

REPORT OF THE  
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE IPCC BUREAU

WEMBLEY, UK, 23 SEPTEMBER 2001

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (agenda item 1)
  - 1.1 Dr Robert T. Watson, the Chairman of the IPCC, opened the session at 0945 hours.
  - 1.2 The agenda, as approved, is attached in Appendix 1.
  - 1.3 At the request of the Secretary, the Chairman asked the Bureau if the Eighteenth Session of the IPCC, scheduled for 24-29 September 2001, should be rescheduled in view of the world situation. The Bureau agreed that the Eighteenth Session should take place as scheduled but the Bureau and the Plenary should be ready to make adjustments if need be.
2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION (agenda item 2)
  - 2.1 The draft was approved without amendments.
3. THE FUTURE OF THE IPCC (agenda item 3)
  - 3.1 The Chairman stated that if time did not permit decisions on all the issues brought forth in his paper on the subject (IPCC-XVIII/Doc. 4 (a)) at the Eighteenth Session, then decisions on those issues important for the election of the new Bureau should be taken. It was suggested that decision-making needed to be preceded by a listing of the major future thrusts and a discussion on activity requirements for land use, land use change and forestry.
4. CONDUCT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE IPCC (WEMBLEY, UK, 24-29 SEPTEMBER 2001)
  - 4.1.a. The Bureau reviewed the draft Scoping Paper on the Technical Paper on Climate Change and Biodiversity prepared by the Chairman and Drs Habiba Gitay and Leonard Nurse. It suggested that (a) managed forests and other biological systems be included, (b) the effects of extreme events be considered, (c) both negative and positive consequences be presented, (d) microbial diversity be included, (e) there be a balanced consideration of terrestrial and marine biodiversity issues, (f) monsoonal and non-monsoonal regions be considered, and (g) that bibliography since the draft Working Group II contribution to the Third Assessment Report was circulated for review (ca. 1999) be listed for reference. The Chairman and Drs Habiba Gitay and Leonard Nurse would revise the Scoping Paper based on these suggestions for the consideration of the IPCC at the Eighteenth Session.
  - 4.1.b. With respect to the proposed list of Lead Authors, the USA, Switzerland, Germany and China requested time for nominating experts. Prof. Y. Izrael nominated Dr Gregory Insarov of the Russian Federation for consideration as a Lead Author. It was agreed that three to six experts would be added as Lead Authors to maintain the discipline and geographical balance.

4.2 Dr Martin Parry, the chairman of the IPCC Task Group on Climate Scenarios for Impact Assessments (TGCIA), informed the Bureau of the planned activities of the Group. A copy of the viewgraphs he presented is attached in Appendix 2. It was suggested that the aim of the next phase of the TGCIA activity be improved assessments of regional impacts.

4.3 With respect to the draft Synthesis Report, all members of the Bureau, including those serving as Review Editors, would receive copies of the revisions proposed by the core team, along with all delegations at the start of the Eighteenth Session. The questions would be taken up in the following sequence for consideration at the IPCC Plenary: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1.

4.4 The Bureau agreed that the drafters of the Scoping Paper on the Proposed Special Report on Climate Change and Sustainable Development consult with various concerned delegations and revise the draft Scoping Paper for consideration at the IPCC Plenary.

4.5 On issues related to Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry, the Bureau requested the Secretary to ask for nominations from governments for consideration as Lead Authors for (a) the Report on Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry, (b) a Scoping Paper on Degradation/Devegetation issues, (c) a possible Special Report on Factoring out Human-Induced Changes, and (d) options assessment papers on Biome-Specific Forest Definitions and Issues Related to Afforestation and Deforestation Projects under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol. Work on the last three items should be undertaken only after the required requests emanate from the Seventh Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Marrakech, 29 October – 9 November 2001).

4.6 The Bureau was informed by the Chairman that a joint Expert Meeting on forestry definitions was being planned, subject to approval by the IPCC Plenary, by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the IPCC.

4.7 The Bureau encouraged further efforts for industry outreach.

## 5. IPCC WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2002-2004 (agenda item 5)

5.1 The chairman of the Financial Task Team proposed to convene a meeting of interested countries after the Bureau session to initiate discussions on the subject.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS (agenda item 6)

6.1 The Bureau agreed with Sir John Houghton, the Co-Chairman of Working Group I, that a short proposal be prepared for a Workshop on Extreme Events for consideration by the Plenary.

## 7. CLOSING OF THE SESSION (agenda item 7)

7.1 The session closed at 1725 hours on 23 September 2001.

## AGENDA AS APPROVED

## 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

Dr Robert T. Watson will open the session at 0930 hours on Sunday, 23 September 2001 at the Wembley Conference Centre, Wembley, UK. The provisional agenda will be submitted for approval; it may be amended at any time during the session. It is suggested that the working hours be from 0930 to 1230 and from 1430 to 1730. Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during the plenary meetings of the session. All documentation, however, will be in English only.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

## 3. THE FUTURE OF THE IPCC: REVISED ISSUES PAPER, IPCC-XVIII/Doc. 4 (a)

Some key decisions out of the eleven need to be made at IPCC-XVIII in order to plan for IPCC-XIX.

## 4. CONDUCT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE IPCC (WEMBLEY, 24-29 SEPTEMBER 2001)

- a. Scoping Paper for the Technical Paper: Climate Change and Biodiversity  
The schedule may require the Bureau to meet in March/April 2002 to finalize the paper with the Lead Authors. The Bureau may be requested to approve the list of Lead Authors.
- b. Task Group on Climate Scenarios for Impact Assessment (Information)
- c. Draft Synthesis Report
- d. Scoping Paper for the Special Report: Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- e. Task Force on Inventories
  - i. Terms of Reference for the continuing National Greenhouse Gas Inventories Programme
  - ii. LULUCF matters related to good practice guidance and the Revised IPCC 1996 Guidelines (FAO/IPCC Joint expert meeting)
- f. Communication Strategy
- g. Industry outreach

## 5. IPCC WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2002-2004

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

## 6.1 Workshop on Extreme Events

## 7. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

**TASK GROUP ON CLIMATE SCENARIOS FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

(Presented by Dr Martin Parry, Chairman, TG CIA, to the Twenty-third session of the IPCC Bureau in Wembley on 23 September 2001)

Distributed at the Session and hence not attached here.  
A copy may be obtained from the IPCC Secretariat.