



Update from the Policy Review Group to the 2016 Scientific Assessment Report

Progress and Further Steps
Report to the EB
15 December 2016



Mandate

- EB Decision 2016/1 established the Ad Hoc Policy Review Group of Experts on the 2016 scientific assessment of the Convention with the following **mandate**:
 1. Make proposals for a **policy response** to the 2016 Assessment Report as to whether and how the Convention should take action in the short and long term based on the findings in the report.
 2. Review the **priorities for work and action in the long-term strategy** in the light of the 2016 Assessment Report.
 3. Propose **updates and revisions to the long-term strategy** for the Convention based on findings in the 2016 Assessment Report, the policy recommendations developed and taking into account the report of the ad hoc group of experts on the action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy.

Task 1 (propose policy response)

The PRG...

- thanks all experts for the open and constructive discussion under Chatham House rules on 13/14 December
- will take it into account in further drafting
- will provide an official document with draft recommendations to WGSR 55 for discussion
- will further work on informal document which contains background and explanations underlying the draft recommendations.

Task 2 (propose priorities for work and action in the LTS)

- The PRG's report will include information on work priorities that may be helpful to the chairs of the subsidiary bodies as they develop their draft work plans for 2018-2019

Task 3 (propose updates & revisions to LTS)

- *Unless the EB decides otherwise:*
- The PRG proposes to EB that its report will highlight issues in the LTS that need further discussion; but it does not plan on updating text on the LTS before the EB takes a decision on the PRG's final recommendations.



Schedule

- today: Progress report to EB
- 10 January: Due date for any further expert views
- 15 February: Official document sent for Secretariat review
- 31 May-2 June: Final report to WGSR & Discussion
- *December 2017: EB discusses conclusions for LTS*