

ICONICS Conference Call 26 May 2016

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The conference call discussed a set of proposed actions for revising the mandates of the working groups.

It was agreed the overall vision of ICONICS continues to be to organize and coordinate the process for developing socioeconomic scenarios to facilitate research and assessment on climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Working Group 1: SSP narratives. Co-chairs: Brian and Elmar. It was agreed to freeze this working group after updating text on the website, adding references to publications, and pointing to extensions under other working groups. Before freezing, the working group will discuss whether to re-consider the names of the SSPs, and whether additional narratives may be useful. It was noted that it could be helpful to evaluate the feedback received on the SSPs in about two years, at which point this working group could be re-activated.

Working Group 2: IAV-IAM handshake document. Chair: Jae. It was agreed to reframe this working group to focus on guidance on use of the SSPs by the IAV committee, including developing communications materials. Tom, Tim, and Kris volunteered to co-chair this working group. The status of the handshake document will be evaluated, with a document or link added if appropriate.

Working Group 3: IAM quantitative drivers and IAM scenarios for SSPs will be revised to reflect the primary role of the IAMC/SWG scenarios in producing IAM scenarios, updating the current status and publications, etc. Input on specific changes will be sought from Keywan and Detlef (co-chairs).

Working Group 4: IAV quantitative elements and evaluation metrics. The working groups will be updated on activities and outputs. The update could note the income distribution workshop and governance indicators. Marc and Bas will continue to co-chair this working group.

There was a discussion of the need for scenarios over shorter temporal and finer spatial scales to meet the needs of the IAV community, particularly as research is now underway that will be assessed in the AR6. A first step is to point to projects under WG5 that include a focus on smaller scale and shorter time horizon, and possibly to the IAMC/SWG Scenarios initiative to promote and facilitate developing SSP-based IAM analyses in addition to the current narratives.

Cross-cutting issues to which all working groups can contribute include (1) facilitating coordination and collaboration across communities, including IAV, IAM, TGICA, PROVIA, VIACS, and others; and (2) providing guidance on evaluation metrics and on binning of scenarios developed in addition to the five SSPs.

It was agreed a scenarios forum is a good idea, with the possibility of including responsibility for organizing one within a working group.

Discussions of the other workings groups will continue at the next call, in about three weeks. Tom will send a doodle. In the meantime, it was suggested that working group co-chairs could begin revising the working group statements to specify well-defined tasks over the next two years or so.