FIFTY SEVENTH SESSION OF THE IPCC

27 – 30 September 2022

Decisions adopted by the Panel

Decision IPCC-LVII- 1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Documents: IPCC-LVII/Doc.1, Rev. 2 and IPCC-LVII/Doc.1. Rev. 2, Add.1

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at its Fifty-Seventh Session adopts the provisional agenda as contained in document IPCC-LVII/Doc.1, Rev. 2, with the inclusion of additional items to be discussed under Any Other Business: IPCC Copyright Policy; and Transition to the Next Assessment Cycle with Related Matters (lessons learned, timing of elections and length of the next cycle). A revised version of the Provisional Agenda (IPCC-LVII/Doc.1, Rev. 3) has been issued to reflect the addition of agenda items as agreed by the Panel.

<u>Decision IPCC-LVII- 2</u>. Approval of the draft report of the Fifty-Sixth Session of the IPCC

Document: IPCC-LVII/Doc. 4

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at its Fifty-Seventh Session approves the report of the Fifty-Sixth Session of the IPCC with the deletion of the words "as per the rules" in the last paragraph on page 3 of the report.

Decision IPCC-LVII-3. Admission of Observer Organizations

Document: IPCC-LVII/Doc. 3

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at its Fifty-Seventh Session decides to grant the following organizations IPCC observer status, in accordance with the IPCC Policy and Process for Admitting Observer Organizations:

- 1) AJEMALEBU Self-Help (AJESH);
- 2) China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF);
- 3) League of Women Voters of the US (LWV);
- 4) Minerals Council of Australia (MCA);
- 5) Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science (MPS);
- 6) Save the Children International (SCI);
- 7) Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS);
- 8) University of California, San Diego (UCSD);
- 9) Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL);
- 10) University of Bonn (Uni Bonn);
- 11) ProVeg International ((ProVeg Int);
- 12) University of Eastern Finland (Uni E Finland):
- 13) Green Orbit Standard System (GOSS);
- 14) Lake Victoria Region Local Authorities Cooperation (LVRLAC);
- 15) Human Rights and Forest Brain Africa (HURIFBA).

The application from the Holy See and the application from NATO will each be treated as pending applications subject to future Panel review.

<u>Decision IPCC-LVII- 4.</u> IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025

Documents: IPCC-LVII/Doc. 2, and IPCC-LVII/Doc.2, Add. 1

Based on the recommendations of the Financial Task Team (FiTT), the Fifty-Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:

- Takes into account the exceptional circumstances related to the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, recognizing the need for contingencies, and without setting a precedent;
- 2. Appreciates the support that the Secretariat of the IPCC provides to the IPCC process, while especially noting the challenges imposed by the global COVID-19 pandemic;
- 3. Appreciates the extraordinary contribution and commitment of authors, Working Group Bureaux, Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Technical Support Units, and the Scientific Steering Committee to the Synthesis Report, including working through virtual means, under these exceptionally challenging circumstances;
- 4. Notes the basis for the significant reduction in the 2022 budget is due to implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, including travel restrictions and the inability to hold meetings in-person, and further notes the successful outcomes of holding virtual meetings to include the approval sessions of the 55th Session of the IPCC/12th Session of Working Group II and the 56th Session of the IPCC/14th Session of Working Group III, as well as the 61st and 62nd Sessions of the Bureau and the Working Group II and Working Group III SPM Drafting Meetings;
- **5.** Approves the revised budget for 2022, as contained in **Annex 1**, while recognizing the exceptional circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a lower utilization of the budget;
- **6.** Approves the proposed budget for 2023, as contained in **Annex 2**;
- 7. Notes the forecast budget for 2024, as contained in **Annex 3**;
- 8. Notes the indicative budget for 2025, as contained in **Annex 4**;
- 9. Welcomes with gratitude all contributions, pledges and in-kind contributions from member countries, especially from developing countries, UN bodies, intergovernmental organizations and the European Union, and encourages all members of the IPCC to maintain or increase their financial support, also through multi-year pledges, so as to ensure the financial stability of the IPCC. An updated in-kind contributions table is contained in Annex 5;
- **10.** Encourages member countries to make first-time contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund in order to broaden the donor base:

- 11. Expresses its gratitude to member countries that support the Technical Support Units (TSUs) and a number of IPCC activities, including data centres, travel support of IPCC experts, meetings and outreach activities;
- 12. Encourages member countries to transfer funds as soon as practical, while noting that contributions from IPCC members are due on 1 January of each calendar year, noting that when transferring funds to WMO, members should indicate that the contribution is "for the IPCC Trust Fund" to ensure proper identification of the recipient;
- 13. Recognizes the sound financial situation of the IPCC Trust Fund and appreciates the efforts of the Secretariat but notes with concern the decline in the level of annual voluntary contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund and calls on member countries to make their annual contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund and, if possible, to increase their annual voluntary contributions.
- **14.** Expresses its gratitude to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for their cash contribution to the Trust Fund, for financing one Secretariat position each, and to WMO for hosting the Secretariat and for its continuing and increased support for the IPCC;
- **15.** Expresses its gratitude to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for its contribution to the IPCC Trust Fund;
- **16.** Decides to continue preparing the budget of the IPCC Trust Fund using the standard costs, bearing in mind that expenditures may be lower than the budget;
- **17.** Requests the Secretariat to provide detailed information in the budget document presented to the Panel;
- **18.** Requests that the Secretariat presents, in addition to statements according to IPSAS, the statement of financial position and financial performance on a modified cash basis which categorizes expenditures per activity as well as by natural account;
- **19.** Requests the Secretariat to provide the Panel with interim statements of expenditure covering the first six months of a given year, as well as the projection of expenditure for the rest of the given year;
- 20. Decides to allow the use of Trust Fund resources in 2022 and 2023 for enhancing security, participation and IT-related needs in meetings, including reimbursing the cost of connectivity improvement, travel-related health and sanitary measures and other arrangements to enable participation of the delegates and experts from developing countries and countries with economies-in-transition in the activities of the IPCC, if needed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rates for reimbursement of such costs incurred by such participants will be determined by the Secretariat, in line with WMO rules and regulations;
- **21.** Notes the detailed information provided by the Secretariat on expenditure for activities held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including those related to connectivity in the IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget document presented to the Panel at its 57th Session;
- **22.** Requests the Secretariat to provide the Panel with interim statements of expenditure, covering the first six months of 2022, if relevant, on expenditure related to holding of virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the projection of expenditure for the rest of 2022;

- **23.** Approves the costs associated with the creation of a new post (P-4), within the IPCC Secretariat (see **Annex 1** and IPCC-LVII/Doc.2/Add.1);
- **24.** Requests the Secretariat to develop a report outlining the core functions of the secretariat and highlighting its needs, going into the next cycle, to better inform the overall staffing requirements within the Secretariat, to be presented to the 60th Session of the IPCC:
- **25.** Requests the Secretariat to provide information on major activities and related costs covered by the Communications budget;
- **26.** Requests the Secretariat to prepare a document presenting the financial implications and estimated associated travel-related greenhouse gas emissions of holding physical, virtual and hybrid meetings, to be presented to the 60th Session of the IPCC;
- 27. Further requests the Secretariat to explore, with WMO, the possibility of enabling travel itineraries that are more climate-friendly in an effort to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the travel, including of participants who are supported by the IPCC Trust Fund:
- **28.** Recalling Decision IPCC-XLVII-9, para 5, and noting the cost estimates for the activities outlined in the workplan of TG-Data, as contained in *IPCC-LVII/INF.7/Rev.1*, requests the Secretariat and the IPCC Bureau to provide guidance to the TG-Data Cochairs on mobilizing resources, including in-kind contributions, for their activities and for the Data Distribution Centre (DDC);
- **29.** Invites member countries and observer organizations to consider supporting the activities of the DDC in order to ensure the continuation of its services.

REVISED 2022 BUDGET ADOPTED BY IPCC-LVII

Activity	Purpose	DC/EIT support	Other Expenditure	Sub-total
Governing bodies				
IPCC-55	AR6 WG II	120,000	350,000	470,000
		30 journeys		
IPCC-56	AR6 WG III	120,000	350,000	470,000
		30 journeys		
IPCC-57	Governance & Preparation - Elections	480,000	280,000	760,000
4 days		120 journeys	100.000	100.000
Bureau	2 sessions	288,000	120,000	408,000
4 days		72 journeys	0.100	10.100
TFB	1 session	36,000	6,120	42,120
		9 journeys		
UNFCCC		80,000	0	80,000
and other UN meetings		20 journeys		
SUB-TOTAL				2,230,120
Lead Authors, scoping, expert meetings and SYR AR6		164,000	0	164,000
STR ARO	CWT-3 meeting (moved from 2021)	41 journeys	· ·	104,000
SYR AR6	CWT-4 meeting	164,000	27,880	191,880
OTTAKO	(moved from 2021)	41 journeys	27,000	131,000
TG-Data	1 meeting	48,000	0	48,000
		12 journeys		,
EFDB Editorial Board	1 meeting	96,000	0	96,000
	•	24 journeys		·
EFDB Data meeting	2 meetings	80,000	0	80,000
· ·	•	20 journeys		,
EFDB and Software Users	1 meeting	44,000	0	44,000
Feedback (Japan)		11 journeys		
TFI Expert Meeting on	1 meeting	160,000	27,200	187,200
Short-lived Climate Forcers		40 journeys		
TFI Scoping Meeting on	1 meeting	0	0	0
Short-lived Climate Forcers	(move to 2023)	40 journeys		
TFI Expert Meeting on Atmospheric	1 meeting	160,000	27,200	187,200
Observation data in Emission Inventories		40 journeys		
SUB-TOTAL				998,280
Other Expenditure				
2006 GL software	maintenance/development			30,000
EFDB maintenance	update/management			70,000
Publications/Translations	IPCC publications (WGI/WGII/WGIII)			300,000
Gender Action Team - Survey	Consultancy			40,000
Communication I	AR6 material/travel/events			623,040
Communicaton II*	AR6 outreach events*			100,000
Distribution	IPCC publications			100,000
IT Infrastructure	web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades			13,128
External Audit	fee			20,000
Advisory Services	Conflict of Interest			15,000
Co-Chairs	support			200,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,511,168
Secretariat				
Secretariat	staff costs/misc expenses			2,553,050
Resource Mobilization	travel costs (Phase II: 2020-2022)			0
SUB-TOTAL				2,553,050
TOTAL	All activities subject to Danal approval in IDCC E7			7,292,618

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-57

^{*} Regional/local events

PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET ADOPTED BY IPCC-LVII

Activity	Purpose	DC/EIT support	Other Expenditure	Sub-total
Governing bodies				
IPCC-58	SYR AR6	480,000	350,000	830,000
5 days		120 journeys		
IPCC-59	Elections	480,000	280,000	760,000
4 days		120 journeys		
IPCC-60	Future Work of IPCC	480,000	280,000	760,000
4 days	Programme and Budget	120 journeys		
Bureau	3 sessions	432,000	120,000	552,000
6 days		108 journeys		
TFB	1 session	36,000	6,120	42,120
		9 journeys		
UNFCCC		80,000	0	80,000
and other UN meetings		20 journeys		
SUB-TOTAL				3,024,120
Lead Authors, scoping, expert me	etings and workshops		0.400	
WG Meetings	contingency	20,000	3,400	23,400
		5 journeys	40.000	
Other Expert Meeting(s) and	contingency	80,000	13,600	93,600
Consultations		20 journeys	10.000	
WG III Workshop on Scenarios	1 meeting	240,000	40,800	280,800
	(moved from 2022)	60 journeys		
Scoping Meeting (SR Cities)	contingency	200,000	34,000	234,000
		50 journeys		
TG-Data	1 meeting	48,000	8,160	56,160
		12 journeys		
Expert Meeting on Gender,	1 meeting	80,000	13,600	93,600
Inclusivity and Diversity		20 journeys		
EFDB Editorial Board	1 meeting	84,000	14,280	98,280
		21 journeys		
EFDB Data meeting	1 meeting	40,000	6,800	46,800
		10 journeys		
EFDB and Software Users	1 meeting	84,000	14,280	98,280
Feedback		21 journeys		
TFI Scoping Meeting on	1 meeting	160,000	27,200	187,200
Short-lived Climate Forcers TFI Expert meeting	(moved from 2022) 1 meeting	40 journeys 100,000	17,000	117,000
TELEXPERT Meeting	(contingency)	25 journeys	17,000	117,000
SUB-TOTAL	Heonandenev/	Lo journoyo	<u> </u>	1,329,120
Other Expenditure				.,
2006 GL software	maintenance/development			20,000
EFDB maintenance	update/management			20,000
Publications/Translations	IPCC publications (SYR/TFI)			400,000
Communication I	AR6 material/travel/events			673,000
Communication II	AR6 outreach events*			150,000
Distribution	IPCC publications			100,000
IT Infrastructure	web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades			13,128
External Audit	fee			20,000
Advisory Services	Conflict of Interest			15,000
Co-Chairs	support			200,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,611,128
Secretariat				
Secretariat	staff costs/misc expenses			2,553,050
Resource Mobilization	travel costs			15,800
SUB-TOTAL				2,568,850
TOTAL	All activities subject to Panel approval in I			8,533,218

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-57

^{*} Regional/local events

FORECAST 2024 BUDGET NOTED BY IPCC-LVII

Activity	Purpose	DC/EIT support	Other Expenditure	Sub-total
Governing bodies				
IPCC-61	AR7 plenary	480,000	280,000	760,000
4 days		120 journeys		
IPCC-62	Programme and budget	480,000	280,000	760,000
4 days		120 journeys		
Bureau	2 sessions	288,000	120,000	408,000
4 days		72 journeys		
TFB	1 session	36,000	6,120	42,120
		9 journeys		22.222
UNFCCC		80,000	0	80,000
and other UN meetings		20 journeys		0.050.400
SUB-TOTAL				2,050,120
Lead Authors, scoping, experi WG Scoping Meetings	contingency	240,000	40,800	280,800
	contingency		40,600	200,000
(SR/AR7)		60 journeys 240,000	40.000	000 000
WG Lead Author Meetings	contingency	The state of the s	40,800	280,800
(SR/AR7) SR Cities	contingency	60 journeys 400,000	69 000	469 000
LAM 1 and LAM 2	contingency	400,000 100 jouneys	68,000	468,000
TG-Data	1 meeting	48,000	8,160	56,160
	g	12 journeys	3,.33	33,.33
Expert Meeting - Science of	1 meeting	80.000	13,600	93,600
Communicating Science	(moved from 2023)	20 journeys	10,000	00,000
EFDB Editorial Board	1 meeting	84,000	14,280	98,280
	_	21 journeys	·	·
EFDB Data meeting	1 meeting	40,000	6,800	46,800
		10 journeys		
Software and EFDB Users	1 meeting	84,000	14,280	98,280
Feedback		21 journeys		
TFI - Short-Lived Climate	CLA/LA Meeting	400,000	68,000	468,000
Forcers - LAM 1 TFI - Short-Lived Climate		100 journeys		
	CLA/LA Meeting	400,000	68,000	468,000
Forcers - LAM 2		100 journeys		
TFI Expert meeting	1 meeting	160,000	27,200	187,200
	(contingency)	40 journeys		
SUB-TOTAL				2,545,920
Other Expenditure				
2006 GL software	maintenance/development			20,000
EFDB maintenance	update/management			20,000
Publications/Translations	IPCC publications			200,000
Communication I	AR7 material/travel/events			543,000
Communication II*	AR7 outreach events			53,960
Distribution	IPCC publications			100,000
IT Infrastructure	web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades			13,128
External Audit	fee			20,000
Advisory Services	Conflict of Interest			15,000
Co-Chairs	support			200,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,185,088
Secretariat	at aff a sate for in a			0.550.650
Secretariat Recourse Mebilization	staff costs/misc expenses	 		2,553,050
Resource Mobilization	travel costs			15,800
SUB-TOTAL				2,568,850 8,349,978
TOTAL	All activities subject to Panel engraved in IDCC 60			

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-60

^{*} Regional/local events

INDICATIVE 2025 BUDGET NOTED BY IPCC-LVII

Activity	Purpose	DC/EIT support	Other Expenditure	Sub-total
Governing bodies				
IPCC-63	AR7 plenary	480,000	280,000	760,000
4 days		120 journeys		
IPCC-64	Programme and budget	480,000	280,000	760,000
4 days		120 journeys		
Bureau	2 sessions	288,000	120,000	408,000
4 days		72 journeys		
TFB	1 session	36,000	6,120	42,120
		9 journeys		
UNFCCC		80,000	0	80,000
and other UN meetings		20 journeys		
SUB-TOTAL				2,050,120
Lead Authors, scoping, expe				
WG Lead Author Meetings	contingency	240,000	40,800	280,800
		60 journeys		
SR Cities	contingency	240,000	40,800	280,800
LAM 3 and LAM 4 TG-Data	1	100 journeys 48,000	8,160	FC 1C0
r G-Data	1 meeting	48,000 12 journeys	8,160	56,160
EFDB Editorial Board	1 meeting	84,000	14,280	98,280
Li DB Luitoriai Board	1 meeting	21 journeys	14,200	30,200
EFDB Data meeting	1 meeting	40,000	6,800	46,800
	i mooning	10 journeys	5,555	10,000
Software and EFDB Users	1 meeting	84,000	14,280	98,280
Feedback		21 journeys	,	55,255
TFI - Short-Lived Climate	CLA/LA Meeting	440,000	74,800	514,800
Forcers - LAM 3		110 journeys	, ,,,,,,	5,555
TFI - Short-Lived Climate	CLA/LA Meeting	440.000	74,800	514,800
	CLA/LA Meeting	,	74,800	314,800
Forcers - LAM 4		110 journeys		
SUB-TOTAL				1,890,720
Other Expenditure		T	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
2006 GL software	maintenance/development			20,000
EFDB maintenance	update/management			20,000
Publications/Translations	IPCC publications			100,000
Communication I	AR7 material/travel/events			543,000
Communication II*	AR7 outreach events			53,960
Distribution	IPCC publications			100,000
IT Infrastructure	web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades			13,128
External Audit	fee			20,000
Advisory Services	Conflict of Interest			15,000
Co-Chairs	support			200,000
SUB-TOTAL				1,085,088
Secretariat	- A - CC A - I I			0.550.050
Secretariat	staff costs/misc expenses			2,553,050
Resource Mobilization	travel costs	1		15,800
SUB-TOTAL				2,568,850 7,504,778
TOTAL	All activities subject to Panel approval in I			7,594,778

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-60

^{*} Regional/local events

List of In-kind Contributions/Activities (January – September 2022)

(In the following cases no financial support for hosting/meeting facilities was provided by the IPCC Trust Fund)

Government/Institution	Activity	Туре
France	Technical Support Unit – WG I	Hosting
China	Technical Support Unit – WG I	Hosting
Germany	Technical Support Unit – WG II	Hosting
South Africa	Technical Support Unit – WG II	Hosting
Germany, New Zealand, Norway	Technical Support Unit – WG II (South Africa)	Joint contribution
India	Technical Support Unit – WG III	Hosting
United Kingdom	Technical Support Unit – WG III	Hosting
Japan	Technical Support Unit – TFI	Hosting
Peru	Technical Support Unit – TFI	Hosting
Republic of Korea	Technical Support Unit - SYR	Hosting
Germany	IPCC Data Distribution Centre	Hosting
United Kingdom	IPCC Data Distribution Centre	Hosting
United States of America	IPCC Data Distribution Centre	Hosting
WMO	IPCC Secretariat	Hosting
WMO	Post of Secretary of the IPCC	Salary
UNEP	Post of Deputy Secretary of the IPCC	Salary
Germany	55th Session of the IPCC/12th Session of Working Group II, (14-25 March 2022), Berlin, Germany	Hosting
United Kingdom	56 th Session of the IPCC/14 th Session of Working Group III, (21 March-1 April 2022), Surrey, United Kingdom	Hosting
Ireland	SYR – 3 rd Core Writing Team Meeting, (25-28 April 2022), Dublin, Ireland	Hosting
Spain	TFI – 20 th Editorial Board Meeting for the IPCC Emission Factor Database, (28 June-1 July 2022) and TFI – 19 th -20 th Expert Meeting on Data for the IPCC Emission Factor Database, (29-30 June 2022), Bilbao, Spain	Meeting facilities
FAO	TFI – Expert Meeting to collect Software and EFDB Users' Feedback (26-28 July 2022), Rome, Italy	Hosting
WMO	TFI – Expert Meeting on Use of Atmospheric Observation Data in Emission Inventories (5-7 September 2022) and TFI – 34 th Meeting of Task Force Bureau (8-9 September 2022), Geneva, Switzerland	Hosting
Switzerland	57th Session of the IPCC, (27-30 September 2022), Geneva, Switzerland	Hosting

<u>Decision IPCC-LVII-5.</u> Ad-hoc Group on the Size, Structure and Composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle

Document: IPCC-LVII/Doc.6

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at its Fifty-Seventh Session:

Recognizes the importance of maintaining the efficiency and functionality of the current size, structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau;

Notes the need to accommodate any possible regional imbalances at the time of elections; and

Decides regarding the size, structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the seventh assessment cycle that Annex B of Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work will be amended to be as follows:

Annex B

Composition of the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau

This Annex will be amended in line with relevant decisions of the Panel.

I. IPCC Bureau

The IPCC Bureau is composed of 34 members.

It consists of:

- 1. the IPCC-Chair.
- 2. three IPCC Vice-Chairs with specific responsibilities.
- 3. two Co-Chairs of the Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.
- 4. The Working Group I Bureau, with two Working Group Co-Chairs and seven Working Group Vice-Chairs.
- 5. The Working Group II Bureau, with two Working Group Co-Chairs and eight Working Group Vice-Chairs.
- 6. The Working Group III Bureau, with two Working Group Co-Chairs and seven Working Group Vice-Chairs.

Subject to the following overall regional balance within the IPCC Bureau:

Region I: 7 positions Region II: 6 positions Region III: 4 positions Region IV: 4 positions Region V: 4 positions Region VI: 8 positions In filling elective positions, account should be taken of the need to ensure that:

- The three IPCC Vice-Chairpersons are from different regions including at least one from a developing country and one from a developed country;
- One Co-Chair in each Working Group and any Task Force Bureau is from a developing country;
- At least one Co-Chair in each Working Group and in the Task Force Bureau is from a country which is ready to host the Technical Support Unit;
- Each Region is represented in each of the following four formations within the Bureau: the Executive Committee, Working Group I, Working Group II, Working Group III. When a Region is not represented in a Working Group, an additional position in that Working Group will be added for that Region.¹

Consideration should also be given to promoting gender balance.

The IPCC Chair does not represent a region.

II. Task Force Bureau

The Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories is composed of 2 Co-Chairs and 12 members, 2 each of which should be drawn from each Region.

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¹ In this case, the overall size of the IPCC Bureau will increase accordingly.

<u>Decision IPCC-LVII- 6.</u> Transition to the Next Assessment Cycle and Related Matters (lessons learned, timing of elections and length of the next cycle)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at its Fifty-Seventh Session decides as follows:

Lessons learned

Notes the need for a smooth transition to the seventh assessment cycle (AR7 cycle) and the importance of building on and sharing of lessons learned from the current cycle, including on gender balance and regional balance.

Decides to request the IPCC Bureau and the Task Force Bureau to facilitate the process of collecting and synthesizing the lessons learned from the sixth assessment cycle (AR6 cycle), starting from the next meeting of the IPCC Bureau with the view to provide a written report prior to the 59th Session of the IPCC.

Requests the Secretariat to support the IPCC Bureau and the Task Force Bureau in this task including in requesting all IPCC Focal Points to provide submissions on the lessons learned from the AR6 cycle.

Timing of the elections

Notes the extraordinary circumstances of the AR6 cycle due to the Covid-19 global pandemic and the need to ensure a smooth transition between the AR6 cycle and the AR7 cycle.

Decides the Secretary's letter inviting nominations for the seventh assessment cycle IPCC Bureau and the Task Force Bureau shall be sent to Governments two weeks following the conclusion of the 58th Session of the IPCC. The letter will refer to the size, composition and structure of the seventh assessment cycle IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau, length of the AR7 cycle, and the timing and process for the elections as decided by IPCC-57. The election of the new IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau will take place at the 59th Session of the IPCC in July 2023.

Notes that the term of the AR6 IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau shall end in July 2023 with the election of the succeeding AR7 IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau.

Recognizes with highest appreciation the work and the flexibility of the current IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau throughout this cycle and its contribution to a smooth transition to the AR7.

Length of the next cycle

Decides the length of the seventh assessment cycle (AR7 cycle) shall be between 5 and 7 years.