

ICONICS Conference Call 7 January 2015

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IPCC scenarios meeting

A short update was provided on the IPCC scenarios meeting, which will focus on improving the use of scenarios in the scientific literature to be assessed in the AR6. The meeting will be held 18-20 May at IIASA. The plan is for a meeting of up to approximately 100 people.

The Science Steering Committee includes the WGII and WGIII Co-Chairs, representatives of the scientific community, and the host institution. ICONICS participants include Brian, Elmar, Keywan, and Tim. Brian, Elmar, and Keywan would appreciate the names, affiliations, and contact information for any participants considered critical for a successful meeting.

ICONICS scenarios forum

Based on this information, the ICONICS scenarios meeting will be postponed until 2016, with the focus dependent on the outcome of the IPCC meeting.

Discussion of Working Group

Brian discussed the need for a new working group linking with the climate modeling community. Brian and Tim are working on a proposal for such a group, including their potential terms of reference. Possible co-chairs include Kate Calvin (PNNL) and Erwan Monier (MIT). The proposal will be shared once it is further developed.

The SSPs narratives paper submitted to the special issue of GEC is accepted.

Tom talked about the IAM implementation of the SSPs. The IAMC has a working group on scenarios that will take the lead on these activities, making sure to keep ICONICS informed about work and progress. It was agreed to revise the ICONICS website to link with the IAMC webpage for this working group.

With the IAM quantitative drivers now developed and implemented, there is a need to revise this working group. There was support for combining the working groups on qualitative and quantitative drivers for use by IAM and IAV research, with the work on the IAM quantitative drivers now focusing on extensions to the SSPs. The co-chairs of the two

WGs will discuss options for how to structure their work, with pros and cons of doing that in one new WG or separately **(Detlef, Keywan, Marc and Bas)**

This led to a discussion of the needs for quantitative and qualitative drivers. The discussion focused on experiences with a World Bank report under development on poverty and climate change. The WB scenarios developed are in their last round of review before being posted. The World Bank would like to ensure consistency with the SSPs; for example, aligning poverty projections with population and GDP projections. There was a discussion of facilitating information sharing through the ICONICS mailing list, which has about 110 members. This has the potential to be an effective forum for discussing questions that arise concerning the generation and use of scenarios.

Miscellaneous

Brian and Detlef discussed the CMIP6 proposal, encouraging people to review and provide comments/suggestions before the end of January. Brian will circulate the latest version to ICONICS member and questions of particular interest. Comments and suggestions will be incorporated into the next version of the proposed design, due in March. CMIP6 will include an IAV advisory board.

Next call

Next call will be in March; Tom will circulate a doodle.