

Statement

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Thank you, Chair!

Since the adoption of the Paris Agreement in December 2015, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the IPCC, hold its 43rd session in Nairobi in April 2016, and took some important decisions of relevance to the work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about these decisions.

Firstly, the IPCC has decided “to take the outcomes of the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC into account when determining the IPCC programme of work and products for the sixth IPCC assessment cycle”.

As you are probably aware, the IPCC responded positively to the request of the UNFCCC and accepted the invitation “to provide a Special Report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above preindustrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, and decides to prepare a Special Report on this topic in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.”

I am pleased to let you know that the work on this report has already started. The scoping meeting is scheduled for the third week of August and is expected to prepare an outline to be presented for consideration at the 44th Session of the IPCC in October 2016. The draft Special Report on this topic is expected to be approved at the IPCC session in September 2018.

Furthermore, the IPCC approved the proposal on “Refinement of 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Inventories, including production of a Methodology Report(s)”, which is particularly relevant in the context of the implementation of article 13 of the Paris Agreement. The scoping process for this has also initiated and the draft Methodology Report on Greenhouse Gas Inventories is expected to be approved by an IPCC Plenary session in May 2019.

The panel has also decided to prepare during its Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) cycle a Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems, as well as a Special Report on climate change and oceans and the cryosphere. Furthermore, the Panel recommended, within the AR6 scoping processes, a stronger integration of the assessment on the impacts of climate change on cities and decided

that the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) cycle should include a Special Report on climate change and cities.

As for the scoping of the AR6 to be delivered in three Working Group contributions and a Synthesis Report, the IPCC also considered enhancing the regional issues. The Panel decided that the approval by the Plenary of the AR6 Synthesis Report should happen as soon as possible in the course of 2022. This means that the report should be launched before the global stocktake in 2023. Furthermore, the panel requested the Secretariat to prepare proposals for aligning the work of the IPCC during its AR7 with the needs of the global stocktake foreseen under the Paris Agreement and to submit these proposals for consideration at a Plenary session of the IPCC no later than 2018.

Against this background the IPCC has actively participated in several events during this week in Bonn. The SBSTA/IPCC Special Event on the Global Stocktaking was a very productive event. Equally relevant and productive was the Special Event on the Research Dialogue. We would like to thank the Chair of SBSTA for the initiative of convening these two Special Events. We would also want to thank the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC for organizing a meeting with several research bodies and entities (IPCC, GCOS, WCRP and several divisions of the WMO).

Members of the IPCC Executive Committee have been present this week in Bonn and participated in several events and negotiation sessions, which we believe helped to gain a better understanding of the needs of the Convention, the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the programme of work of the IPCC. We are encouraged to see that decisions taken at the 43rd Session of the IPCC are already informing negotiations, in particular regarding the Global Stocktaking and metrics.

In summary, Madame Chair, the IPCC is making its utmost to secure that its programme of work and products contribute in a timely manner to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Finally, Madame Chair I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mr Abdallah Mokssit, currently the Director of Morocco's Meteorological Office has been appointed as Secretary of the IPCC. Mr Mokssit will take office at the beginning of July.

Thank you very much Madame Chair.