

Decision IPCC-LIII(bis)-2.1 AR6 Strategic Planning Schedule

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at its 53rd (bis) Session:

- Decides to establish an Ad-hoc Group with open-ended membership with Terms of Reference as set out in Annex 1 to this decision, with the view to initiate the process as governed by Rule 21 of Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, with the Secretary's letter inviting nominations to be sent two weeks after the 57th (bis) Session of the IPCC, following the Synthesis Report (SYR) approval and to have an elections Plenary to take place after six months following issuance of the Secretary's letter requesting written nominations, but not to exceed seven months thereafter. The mandate of this Ad-hoc Group is to provide recommendations to the Panel on the size, structure, and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any other Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle as governed by Rule 7 of Appendix C of the Principles Governing IPCC Work.

Annex 1

Ad-hoc Group on the Size, Structure and Composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle

Terms of Reference

Background

The Principles Governing IPCC Work, Appendix C, Rule 7 provides for Panel review and amendment of the size, structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau at least one Session prior to the Session at which the IPCC Bureau and/or any Task Force Bureau are elected.

The IPCC agreed at its 53rd (bis) Session (March 2021) to set up an Ad-hoc Group on the size, structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle.

Objectives

The Ad-hoc Group will identify proposals to present to the Panel regarding the size, structure, and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau for the Seventh Assessment cycle.

In undertaking its work, the Ad-hoc Group will seek to ensure transparency, inclusiveness and equal opportunity for participation of all its members, noting the importance of the inclusion of the perspectives of developing countries.

Term

The Ad-hoc Group will undertake its work following closure of IPCC-53 (bis), preparing progress reports and presenting these to the Panel at its future sessions, with the final outcome to be presented to the Panel at 57th (bis) Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57 bis) for its decision, during the week following Synthesis Report (SYR) approval at the 57th Session of the IPCC (IPCC-57), avoiding any overlap between the work of the Ad-hoc group and SYR approval Plenary.

Composition and operation of the Ad-hoc Group

The Ad-hoc Group should consist of:

- Two Co-Chairs, with balanced representation from developed and developing countries and taking into account gender balance;
- Two Rapporteurs, with balanced representation from developed and developing countries and taking into account gender balance;
- A minimum of two representatives from each WMO Region; and
- Open-ended membership as to participation of all Members of the IPCC.

The Ad-hoc Group will conduct its work both in conjunction with plenary sessions and intersessionally, including by electronic, remote communication and virtual means.

Administrative support will be provided by the Secretariat.