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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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The Fifty-Third (bis) Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-53bis) will take place from 22 to 26 March 2021 by electronic means.

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during the plenary Session. All documentation will be in English only.

Pre-session documentation will be posted on a dedicated web page at www.ipcc.ch. In addition, the IPCC PaperSmart system will allow registered participants to access Session documents in electronic format during the meeting on a dedicated web portal via individual credentials linked to their registration. Specific guidance on the use of the PaperSmart system is made available in advance of IPCC sessions. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

A proposed organization of work including working hours is contained in document IPCC-LIII(bis)/INF.15. Additional information including an explanatory note about IPCC-53bis is available on the dedicated web page at www.ipcc.ch.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Chair of the IPCC will call the session to order at 11:00 (CET) on Monday 22 March 2021 after which invited dignitaries will address the Plenary.

The Chair will draw the attention of the Plenary to the provisional agenda ([IPCC-LIII/Doc.1](#)) and propose its adoption. The agenda may be amended at any time during the session

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE 52ND SESSION

The Draft report of the 52nd Session of the IPCC was sent to IPCC Member countries for comments on 15 September 2020. Comments received within the set deadline have been incorporated in document [IPCC-LIII/Doc. 2, Corr.1](#), which will be submitted to the Panel for final approval.

3. AR6 STRATEGIC PLANNING SCHEDULE

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Secretariat to present document [IPCC-LIII/Doc. 4, Rev. 1](#) on the AR6 Strategic Planning Schedule.

The document IPCC-LIII/Doc. 4, Rev. 1 provides an update on the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for the work of the IPCC by focusing on the changes to the timeline for delivery of the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) since the 52nd Session of the IPCC, with the view to inform the discussion of the Panel during its 53rd (bis) Session.

To inform the discussions on the upcoming approval Plenary Sessions the Secretariat in collaboration with the IPCC Executive Committee have developed a Background Note on the possible implications resulting from COVID-19 to the IPCC Plenary Sessions, presented as [IPCC-LIII/INF. 10, Rev. 1](#).

Both documents referred above are submitted in advance on the PaperSmart portal for comments. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The transition to the 7th cycle will be discussed under this agenda item, as supported by many Member countries during the consultations on the IPCC53-bis agenda, who find the transition to the next cycle linked with the planning for the rest of the AR6 schedule.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the urgent actions implemented by the ExCom regarding the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) work since the 52nd Session of IPCC, consider and advise on the provisional timelines of the AR6 work and provide guidance to the Secretariat, as responsible for refining the strategic planning schedule.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

4.1 Working Group I contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 1](#) providing a Progress Report of Working Group I contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report since the 52nd Session of the IPCC was submitted in advance on Paper Smart for comments. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Co-Chairs of Working Group I to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.2 Working Group II contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 4](#) providing a Progress Report of Working Group II contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report since the 52nd Session of the IPCC was submitted in advance on Paper Smart for comments. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Co-Chairs of Working Group II to respond to questions, that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.3 Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 2](#) providing a Progress Report of Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report since the 52nd Session of the IPCC was submitted in advance on Paper Smart for comments. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Co-Chairs of Working Group III to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.4 Sixth Assessment Report Synthesis Report

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 3](#) providing a Progress Report of the Sixth Assessment Report Synthesis Report since the 52nd Session of the IPCC was submitted in advance on Paper Smart for comments. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The IPCC Chair will respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.5 Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 5](#) providing a Progress Report of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories since the 52nd Session of the IPCC was submitted in Paper Smart for comments in advance of the session. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.6 Task Group on Data Support for Climate Change Assessments

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 6](#) providing a Progress Report of the Task Group on Data Support for Climate Change Assessments since the 52nd Session of the IPCC was submitted in Paper Smart for comments in advance of the session. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Co-Chairs of the Task Group on Data Support for Climate Change Assessments to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.7 Communication and outreach activities

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 11](#) is a Progress Report on Communications and outreach activities since the 52nd Session of the IPCC. This document was submitted in Paper Smart for comments in advance of the session. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The progress report refers to the review of communications requested by the ExCom, which is provided in document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 12](#).

That review made several recommendations to update the IPCC Communications Strategy. The updated text is available in document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 13](#).

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Secretariat to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report and the revisions to the Communications Strategy.

4.8 Informal Group on Publications

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 8](#) is a report of the Informal Group on Publications (IGPub's) set out to develop advice for the IPCC Bureau, the Secretariat and the IPCC's parent organizations on processes for managing publications of IPCC reports. This report documents IGPub's findings and recommendations based on its work until 12 February 2021. This document was submitted in Paper Smart for comments in advance of the session. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite Mr Jim Skea, Working Group III Co-Chair, to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel is invited to take note of the report of the Informal Group on Publications and the recommendations provided.

4.9 Gender Action Team

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 7](#) is a progress report on the implementation of the IPCC Gender Policy and Implementation Plan that was approved by the Panel during its 52nd Session. This document was submitted in Paper Smart for comments in advance of the session. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite Ms Ko Barrett, Chair of the Gender Action Team, to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.10 Secretariat Staffing, roles and requirements

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 9, Rev.1](#) is an update on Secretariat Staffing, roles and requirements. The document describes the formal functions of the Secretariat and how its work has evolved with changing demands, reviews the current staffing, and sets out options to meet current and future needs where required. This document was submitted in Paper Smart for comments in advance of the session. A summary of the comments received will be included in the report of the session.

The Chair of the IPCC will invite the Secretariat to respond to questions that Member countries may have.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

4.11 Matters related to UNFCCC and Other International Bodies

The document [IPCC-LIII/INF. 14](#) is a report on activities undertaken by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in collaboration with IPCC, as well as other activities relevant for the work of the IPCC, since the last update presented during the 52nd Session of the IPCC in February 2020. The UNFCCC activities are now focused on the preparations for the 26 session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) that is planned to be held in November 2021 in Glasgow.

The Panel will be invited to take note of the report.

5. REVIEW OF THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING IPCC WORK

The document [IPCC-LIII\(bis\)/Doc. 3](#), to inform discussions on the review of the Principles Governing IPCC Work, provides a summary of views and recommendations in this regard as expressed at the 52nd Session of the IPCC and in consideration of the summary of views documents by the Secretariat as requested by the Panel at its 52nd Session, and the IPCC Bureau at its 58th Session and discussions by the IPCC Bureau at its 59th Session. Views reflected take into account discussions during the live Sessions of the Bureau and in the Bureau Portal, as well as those in the Bureau Portal preceding and following the meetings. Comments made at the 59th Session of the IPCC Bureau, both during the Session and in the Bureau Portal, supplemented as well as clarified and emphasized those made at the 58th Session of the IPCC Bureau.

The Panel will be invited to consider the summary of views prepared by the Secretariat and recommend ways of moving forward on this agenda item.

6. PLACE AND DATE FOR THE 54TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE IPCC

This agenda item will be informed by the discussions under Agenda Item 3 of the AR6 Strategic Planning Schedule.

7. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is expected to close on Friday 26 March 2021.