

ICONICS Conference Call 6 May 2015

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IPCC Expert Meeting on Scenarios

Much of the conference call focused on issues around the IPCC Expert Meeting on Scenarios (May 19-21 at IIASA), particularly presentations that will be made by members of ICONICS. [A meeting report is under preparation and will be posted on the IPCC website (ipcc.ch)]. Bas announced a meeting on approaches to model income distribution, back-to-back with the IPCC Expert Meeting on Scenarios on Thursday, May 21st. This meeting also was announced on the ICONICS mailing list.

Release of preliminary scenarios for public comment

There also was discussion about the release of preliminary scenarios developed using the SSPs. These scenarios complement the basic information on economic and demographic elements of the SSPs that were made available in 2013. The draft data from six of the IAM teams will be made available for public comment on 13 May, with comments due 15 June.

Other issues

Ben said the paper on SSP extensions is accepted in the special issue of Global Environmental Change (see ICONICS website).

Next call

The next call will be in September; Tom will circulate a doodle. In the meantime members will meet at other venues, such as the Paris meeting on our Common Future under Climate Change and the annual Energy Modeling Forum meeting in Snowmass in July 2015, to follow up on activities such as the proposed Scenarios Forum.

Following the call, there was a discussion at the IPCC Expert Meeting on Scenarios of the possibility of developing a 'high-level' paper on scenario research needs now that the narratives and first round of quantifications complete.

Links of potential interest:

ICONICS website: <http://www2.cgd.ucar.edu/research/iconics>

SSP database: