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Workshop
Methodological issues
7 June 2008

Workshop on methodological issues

Information note by the secretariat

I. Mandate and background

1.   The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the
Kyoto Protocol (AWG), at its resumed fourth session, requested[1] the secretariat to organize, under the
guidance of the Chair of the AWG, a workshop on consideration of relevant methodological issues,
including the methodologies to be applied for estimating anthropogenic emissions and the global warming
potentials (GWPs) of greenhouse gases (GHGs).

2.   The AWG further invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 21 March 2008, their views and
information on methodological issues relevant to matters raised in paragraph 17 (b) (i) and (ii) of
document FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/4, as well as on the topics to be covered and experts/organizations to be
invited to participate in the in-session workshop. Relevant submissions by Parties are contained in
document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/MISC.3.

II. Purpose of the workshop

3.   The workshop will initiate work on the analysis of relevant methodological issues, focusing on
the methodologies for emission estimations and GWPs. It will take place in an informal setting to
promote interaction and in-depth consideration of the issues. It will involve input from leading
international experts and provide an opportunity for Parties to present their views on the relevant issues to
be addressed under the work of the AWG.

4.   The workshop will, inter alia, consider the following issues:

- Experiences with the use of the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas
  Inventories, IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National
  Greenhouse Gas Inventories* and *IPCC Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-use
  Change and Forestry,* currently used by Annex I Parties reporting under the Kyoto Protocol;

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[1] FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 19 (d) (iv).

- Possible use of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (hereinafter referred to as the 2006 IPCC Guidelines)and the implications for estimating GHG emissions and removals;

- GWP values contained in recent reports by the IPCC, including in the third and fourth assessment reports, and possible implications of using these GWP values for estimating GHG emissions and removals;

- Possible alternatives to using GWPs to estimate aggregated GHG emissions and removals[2] and impacts on the assessment of effectiveness of mitigation options by Parties;

- Other related issues.

III. Date and venue

5.   The workshop will be held on Saturday, 7 June, during the second part of the fifth session of the AWG (Bonn, Maritime Hotel, 2 -12 June 2008).

IV. Organization of work

6.   The workshop will explore methodological issues focusing on methodologies for emission estimations and GWPs. Overview presentations will be made by the IPCC on the differences between the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* and the *IPCC Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry,* currently used by Annex I Parties reporting under the Kyoto Protocol, and the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, as well as on GWPs. These presentations will be followed by interventions from Parties and an in-depth discussion on the issues to be addressed for each of the methodological issues.

7.   The workshop will be co-chaired by Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway), Chair of the AWG, and Mr. Mama Konate (Mali), Vice-Chair of the AWG. A preliminary structure for the workshop is presented in the annex. A detailed schedule will be made available in due course.

V. Expected outcome

8.   The Chair will present a summary report on the workshop to the AWG on his own responsibility. The summary report will contain possible issues to be addressed by the AWG as well as options put forward by Parties to address these identified issues. Any other issues identified by Parties will also be presented in this report.

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[2] The estimation of aggregated GHG emissions and removals is also known as the "basket approach".

Annex

Preliminary agenda for the workshop on methodological issues

<u>Saturday, 7 June</u>

10.00–10.10

Opening

- Objectives and expected outcomes by the Chair of the workshop

10.10–11.00

- Presentation by the secretariat on current practices to use methodologies for estimating and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and removals, and the use of global warming potentials (GWPs).
- Presentation(s) from IPCC expert(s) on the differences between the current IPCC Guidelines and the IPCC good practice guidance, and the 2006 IPCC Guidelines
- Presentation(s) from IPCC expert(s) on GWPs

11.00–12.50
- Interventions from Parties on national experiences
- Discussion:

    1. Methodologies for estimating GHG emissions and removals and the IPCC guidelines:

    o Experiences with the use of the IPCC guidelines, currently used by Annex I Parties reporting under the Kyoto Protocol, for estimating GHG emissions and removals
    o Possible use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and the implications for the estimation of GHG emissions and removals

    2. Global Warming Potential and other relevant issues:

    o GWPs contained in recent reports by the IPCC, including in the third and fourth assessment reports, and possible implications of using these GWP values for estimating GHG emissions and removals
    o Possible alternatives to using GWPs to estimate aggregated GHG emissions and removals and impacts on the assessment of effectiveness of mitigation options by Parties

    3. Other issues relating to methodologies

12:50-13.00
- Summary of the workshop by the Chair

Closing

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