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AR6 STRATEGIC PLANNING SCHEDULE

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1. Introduction

This document provides an update to the Panel on the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) by focusing on the changes to the timeline for delivery of the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) since the 52nd Session of the IPCC (24-28 February 2020) with the view to inform the discussions at the 53rd (bis) Session of the IPCC. It summarizes the urgent decisions already taken by the IPCC Executive Committee (ExCom) and the Panel since its 52nd Session, following the consultations with the IPCC Bureau. It also sets out considerations for further changes, bearing in mind the tentative nature of any dates given the uncertainty about how the pandemic will develop in the coming months.

2. Background

The IPCC is currently in its sixth year of the [sixth assessment](#) cycle, during which it will produce the Assessment Reports of its three Working Groups, three Special Reports, a refinement to the Methodology Report and the Synthesis Report. As of to date, the IPCC has already produced three Special Reports² and a Methodology Report³. As per the original schedule, the contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report of IPCC Working Group I (The Physical Science Basis) was due to be finalized in April 2021, Working Group III (Mitigation of Climate Change) in September 2021, and Working Group II (Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability) in October 2021. The Synthesis Report (SYR) was due to be finalized in May 2022.

COVID-19 pandemic has affected the work of the Sixth Assessment Report Working Group authors, experts, Bureaus, Technical Support Units (TSUs), with many of them facing considerable challenges, including no or limited access to office space, internet access limitations, additional child care, homeschooling support, shifts to online teaching responsibilities, and very often increased workloads from the transition to virtual working format.

The unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic required a strategic response to the pandemic which consists of keeping the overall AR6 strategic planning under review, assessing and addressing the implications arising from the COVID-19 pandemic with the view to minimize any disruption in delivering the AR6 while preserving their credibility and scientific quality.

This extraordinary situation has put the ExCom in a position of needing to address urgent requests for changing the AR6 delivery timelines that could not wait until the next Session of the Bureau or Panel. In this regard, the Chair of the IPCC has called several extraordinary meetings to discuss the changes to the overall AR6 Strategic Planning Schedule (SPS) and the IPCC leadership has regularly consulted with authors, Member countries⁴ and other stakeholders to inform the strategic response to the pandemic.

At its 74th Meeting held on 20 March 2020 the ExCom agreed to set up an Informal Group on Strategic Planning (IGSP) which brought together the IPCC Chair, three IPCC Vice-Chairs and Secretary with the support of the TSU Heads as observers and relevant Secretariat staff.

² Global Warming of 1.5°C (2018); Climate Change and Land (2019); The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (2019)

³ 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2019)

⁴ The ExCom has identified and used a variety of modalities for engaging with Member countries under the current extraordinary circumstances such as a bimonthly newsletter, surveys and e-forum.

The outcome of the IGSP discussions was a new provisional schedule for consideration by the ExCom at its 76th meeting which was then presented to the IPCC Bureau at its 58th Session held virtually on 19-20 May 2020 with additional changes to the AR6 SPS presented to the subsequent sessions of the Bureau.

At the 58th Session of the IPCC Bureau, the Secretariat presented the changes to the AR6 SPS agreed by the ExCom since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic up to the 58th Session of the IPCC Bureau. Such changes consist of the extension of the Government and Expert review of the Second Order Draft (SOD), postponement of the literature cut-off date, change to the timing and format of Lead Author Meetings for Working Groups I and II as well as some postponement of the meetings and activities of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI), as agreed by the ExCom at its 75th, 76th, 77th and 79th meetings. More details on these changes are presented in Annex 1 of the document.

At its 58th Session, the IPCC Bureau took note of the above changes agreed by the ExCom and the tentative changes on timelines for the Working Groups contributions to the AR6. At this Session, IPCC Bureau members acknowledged the difficulties in updating the work program and making decisions in light of the uncertainties related to COVID-19 and stressed the need to communicate with governments. Some of them expressed concerns regarding the potential impact of such delays to the various processes awaiting them.

At the 59th Session of the IPCC Bureau, the Secretariat presented additional changes to the AR6 SPS agreed by the ExCom during the period between the 58th and 59th Sessions of the IPCC Bureau. Such changes consist of the extension of the Government and Expert review of the SOD, postponement of the literature cut-off date, change to the timing of Lead Author Meeting for Working Group III and the postponement of the First Core Writing Team (CWT-1) meeting of the AR6 Synthesis Report, as agreed by the ExCom at its 82nd and 84th meetings. More details on these changes are presented in Annex 1 of the document.

At its 59th Session, the IPCC Bureau took note of the above changes to the AR6 Strategic Planning Schedule agreed by the ExCom noting again that any changes remain tentative, depending on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity of consideration by the Panel when that is feasible. At this Session there were suggestions to seek the Panel's approval for the changes to the Working Group contributions to the AR6 beyond those introduced to the IPCC Bureau at its 59th Session.

The changes to the AR6 SPS presented by the Secretariat to the 60th Session of the IPCC Bureau which took place from 16-18 March 2021, include the changes agreed between the 59th and 60th Sessions of the IPCC Bureau and approved by the Panel by correspondence. Such changes consist of the postponement and a reduction by one week of the length of the Final Government Draft (FGD) review as well as postponement of the Approval Session of the Working Group I. Further changes to the TFI activities as agreed by the ExCom at its 87th meeting were presented to the 60th Session of the IPCC Bureau.

At the 60th Session of the Bureau, some participants raised concerns about the overlaps between review periods for Working Group II FGD and SYR SOD with preparations for the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC as well as the northern hemisphere winter holidays which will likely prevent meaningful reviews from many governments. The secretariat clarified that a process of arriving at a decision on a revised timeline with the view to reduce these overlaps is still ongoing

At the same session, the Bureau discussed issues related to the preparations for the new elections process. Regarding the elections, the Secretariat noted the need to comply with rules 7, 8 and 21 of Appendix C of IPCC principles.

At its 60th Session, the IPCC Bureau took note of the urgent actions implemented by the ExCom and the Panel since the 59th Session of the IPCC Bureau regarding the AR6 work programme described above, considered and advised on the provisional timelines of the AR6 work and provided guidance to the Secretariat, as responsible for refining the strategic planning schedule, noting again that any changes remain tentative, depending on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity of consideration by the Panel when that is feasible.

3. Summary of decisions taken on the changes to the AR6 schedule since the 52nd Session of IPCC

Changes to the AR6 schedule between the 52nd and 53rd (bis) Session of the IPCC are summarized in Annex 1 to this document. They include decisions made by the ExCom and the Panel noting **that such changes are tentative and may require further revision** given uncertainties about the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and government responses, including decisions by governments or institutions on hosting meetings and Technical Support Units⁵:

In summary, all the changes agreed by the ExCom and the Panel until mid-March 2021 consist of adjustments by 4-5 months of the milestones for Working Group contributions to the AR6 to what was originally decided. These changes which go up to the third quarter of 2021 are likely to affect milestones in late 2021 and 2022, including IPCC approval Plenary Sessions and have a knock-on effect on the preparation of the Synthesis Report from what was originally agreed, noting that the timeline for the AR6 Synthesis Report is partly determined by the Working Group contributions and milestones such as the delivery of the SODs and approval Plenary Sessions.

4. Moving forward

Despite the continuous challenges faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic IPCC authors, who volunteer their time and expertise to the IPCC, Bureau members and TSUs are making significant efforts in finalizing assessment reports without further delays.

Working Group I authors are working hard on finalizing the assessment report with the view to deliver the AR6 contribution at the end of July 2021 with only three physical Lead Author Meetings instead of the usual four physical meetings.

Following the Second Order Draft review finalized on 29 January 2021, Working Group II held the Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM4) from 1-12 March 2021 in a virtual format with the view to finalizing their assessment report in March 2022.

While Working Group III (WGIII) schedule may shift due to a recent decision to hold a virtual LAM4 which could postpone the Final Government Draft, authors are trying to keep to the schedule (January 2022) although it is a very demanding one and producing an IPCC report with only two physical LAMs is unprecedented. WGIII will undertake another round of assessment of the feasibility of its current schedule in early April 2021 when they have seen the SOD comments and consulted with authors.

Following the successful First Core Writing Team (CWT-1) meeting of the AR6 SYR held in virtual format from 25-29 January 2021, authors continued advancing the work on the SYR. The detailed schedule of the SYR beyond CWT-1 is under discussion, and subject to developments in

⁵ These changes are based on consultation with, Bureau members, authors and other stakeholders and before being presented to ExCom had been suggested by the Co-Chairs on behalf of their relevant Bureaux to avoid conflicting activities and ensure smooth running of the process. To see more details, check the reports of the ExCom here: <https://www.ipcc.ch/documentation/executive-committee/>

the Working Group schedules. Changes to the Working Group schedule will affect the SYR schedule with at least 4 months due to the knock-on effect, by taking approval to September 2022, still within the mandated 12-18 months following the first Working Group report approval.

TFI experts met in a virtual format and will adjust the format and timeline of their activities on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF) with the view to complete the SLCF report outline within this cycle as they advance the work on the Emission Factor Database (EFDB) and keep improving the IPCC Inventory Software and support its users.

The Secretariat continues to work closely with the Working Group and TFI Co-Chairs, the SYR and respective TSUs to monitor the situation, adjust the schedule as needed and plan for the upcoming IPCC Plenary Sessions to continue delivering the work programme with as little disruption as possible. A latest updated version of the schedule is appended as Annex 2 to this document.

Building on the experience from the first virtual hybrid session of the 53rd Session of the IPCC as well as the upcoming 53rd (bis) Session⁶ of the IPCC, the Secretariat is considering preparations for the upcoming IPCC sessions including Working Group approval sessions.

In collaboration with ExCom and TSUs, the Secretariat has prepared a Background Note on possible implications resulting from COVID-19 on the IPCC Plenary Sessions. It summarizes implications to the number, timing, agenda and format of the upcoming Plenary Sessions and proposes an option for holding the 54th Session⁷ of IPCC and the 14th Session of Working Group I, should a physical meeting be impossible in July 2021. The proposed option builds on the positive aspects of two other proposed options which include enhanced interaction between delegations and the drafting team ahead of the Plenary Session which would take place during the FGD review and an extended duration of the approval session, to take into account the longer time needed to contribute to the process remotely. For more details please refer to the Background Note, document IPCC-LIII(bis)/INF. 10, Rev.1.

5. Actions by the Panel

The Panel, at its 53rd (bis) Session is invited to:

- Take note of the urgent actions implemented by the ExCom regarding the AR6 work programme described above since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Consider and advise on the provisional timelines of the AR6 work;
- Provide guidance to the Secretariat, as responsible for refining the strategic planning schedule, noting again that any changes remain tentative, depending on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity of consideration by the Panel when that is feasible.

⁶ Some background information about IPCC-53 bis is provided in Annex 3 to this document.

⁷ Details for 54th Session of IPCC will be discussed at the 60th bis Session of the Bureau to be held from 6-7 April 2021

CHANGES TO THE SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6) STRATEGIC PLANNING SCHEDULE

*Approved changes by the IPCC Executive Committee and Member countries
with guidance from the Bureau*

Subject to continues review as the situation evolves

1. Working Group I contribution to the AR6

ExCom-75

- Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft, deadline extended by up to a maximum of 2 months (the deadline was extended to 5 June 2020 instead of 26 April 2020).

ExCom-79

- Literature acceptance cut off date - Postponed from 30 September 2020 - 31 January 2021
- 4th Lead Author Meeting (LAM-4) - Postponed from 1-5 June 2020 to the week of the 15th February 2021

ExCom-87 and by Member countries (Letter 5104-21/IPCC/AR6)

- Final Government Draft (FGD) review postponed to 3 May to 20 June 2021 instead of 7 December 2020 to 31 January 2021.
- A one-week reduction in length of the FGD review: starting the review on 3 May instead of 26 April 2021.
- Approval Plenary Session postponed to 26-30 July 2021 instead of 12-18 April 2021.

2. Working Group II contribution to the AR6

ExCom-76

- Literature submission cut-off postponed from 1 July to 1 November 2020
- Second Order Draft delivery deadline postponed from 10 July to 6 November 2020
- Expert and Government Review postponed from 7 August - 2 October 2020 to 4 December 2020 - 29 January 2021
- Fourth Lead Author Meeting postponed from 1-7 November 2020 to 1-7 March 2021 (dates to be confirmed in consultation with host and pending sufficient health and safety measures are in place to prevent infection)

3. Working Group III contribution to the AR6

ExCom-82

- Cut-off date for literature submitted for publication: 14 December 2020
- SOD government review period: 18 January – 14 March 2021
- Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM4): 5 days between 12-30 April 2021

4. AR6 Synthesis Report

ExCom-84

- First Core Writing Team (CWT-1), postponed from 7 – 13 December 2020 to the week of the 25-31 January 2021.

5. Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

ExCom-77

- 1st Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF) postponed from 27-29 April 2020 to 20-22 October 2020 (Rome, Italy⁸).
- Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software users' feedback changed from 8-11 December 2020 to 1- 4 December 2020 (Hayama, Japan).
- 2nd Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF) postponed from 30 June-2 July to 15-17 December 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- 32nd meeting of TFB originally planned for 3 July 2020 in Istanbul postponed to either 23 October 2020 in Rome or 18 December 2020 in Istanbul.

ExCom-87

- 1st Expert Meeting to collect Emission Factor Data Base (EFDB) and Software users' feedback, initially changed from 8-11 December 2020 to 1-4 December 2020 (Hayama, Japan) is cancelled.
- 2nd Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers, postponed from 30 June - 2 July to 15-17 December 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey) is postponed to 2021.
- 32nd Meeting of Task Force Bureau 9 (TFB) originally planned for 3 July 2020 in Istanbul, postponed to either 23 October 2020 in Rome or 18 December 2020 in Istanbul is held virtually from 11-12 November 2020.

⁸ *Note: Following approval by ExCom-77 of the above-mentioned changes, the IPCC Secretariat has been informed by the TSU TFI that the First Expert Meeting on SLCF will not take place in Rome, Italy as all the meetings taking place in 2020 have been cancelled by FAO.*

STRATEGIC PLANNING SCHEDULE AR6 (Draft) - With adjustments - Updated: 10 February 2021

(This draft Strategic Planning Schedule is a living document that the Secretariat develops in close coordination with the IPCC Executive Committee, the Technical Support Units and guided by discussions with host countries. For some plenaries dates will still need to be confirmed and these are marked by a grey dotted area for potential dates affected)

Year	Month	Week	WGI ADJUSTED	WGIII ADJUSTED	WGII ADJUSTED	SYR ADJUSTED	TFI ADJUSTED	IPCC Sessions/Bureau	COMMENTS	
2021	January	28-3								
		4-10								
		11-17			SOD Gov&Exp Review 4 Dec - 29 Jan					
		18-24								
		25-31	Litterature acceptance cut off date : 31 Jan				CWT 1 25-31 Jan			
	February	1-7			SOD Gov&Exp Review 18 Jan - 14 Mar					
		8-14								Chinese New Year 11-18 Feb
		15-21	LAM4							
		22-28								
	March	1-7								
		8-14			eLAM4 1-5 Marr & 8-12 Mar					
		15-21							IPCC Bureau-60 16-18 Mar	
	April	22-28							IPCC-53 bis 22-26 Mar	
		29-4								Good Friday/Easter 2-4 Apr
		5-11							IPCC Bureau-60bis 6-7 April	Holiday in most of EU countries 5 Apr
		12-18		LAM4 (5 days between 12-30 April)				EFDB BOGs for EB19 and DM18 12-16 Apr		
		19-25						EFDB BOG for DM18 19 Apr		
	May	26-2								
		3-9								
		10-16						EFDB BOGs for EB19 and DM18 10-14 May		Eid Al-Fitr Holiday 13 May
		17-23						EFDB BOGs for EB19 and DM19 17-21 May		
	June	24-30						EFDB EB19 closing plenary 28 May		
		31-6			SPM Drafting Workshop (TBC)					
		7-13								
		14-20								
		21-27								
	July	28-4								
		5-11								
		12-18		Literature acceptance cut-off date: 12 July (TBC)	SPM Drafting Workshop (TBC)					
		19-25	SPM Drafting workshop							Eid Al-Adha Holiday 20 July
	August	26-31	IPCC acceptance/ adoption/approval						IPCC acceptance/ adoption/approval P-54 (TBC)	
		2-8								
		9-15								
		16-22					CWT 2 16-20 Aug (TBC)			
		23-29								
	September	30-5			FGD Gov Review of SPM 9 Aug- 3 Oct (TBC)	Accepted cut-off date: 1 Sep (TBC)				
		6-12								
		13-19						EM-1 SLCF FAO Italy, 13-17 Sep (TBC)		
		20-26								
	October	27-3								
		4-10								
		11-17								
		18-24								
	November	25-31							EM-2 SLCF Turkey, (TBC) TFB33 Turkey, (TBC)	
		1-7								COP26 1-12 Nov
		8-14								
		15-21							EFDB and Software Users Feedback Japan, 16-19 Nov (TBC)	
		22-28								
December	29-5									
	6-12									
	13-19									
	20-26								Christmas Day 25 Dec	

Year	Month	Week	WGIII ADJUSTED	WGII ADJUSTED	SYR ADJUSTED	TFI ADJUSTED	IPCC Sessions/Bureau	COMMENTS
2022	January	27-2						
		3-9	SPM Write-shop (TBC)		SYR Government and Expert review cntd. 15 Nov - 9 Jan (TBC)			
		10-16	IPCC acceptance/ adoption/approval (7 days between 10 - 30 January) (TBC)					IPCC acceptance/ adoption/approval (7 days between 10 - 30 January) P-55 (TBC)
		17-23						
		24-30				EM-3 SLCF (TBC)		
	February	31-6						
		7-13						
		14-20						
		21-27		SPM Write-shop (TBC)				
	March	28-6		IPCC acceptance/ adoption/approval (TBC)				IPCC acceptance/ adoption/approval P-56 (TBC)
		7-13						
		14-20					EM-4 SLCF 15-17 Mar (TBC)	
		21-27				CWT 3 21-25 Mar (TBC)		
		28-3						
	April	4-10						
		11-17						Easter Sunday 17 Apr
		18-24						
	May	25-1						
		2-8					Call for nomination for SLCF Scoping meeting	Eid Al-Fitr Holiday: 2 May
		9-15						
		16-22						
		23-29					EFDB EB20 24-27 May (TBC) EFDB DM19-20 25-26 May (TBC)	
	June	30-5						
		6-12						
		13-19						
		20-26					Closing nominations for SLCF Scoping meeting	
		27-3				FGD 6 June - 31 July (TBC)		
	July	4-10						9 July - Eid Al-Adha Holiday
		11-17						
		18-24						
		25-31						
	August	1-7						
		8-14						
		15-21						
		22-28						
	September	29-4						
		5-11			CWT4 and IPCC acceptance/ adoption/ approval (TBC)	EFDB and Software Users Feedback Japan, 6-9 Sept (TBC)	CWT 4 and SYR SPM Approval Plenary / P-57 29 Aug- 11 Sept (TBC)	
		12-18						
		19-25						
	October	26-2						
		3-9						
		10-16						
		17-23						
	November	24-30						
		31-6						
		7-13						COP27 7-18 Nov
		14-20						
	December	21-27						
		28-4						
		5-11					SLCF Scoping Meeting 6-8 Dec (TBC) TFB-34 9 Dec (TBC)	
		12-18						
	19-25						25 Dec - Christmas Day	

Year	Month	Week					TFI ADJUSTED	IPCC Sessions/Bureau	COMMENTS
2023	January	26-1							
		2-8							
		9-15							
		16-22							
		23-29							
	February	30-5							
		6-12							
		13-19					SLCF Outline approval/ P-58 13-19 Feb (TBC)	P-58	
	March	20-26							
		27-5							
		6-12							
	April	13-19							
		20-26							
		27-2							
		3-9							
	May	10-16							
		17-23							
		24-30							
		1-7							
	June	8-14							
		15-21							
		22-28							
		29-4							
	July	5-11							
		12-18							
		19-25							
		26-2							
	August	3-9							
		10-16							
		17-23							
		24-30							
	September	31-6							
		7-13							
		14-20							
		21-27							
	October	28-3							
		4-10							
		11-17							
		18-24							
	November	25-1							
		2-8							
		9-15							
		16-22							
	December	23-29							
		30-5							
		6-12							
		13-19							COP28 (6-17 Nov)
		20-26							
		27-3							
		4-10							
		11-17							
		18-24							
25-31									

Background information on 53rd bis Session of IPCC (IPCC-53 bis)

In his letter [5412-20/IPCC/P53](#) of closing the 53rd Session of the IPCC (IPCC-53) , dated 14 December 2020 the Chair of IPCC informed IPCC Focal Points that the Secretariat will consult them on the dates as well as the modalities for the Sessions to be held in 2021.

The Secretariat sought the feedback of IPCC Focal Points on two possible dates for the IPCC-53 bis through the second issue of the newsletter released on 5 December 2020. IPCC Focal Points were asked to indicate their preference against two proposed dates, 3rd and 4th week of March 2021. Due to the relatively low level of participation to the poll the Secretariat extended the deadline until Friday 15 January 2021. The result of the poll showed that there was a preference for the 3rd week of March.

On 19 January 2021 the Secretariat sent a letter 5109-21/IPCC/P53 bis to seek views on the date, format, agenda and interpretation.

Following internal consultations within the IPCC Secretariat with the view to hold the 60th Session of the IPCC Bureau ahead of IPCC-53 bis, in the letter of 19 January 2021 the Secretariat sought IPCC Focal Points' understanding on holding the IPCC-53 bis from 22 – 28 March 2021.

With regards to the agenda items to be discussed at IPCC-53 bis, taking into account the operational limitations of holding a virtual plenary session, lesson learnt from IPCC-53 held in December 2020 and other virtual IPCC events, the Secretariat suggested to limit the number of agenda items to a maximum of three, including the approval of the Draft Report of the 52nd Session of the IPCC. This will bring the total number of the agenda items of IPCC-53 including the sole agenda item of the first part of IPCC-53 to four. Through its letter of 19 January 2021, the Secretariat invited IPCC Focal Points to propose a maximum of two essential agenda items and submit the response in an official letterhead by Monday 25 January 2021.

In light of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Secretariat informed IPCC Focal Points that it will not be possible to hold IPCC-53 bis in a face-to-face format and suggested holding the IPCC-53 bis by electronic means.

The Secretariat has received 31 written responses and has taken note of the feedback and views received. The distribution of the responses from Member countries according to WMO Regions as well as agenda items are shown in Figure 1 and 2 below. The Secretariat uploaded all the submissions from the Governments in the IPCC Focal Point Portal: <https://apps.ipcc.ch/fp/>.

The responses received have been carefully taken into consideration and show that Member countries agreed on the proposed dates for the session (one country is not able to participate due to conflicting dates).

Given the current situation caused by the global pandemic and in view of minimizing further disruption to the IPCC process as much as possible, Member countries supported the necessity of holding the IPCC-53 bis in the virtual format. In order to ensure inclusiveness in the participation of Member countries, the Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation in the official UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) despite the significant cost burden on the IPCC Trust Fund. Meeting documents will be in English only. The secretariat is assessing the capacity needs of developing countries and economies in transition to enable their effective participation in the IPCC-53 bis.

Based on the feedback from IPCC Focal Points, the Panel at IPCC-53 bis will be invited to consider the agenda items on the AR6 Strategic Planning Schedule; the Review of Principles Governing IPCC work, as well as the Draft Report of the 52nd Session of the IPCC. As suggested by many Focal Points there will be no live discussion on progress reports, which are informational agenda item documents. They will be made available on PaperSmart ahead of the meeting for Member countries to submit views in writing. In this way, we will focus the Panel live discussion on three agenda items, as initially proposed.

Figure 1: Distribution of responses by WMO regions

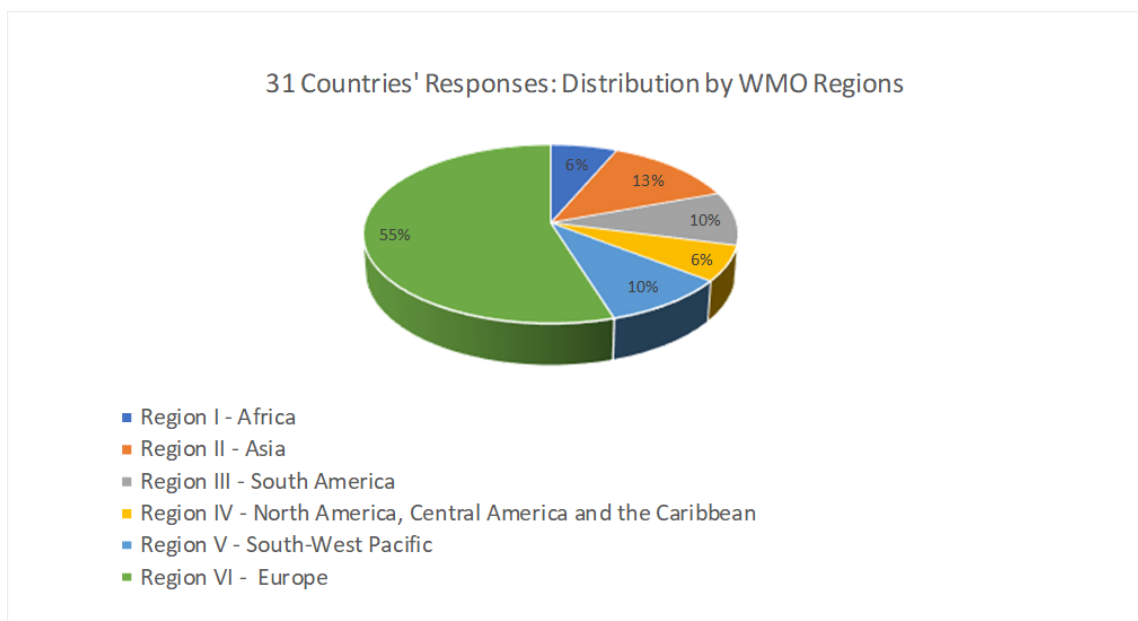


Figure 2: Distribution of responses per agenda items

Agenda items*	Number of Member countries supporting the agenda items
Progress reports	15
AR6 Strategic Planning Schedule	15
Review of principles Governing IPCC Work	12
Timing of approval sessions with focus on WGI	4
Draft report of IPCC-52	3
Transition to the IPCC 7th Cycle (AR7)**	2
IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget	1
Future work of the IPCC in light of the Global stocktake	1
Admission of Observer Organizations	1

* Some agenda items such as the transition to the AR7 were either proposed as a stand-alone or were merged with other agenda items.

** The number of countries supporting this item reflects solely the number of those proposing a standalone agenda item on transition to the AR7. It does not reflect the number of countries proposing its consideration under the "AR6 SPS", nor under the "Review of IPCC Principles".