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Geneva, 25 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to our Letter No. 5155-21/IPCC/AR6 of 3 May 2021, we are writing in relation to the changes to the schedule of the Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report as well as those of Working Group II and the Synthesis Report.

Following the consultations with the Bureau, the Panel has approved the following changes:

- The Working Group III Government Review of the SPM postponed to 29 November 2021 to 30 January 2022 from 9 August to 3 October 2021.
- The Synthesis Report Government and Expert Review postponed to 10 January to 20 March 2022 from 15 November 2021 to 9 January 2022.
- To mitigate impacts of the overlap between the Working Group III and Synthesis Report reviews, and to take into account further congestion from the Working Group II Approval Plenary falling during the Synthesis Report review, the durations of the Working Group III and Synthesis Report review periods have been extended beyond the normal eight weeks to nine weeks and ten weeks respectively.
- The Working Group II Approval Plenary moves to an earlier date, to 14-18 February 2022 from 28 February to 4 March 2022 and would consequently now fall during the Synthesis Report review period.
- The Working Group III Approval Plenary is moved later to 21-25 March 2022 instead of 5 days between 10-30 January 2022.
- As a result of the delay to the Synthesis Report Government and Expert Review, CWT-3 would be delayed by two weeks (from 21-25 March to 4-8 April 2022) and the commencement of the Final Government Distribution and Government review of the SPM would be delayed by one week (from 6 June to 13 June 2022).
- Due to logistical constraints in the host country for the Synthesis Report Approval Plenary, the Synthesis Report Approval Plenary will take place in the last week of September 2022 (26 September to 30 September 2022), and CWT-4 will take place the week before that (19 to 23 September).

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It should be noted that these changes are based on the premise that both approval sessions of Working Group II and Working Group III would take place in person and that the final dates of the approval sessions are provisional and will be determined based on suitable venue availability.

We would like to thank you for your positive feedback and continued support during these challenging times.

A copy of this letter is being sent for information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Permanent Representatives from your country to the World Meteorological Organization and to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Mokssit', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC