

**Terms of Reference for the Preparation of
the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories
(as agreed by IPCC-XXI)**

In response to the decision of IPCC XX and the invitation from the SBSTA at its 17th session the IPCC will revise and update the 1996 revised IPCC Guidelines as outlined in the Table of Contents. This work will be completed in 2006, as noted in the work plan.

IPCC will base this work on, inter alia: The Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, the IPCC Report on Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2000), the IPCC Emission Factor Database, and the Good Practice Guidance on Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (when completed). Experience and feedback using the existing reports and recent advances in science, as well as the results from the UNFCCC process on technical review of inventories, will also be taken into account.

Key elements of the work will be

- Structure: The existing reports will be integrated to improve user-friendliness. Information on each sector will be synthesised into single documents. There will also be a document on cross-cutting issues, including reporting tables.
- Content of cross-cutting guidance: The volume for cross-cutting issues will include general methods on data collection issues; uncertainty assessment; methodological choice and identification of key categories; time series consistency and recalculation; quality assurance /quality control (QA/QC) and verification; and reporting tables.
- Content of sectoral guidance: The volumes for each sector will include tiered methodological approaches; decision trees; new and/or updated methods and emission factors, where appropriate; cross-references and/or revisions as necessary to avoid double counting or omissions of emissions and removals; sector-specific guidance on uncertainty assessment and QA/QC; methods for new sources¹; and reporting and documentation guidance.
- Coverage: The 2006 Guidelines will cover the same greenhouse gases and precursors included in the current guidelines and good practice guidance reports. New greenhouse gases identified in the TAR will be included if they meet the following criteria: availability of a global warming potential; identified anthropogenic sources; a basis for methodological development; and a relative importance to the total emissions. A need for development for new methods for ozone precursors is not anticipated as these are addressed under other agreements and conventions. Appropriate linkages to these methodologies will be provided.

¹ Criteria for new sources: a basis for methodological development including the ability to develop default emission factors, feasibility of obtaining the necessary data to implement the methods, and significance of the source within the sector.

Table of Contents for 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

Overview

Volume 1: Cross-cutting Issues and Reporting Tables

This volume will integrate existing material² relevant to cross-cutting issues listed below. A more complete discussion on approaches to data³ collection (e.g. sampling, use of expert judgement in data collection) will be provided. Specific information on the topics listed below will also be elaborated at the sectoral level.

- Overview
- Approaches to Data Collection
- Uncertainties
- Methodological Choice and Identification of Key Categories
- Time Series Consistency and Recalculation
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control and Verification
- Reporting Guidance including Tables

Volume 2: Energy

This volume will integrate and update existing material² relevant to the Energy Sector. As appropriate, it will provide methodologies and default data to cover emissions of new sources (see criteria in TOR)⁴

- Overview and cross-cutting issues
- Reference Approach
- Stationary Combustion
- Mobile Combustion⁵
- Fugitive Emissions

Volume 3: Industrial Processes and Product Use

This volume will integrate existing material² relevant to Industrial Processes and Solvent and Other Product Use Sectors. It will update as necessary the existing material on current source categories. As appropriate, it will provide methodologies and default data to cover emissions of new halogenated gases. It will also develop methodologies for selected new sources (see criteria in TOR):

- Overview and cross-cutting issues
- Chemical industry emissions
- Metal industry emissions
- Mineral industry emissions
- Non-energy product and feedstock use of fuels
- Ozone precursors from industrial processes
- Other industrial process emissions

² Existing material refers to the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines, Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2000), Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF, the IPCC Emission Factor Database, and any relevant material in literature and the sectors themselves. Methodologies developed under international agreements and conventions (e.g. LRTAP) will be referenced and used where necessary.

³ Data refers to activity data, emission factors and other data used in inventory compilation.

⁴ It is recognised that CO₂ capture and storage is an important emerging issue in inventory development. The coverage of CO₂ storage in this report will be closely coordinated with progress on IPCC SR on CO₂ capture and storage. CO₂ capture activities will be integrated as appropriate into the methods presented for source categories where it may occur.

⁵ Emissions from international aviation and maritime transportation will be addressed here, taking into consideration the relevant work of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

- Solvent and other product use
- Emissions of Fluorinated Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Substances

Volume 4: Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use

This volume will merge the material from the LUCF and Agriculture Chapters of the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines, GPG2000 and GPG-LULUCF. The GPG-LULUCF will report on a land-use basis. The emissions from agriculture have been integrated into this new framework in order to resolve inconsistencies and avoid double counting. This integration should be done in a way that consistency of existing inventory data is ensured when reporting emissions and removals from the sector using the new approach.. This volume will also update data, methods and emission factors where feasible

- Overview and cross-cutting issues
- Consistent Representation of Lands
- Agriculture

The following issues will be elaborated: changes in C stocks (5 pools), burning of biomass/grassland/residues, rice cultivation, non-CO₂ gases, fertilization/liming, organic soils/peat lands, new gases, sources and sinks.

- Cropland and Grassland Remaining Cropland and Grassland
- Land Converted to Cropland
- Land Converted to Grassland
- Livestock

- Forest lands

The following issues will be elaborated: changes in C stocks (5 pools), burning of biomass, non-CO₂ gases, fertilization/liming, organic soils/peat lands, new gases, sources and sinks.

- Forest land remaining forest land
- Land converted to forest land

- Wetlands

- Peatlands
- Flooded lands

- Settlements

- Settlements remaining settlements
- Land converted to settlements

- Other land

- Other

- HWP (taking into consideration any decision of the COP on this matter)

Volume 5: Waste

This volume will integrate and update existing material² on the Waste Sector. As appropriate, it will provide methodologies and default data to cover emissions from open burning of waste in solid waste disposal sites, open dumps, consolidation of wastewater treatment and human sewage disposal methods, alternative waste treatment technologies (like anaerobic digestion) and additional gases according to the criteria in TOR.

- Overview and cross-cutting issues
- Solid Waste Disposal Sites
- Wastewater Handling and Human Sewage
- Waste Incineration

Workplan for the Revised 2006 Guidelines

Period	Sequence and stages	Activity
Mid March 2004	Task Force Bureau (TFB) (by communication)	Finalise a slate of authors, and issue invitation to 1st Authors meeting.
Mid March 2004	Integration of existing material in IPCC GLs and GPG reports	A draft integrating material in IPCC 1996 Guidelines and good practice reports will be made available to the authors.
28-30 April 2004	IPCC Bureau XXXI	
4-6 May 2004	1 st CLA meeting and Cross-cutting Authors Meeting in Oslo, Norway	Prepare First Order Draft of cross-cutting issues; provide guidance for inclusion of cross-cutting issues and consistency in drafting the sectoral volumes
7 May 2004	TFB 12	
2-4 June 2004	AFLOU Authors Meeting in Mauritius	Prepare First Order Draft for the Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Sector
27-29 July 2004	IPPU Authors Meeting in Washington, USA	Prepare First Order Draft for the Industrial Process and Product Use Sector
28 - 30 September 2004 (TBC)	Energy Authors Meeting in Tanzania	Prepare First Order Draft for the Energy Sector
2 - 4 November 2004 (TBC)	Waste Authors Meeting in Canada	Prepare First Order Draft for the Waste Sector
January 2005	Consolidation Meeting	Meeting to consolidate the Sectoral reports to First Order Draft Report of 2006 GLs (CLAs and key authors)
March – April 2005	Experts Review	First review of the FOD report by experts for six weeks
June 2005	7th Meeting	Meeting to consider experts comments and to prepare Second Order Draft.
September – October 2005	Governments/Experts review	Second review of the report by Governments and Experts for eight weeks
December 2005	8th Meeting	Meeting to consider Government comments.
February 2006	TFB 17	Endorse Final Draft Report
March 2006	Government consideration	Government consideration (four weeks)
April 2006	IPCC XXIV	Present report to IPCC Panel for Adoption/Acceptance.
May 2006	SBSTA24	Presentation to SBSTA