bureau (BUR-67), was planned to be held at least a month before the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC and the dates will be communicated as soon as possible.

# 10. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Chair noted that the Session concluded ahead of the scheduled time and thanked the Bureau members and government representatives for their contributions, as well as the IPCC Secretariat for organizing the meeting. The Chair declared BUR-66 closed.



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<sup>1</sup> This revised version is being submitted due to the change in the title of agenda item 2.

# Informal Group on the Programme of Work for the Seventh Assessment Cycle

#### Term and mandate

The IPCC Bureau, at its 66<sup>th</sup> Session (BUR-66), (15 - 16 November 2023, Geneva, Switzerland), decided to set up an Informal Group on the Programme of Work for the Seventh Assessment Cycle (IG-PoW) with the mandate to prepare a written document with options for the Programme of Work for the seventh assessment cycle.

The IG-PoW will start its work following the agreement by the Bureau with a view to submit the written document to the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-60) (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16 - 19 January 2024).

# Composition

The IG-PoW will consist of the following:

- Members of ExCom acting as members of the IG-Pow.
- Working Group Co-Chairs and TFI Co-Chairs to be serving as rapporteurs.

# **Modus Operandi**

IG-PoW will work remotely. The Rapporteurs of the IG-PoW will prepare the first draft of a written document with options for the Programme of Work of the seventh assessment cycle (including type and topics of products, evaluated against criteria, and time scale) and will submit this to the IG-PoW for their input.

The Rapporteurs will prepare the written document by updating the White paper on options for the products and timeline of the IPCC seventh assessment cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 9) to reflect information contained in the following documents:

- 1. Options for the Programme of Work in the seventh cycle Synthesis of IPCC Member Countries' Views on the Products for the seventh assessment cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 12);
- 2. Options for the Programme of Work in the seventh cycle Collated comments from Governments (BUR-LXVI/INF. 13); and
- 3. Other documents listed under resources as necessary.

The IG-PoW will share the draft document with the Bureau for comments. The rapporteurs will revise the document to reflect those comments.

The final version of the document which is agreed by IG-PoW by consensus will be posted as a session document for the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-60).

#### Resources

In undertaking its work, the IG-PoW will build on but not be limited to the following documents that were submitted for BUR-66:

- Lessons learned from the sixth assessment cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 7);
- White paper on options for the products and timeline of the IPCC seventh assessment cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 9);
- Options for the Programme of Work in the seventh cycle Synthesis of IPCC Member Countries' Views on the Products for the seventh assessment cycle (BUR-LXVI/INF. 12);

- Options for the Programme of Work in the seventh cycle Collated comments from Governments (BUR-LXVI/INF. 13);
- Any relevant UNFCCC decisions with implications for the seventh assessment cycle planning;
- Deliberations on agenda item 4 of BUR-66.

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