

ICONICS Conference Call 22 September 2014

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IPCC scenarios meeting

A short update was provided on the IPCC scenarios meeting. The meeting is being planned for Feb-Mar 2015 (updated planning is: April-May 2015). As noted in the last call, the meeting will review the use of scenarios in the AR5 and discuss needs and opportunities for scenario use in AR6. The plan is to include presentations of the final IAM quantifications for the SSPs and the final IAM scenarios (including SPAs).

ICONICS scenarios forum

Based on this information, the timing of the ICONICS scenarios meeting was agreed to be in late September 2015, tentative dates are 21st-23rd.

A follow-up item is to discuss possible collaboration with Future Earth on the forum.

Linking with the climate modeling community

The discussion continued from the previous call on how best to link with ongoing activities in the climate modeling community. Discussions focused on what is needed and whether those needs are being met. Proposals ranged from broadening the mandate of ICONICS to formally integrating climate modeling activities to establishing liaisons with key activities, such as TIGICA, the CMIP6 impacts advisory group, the new working group in the Global Framework for Climate Services on regional climate, and the various model intercomparison projects underway or planned. The key question is the needs in scenarios for climate projections and the extent to which these needs are satisfied.

Miscellaneous

- Apparently, there is interest in an IPCC expert meeting on the risks climate change poses for agriculture and the potential for adaptation to reduce those risks.

Next call

Next call will be early next year; Tom will circulate a doodle.