

## ***ICONICS Conference Call 24 March 2016***

### ***Participants:***

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The conference call focused on next steps for ICONICS. The scenario process undertaken several years ago is no longer new; the RCPs are being used extensively by the broad climate science community and the SSPs are being increasingly incorporated into research that will be assessed by WGs II and III. Therefore, some of the original tasks (and working groups) identified under ICONICS have largely been accomplished.

There was broad agreement that the vision and mission for ICONICS is clear and remains relevant, and that ICONICS can continue to provide unique value through:

- Facilitate communication, information exchange, and access / links to data relevant to the scenario process via the website. This would include developing educational materials on the SSPs. Available material can be sent to Kris.
- Facilitate scenarios research through networking and coordination across projects and with other organizations such as IAMC and TGICA. It was noted that IPBES is engaging with ICONICS on lessons learned as they consider scenario development.
- Organize, if funded, a scenarios forum and coordinate regional workshops on scenario extensions.

The IPCC will take a decision about the proposed special report on 1.5C (as called for by the UNFCCC in Paris), and possible other special reports at its 43<sup>rd</sup> Plenary on 11-13 April. Depending on the broad parameters of that report, ICONICS and its members may have a role in supporting the scoping of and writing of the report(s) and of the AR6. The SR on 1.5C faces a very tight time schedule, scoping of AR6 may not start until 2017.

Tom will look at the current WG pages and develop a straw proposal for the WG structure: which to keep active for what old or new purposes, which to close and archive and which to take off the list; and make suggestions for updates of WG texts. To put the suggestions in perspective an overall sketch of where we may go with ICONICS will be part of the strawman.

The next call will focus on discussing the proposal and reflect on possible changes in membership to support the updated structure. Tom will send a Doodle after the IPCC Plenary.