

**FIFTY-THIRD (bis) SESSION OF THE IPCC
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Agenda Item: 3
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AR6 STRATEGIC PLANNING SCHEDULE

Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

¹ This revised version is being submitted to reflect further clarification on the IPCC elections process.

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(Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work)

Fifty-third (bis) Session of the IPCC (IPCC-53 bis)
(Electronic and written session)

FUTURE WORK OF THE IPCC:

THE END OF AN ASSESSMENT CYCLE AND THE SESSION PRIOR TO ELECTIONS

- Composition of IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau
Rule 7
- Terms of Appointment
Rule 8
- Nominations
Rule 21

RULE 7

COMPOSITION OF IPCC BUREAU AND ANY TASK FORCE BUREAU

“The size, structure and composition of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau will be reviewed and amended, as necessary, by the Panel at least one Session prior to the Session at which the IPCC Bureau and/or any Task Force Bureau are elected.”

RULE 8

TERM OF APPOINTMENT

- “The Term of the Bureau shall be sufficient for the preparation of an Assessment Report and shall extend approximately one year after the Session at which the Assessment Report has been accepted and shall end at the Session at which the succeeding IPCC Bureau is elected.”
- “The Term of any Task Force Bureau shall normally be the same as the Term of the IPCC Bureau and elections for any Task Force Bureau shall take place at the same Session at which the IPCC Bureau is elected, unless decided otherwise by the Panel.”
- “The Term of the IPCC Bureau shall be defined at least one Session prior to the one at which the IPCC Bureau is elected.”

RULE 21

NOMINATIONS

- As to the elections, consistent with Rule 21 (a) and (b) the Secretary of the IPCC, six months or more before the Session, will have to invite Members of the IPCC to submit to the IPCC Secretariat written nominations for the IPCC Chair and relevant IPCC Bureau or any Task Force Bureau positions.
- In accordance with Rule 21 (c) nominations should be submitted in writing to the Secretariat one month before the election.

AR5 CONTEXT ON TRANSITION TO THE CURRENT CYCLE

- What took place in AR5 for a transition to the current cycle
- Preparatory works for considering the specifics of the next Bureau (AR6)
- What this preparatory work schedule would mean for AR6 schedule?

WHAT TOOK PLACE IN AR5 FOR A TRANSITION TO THE CURRENT CYCLE

- AR5 SYR was approved on 24-31 October 2014 (in P-40)
- The specifics of the next Bureau (size, structure, composition, terms) were agreed on 24-27 February 2015 (in P-41)
- The IPCC Secretary sent a letter, dated 13 March 2015, to governments inviting nominations of candidates for the next Bureau based on the agreement made in P-41 (letter ref 5181-15/IPCC/BUR)
- Election in 5-8 October 2015 (in P-42)

PREPARATORY WORKS FOR CONSIDERING THE SPECIFICS OF THE NEXT BUREAU (AR6)

- Established TG on this and approved its ToR. 14-18 October 2013 (in P-37 held in Batumi, after P-36 which approved WGI report.)
- TG 1st progress report (in P-39 = WG3 approval)
- TG 2nd progress report (in P-40 = SYR approval)(Oct 2014)
- Final submission and agreement (in P-41 (Feb 2015), one session prior to the election in P-42)
- IPCC Secretary sent letter (March 2015) to governments inviting nominations of the candidates for the new Bureau based on the agreement made in P-41.

WHAT THIS PREPARATORY WORK SCHEDULE WOULD MEAN FOR AR6 SCHEDULE?

- Establish TG and approve ToR in P-54 or P-55
- TG 1st progress report in P-56 (WG2 approval)
- TG 2nd progress report in P-57 (SYR approval)
- Final submission and agreement in P-58
- Secretary's letter to governments inviting nominations to be sent after P-58

TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN SYR APPROVAL AND ELECTION FOR NEXT BUREAU

