

ICONICS Conference Call 17 December 2015

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Possible new working group on climate information

Brian and Tim will discuss the possible need for such a group with the new CMIP6 VIA advisory group and, if such a group would be useful, who could take the lead. They will provide recommendations early next year.

Global Environmental Change special issue

All papers are submitted to the special issue that describes the SSP narratives, quantifies various drivers, and documents the scenarios developed from combinations of the RCPs and SSPs. Congratulations to the authors and the leaders of the special issue.

Income distribution projections

Information will be added to the website on the income distribution projections, including on the meeting held in conjunction with the [IPCC Expert Meeting on Scenarios](#).

IPCC Expert Meeting on TGICA

The upcoming IPCC Expert Meeting on TGICA was discussed. The changing landscape of climate and socioeconomic data needs and provision were discussed, including better linkages as more data are posted on the web, the need for a source to provide links to a range of data relevant for modelers, and guidance documents on using data, such as guidance for impacts modelers on choosing relevant climate data output. A questionnaire was sent to IPCC Focal Points asking for their input on the future directions of TGICA and select experts were interviewed. Several members of ICONICS will be in attendance.

Possible IPCC Special Reports in the AR6 cycle

A wide ranging discussion covered members' perspectives on several proposed IPCC Special Reports, including the request from the UNFCCC that the IPCC conduct a Special Report on the impacts of a 1.5 vs. 2.0°C increase in global mean surface temperature, and the interest of several countries to support a Special Report on the integration of adaptation, mitigation, and sustainable development.

Other issues

- The IAMC working group on the SSPs plans to broaden their database to include global, sectoral, and regional data and information.
- [IPBES](#) is talking with members of the community about developing and using scenarios. There will be a meeting in the spring with biodiversity modelers.
- Future Earth will hold a meeting in Germany to discuss the connections between the SSPs and SDGs in the context of German development policies, with a particular interest in oceans and fisheries.
- Fisheries modelers are working on extending the SSPs to include narrative elements and quantifications of relevance for modeling the impacts of climate change.

- At COP21, UNDP and UNEP expressed possible interest in supporting regional meetings on SSP narrative extensions to support development of national adaptation plans.

Next call

The next call will be held on **12 January 2016 at 4:00 CET**.