

**IPCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING
Teleconference, 10 July 2024**

CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS

Participants

Chair:

Jim Skea

Members:

Ladislav Chang'a (IPCC Vice-Chair), Ramón Pichs-Madruga (IPCC Vice-Chair), Diana Ürges-Vorsatz (IPCC Vice-Chair), Robert Vautard (Working Group [WGI] Co-Chair), Winston Chow (WGII Co-Chair), Joy Jacqueline Pereira (WGIII Co-Chair), Takeshi Enoki (Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories [TFI] Co-Chair), Ines Camilloni (representing Region III).

Advisory members:

Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC Secretary), Clotilde Péan (WGI Technical Support Unit [TSU] Head), Melinda Tignor (WGII TSU Head), Dave Dokken (WGIII TSU Head), Sandro Federici (TFI TSU Head).

IPCC Secretariat:

Erмира Fida (IPCC Deputy Secretary), Andrej Mahecic (Head of Communications and Media Relations), Mxolisi Shongwe (Programme Officer), Jennifer Lew Schneider (Legal Officer), Jesbin Baidya (Information Technology and Logistics Officer), Nina Peeva (External Relations Officer), Werani Zabula (Communications and Information Specialist), Joelle Fernandez (Administrative Assistant and Assistant to the Secretary).

Invited:

Géninha Lisboa (Executive Assistant to IPCC Chair)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The IPCC Executive Committee (ExCom) adopted the provisional agenda (EXCOM-CXXIV/Doc. 1), as attached in Annex 1.

2. URGENT ISSUES RELATED TO IPCC PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK THAT REQUIRE PROMPT ATTENTION BY THE IPCC BETWEEN PANEL SESSIONS

2.1. Update on the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

An IPCC Vice-Chair updated the ExCom on matters related to the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities (SR Cities) as the SR-Cities Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) Chair. The SSC, with support from the Technical Support Unit (TSU), has produced the document containing the SR Cities outline ([IPCC-LXI/Doc. 2](#)) to be presented to the 61st Session of the IPCC (IPCC-61) for government consideration in Sofia, Bulgaria (27 July – 2 August 2024). It was planned to hold an in-person SSC preparatory meeting prior to the Plenary.

A Working Group (WG) II Co-Chair indicated that there were also plans to hold an informal question and answer (Q&A) session dedicated to SR Cities during the lunch break on the first day of IPCC-61, 27 July 2024, as long as the outline was introduced in Plenary prior to that.

The SSC preparatory meeting should take place on the day before, 26 July. This followed previous practices from the 44th and 45th Sessions of the IPCC (IPCC-44 and IPCC-45).

An IPCC Vice-Chair emphasised the need for a coordinated strategy and plan for introducing the outline and handling the subsequent discussions.

The Secretary confirmed that as per previous practice for Special Reports' outline approval sessions, there would be an informal Q&A session following the introduction of the agenda item in the Plenary.

The Chair indicated that the matter would be further discussed under the item on preparations for IPCC-61. He suggested an additional coordination meeting to firm up the strategy and plan regarding the SR Cities discussion.

The ExCom took note of the preparations for the SR Cities.

2.2. Update on the Methodology Report and Expert Meeting on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies and Carbon Dioxide Capture, Use and Storage (CDRT and CDCUS)

A Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) Co-Chair updated the ExCom on the Methodology Report (MR) and Expert Meeting on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies and Carbon Dioxide Capture, Use and Storage (CDRT and CDCUS).

The CDRT & CDCUS Expert Meeting, which took place successfully from 1 to 3 July in Vienna, Austria, will feed into the MR preparations.

The call inviting nominations of experts to participate in the IPCC Scoping Meeting for CDRT&CDCUS MR was sent out on 14 June 2024, and the deadline was 19 July 2024 with the view of holding the meeting in October 2024.

The IPCC Vice-Chairs took the floor, highlighting the importance of the CDRT & CDCUS Expert Meeting and seeking information on whether ExCom members could have a meeting recording. This would help preparations for future Plenaries.

The TFI Co-Chair indicated that he would need to check whether a video recording of this meeting was available. Moving forward, the preference was to provide a hybrid participation option in future TFI meetings.

The ExCom took note of the updates on the CDRT & CDCUS Expert Meeting and Methodology Report.

2.3. Update on the Methodology Report on Short-Lived Climate Forcers (SLCFs)

TFI Co-Chair updated the ExCom on the Methodology Report (MR) on Short-Lived Climate Forcers (SLCFs). The plan was for the SLCFs MR outline ([IPCC-LXI/Doc. 6](#)) to be presented for approval at IPCC-61.

The call for nomination of authors and review editors of the report was scheduled for late August/early September following the expected outline approval. As a backup option, the TFI had tentatively booked conference facilities in the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, for the first lead author meeting in early February 2025.

The Chair expressed appreciation to the TFI Co-Chair and indicated that the TFI is currently holding another important Expert Meeting on Reconciling Anthropogenic Land Use GHG Estimates (9-11 July, Varese, Italy).

The ExCom took note of the updates on the SLCFs MR.

2.4. Development of the AR7 Strategic Planning Schedule

The Chair noted that following the discussions at the 67th Session of the IPCC Bureau (BUR-67), the TFI and the WG Co-Chairs had produced a revised version of the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) cycle Strategic Planning Schedule (SPS). Unfortunately, the Bureau didn't fully agree to this revised SPS. Therefore, the Chair reviewed the document and would submit it under his responsibility for consideration at IPCC-61.

Two IPCC Vice-Chairs, a WGI and a WGIII Co-Chairs, took the floor highlighting there were only a few, precisely two Bureau members, who didn't agree. Clarification was sought on whether a document on inclusivity that the Co-Chairs prepared would be presented with the SPS document during IPCC-61. The importance of improving the coordination with the IPCC Vice-Chairs and keeping them informed was highlighted, including through coordination meetings.

The Chair clarified that he had indicated that "nearly all" agreed with the SPS proposed by the Co-Chairs. He was to introduce the item and the document under his authority in the Plenary and then hand it over to the Co-Chairs to present the SPS. They could also use the opportunity to introduce the document on inclusivity, noting that this was an informal background document providing additional useful information on the topic and, therefore, would not require a decision by the Panel.

The Secretary highlighted the expected challenges related to the Plenary discussions of the SPS agenda item. He supported the need to hold coordination meetings and appealed for continuous efforts to improve and revise the SPS draft in order to reach a consensus within the Bureau and the Plenary.

The Chair appreciated the important role played by the IPCC Vice-Chairs and noted the need for their involvement in the planning process. He requested the Secretariat to assist with organising an online coordination meeting dedicated to the SPS-related discussion ahead of IPCC-61, with the participation of the TFI and WG Co-Chairs and the IPCC Vice-Chairs.

Due to the lack of quorum, the Chair closed the meeting and invited the ExCom members to informally continue the discussions on the remaining items on the agenda.

The meeting concluded at 14:40.

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 - 5.2. Update on forthcoming meetings:
 - Update on the preparations for the 61st Session of the IPCC
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 - Plans for IPCC activities at COP29