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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 05735/ 2024

**SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE JOINT EXPERTS GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE** (*online, 2-3 July 2024*)

I would like to inform you that the Meeting of the Joint Experts Group on Climate Change has been scheduled for **2-3 July 2024**. The meeting format will be online using the ZOOM platform.

The meeting times will be 12:00 to 17:30 (Madrid time), and if work cannot be completed an additional 30 minutes may be envisaged. There will be two 30-minute breaks, one at 13:30 and the other at 15:30.

Please find here attached a letter from the Chair, together with the Tentative agenda. Meeting documents will be posted in the [Nextcloud meeting document folder](#). Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement among potential delegates. This announcement will also be included on our [current meetings webpage](#).

In order to organize the meeting and issue the online participant links, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **25 June 2024**, including information on those **members allowed to speak** during the meeting on behalf of the delegation. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting. All participants must also register for the meeting by **25 June 2024**, using the [online registration form](#) which will soon be available on our [meetings webpage](#).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachment:** Chair letter and Tentative agenda.



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Dear colleagues:

I am looking forward to our upcoming second meeting of Joint Experts' Meeting on Climate Change, to be held virtually, July 2-3, 2024. This correspondence serves to provide you all with an update on the intersessional preparations for this meeting and goals for the work we will conduct over our two-day meeting.

Similar to last year's meeting, this is a joint meeting of the Commission and the SCRS. As such, the SCRS Chair Dr Craig Brown will be invited to co-facilitate this meeting with me. The success of these Joint Experts' meetings is contingent on a robust dialogue between managers and scientists; CPCs are once again encouraged to include SCRS scientists, along with other climate scientists and experts among their ranks to ensure a rich discussion during the meeting.

Our charge for this second Joint Experts' meeting is largely laid out for us in the [Resolution by ICCAT on Next Steps on the Joint Expert Group on Climate Change in 2024 \(Res. 23-19\)](#). One of the key tasks called for in this Resolution is the undertaking of a "stock-take" of relevant ongoing ICCAT work that relates to, or is impacted by, climate change. To facilitate this, I reached out to the Commission Officers and Chairs of Ad hoc Working Groups to solicit their insight and contributions to this stock-take. I also coordinated with the SCRS Chair to facilitate a response from the SCRS to complete this stock-take analysis. I am currently working to summarize and present the results received as part of this process. The intention of this exercise is to facilitate meaningful dialogue at our meeting, particularly toward identifying the highest priority next steps for ICCAT to take in its climate change-related work.

After presentation and discussion of this stock-take exercise, I will invite feedback under agenda item 6 on any other priority areas of climate change work for ICCAT to take forward. In particular, Res. 23-19 encourages us to consider how to engage with stakeholder groups in this effort, and our past discussions have repeatedly emphasized the importance of exploring potential partnerships with other international organizations to leverage their expertise or capacity in climate science. I invite CPCs to prepare for discussions under this item.

After these discussions, CPCs will discuss the draft ICCAT Plan of Action on Climate Change, last discussed at the 2023 Annual Meeting as PLE\_115/2023. As outlined by Res. 23-19, the goal is to facilitate a discussion that seeks to consider, revise, and aim to agree to have CPCs participating in the meeting to endorse a revised draft Plan of Action. A revised draft Plan of Action will be informed by the results of the stock-take and discussion amongst the participants of the Joint Experts' meeting. A meeting document on the stock-take exercise and PLE\_115/2023 will be posted ahead of the 2-3 July meeting, and I ask CPCs to review them in advance of the discussion.

Thank you for your attention to these details and for your partnership in this important work.

Kind regards,

Kelly A. Kryc, Ph.D.  
U.S. Commissioner to ICCAT



### **Tentative agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Presentation from the Chair on the Climate Change Experts Meeting held in July 2023, including presentation of the 2023 Draft ICCAT Plan of Action on Climate Change
5. Presentation and discussion of a 'stock-take' review on climate change work within ICCAT's subsidiary bodies, including discussion of how climate-related information can be incorporated into the ICCAT decision-making processes, from both a management and scientific perspective
6. Identification of other priority areas of climate change work, including engagement with stakeholder groups and other relevant international organizations
7. Consider, revise, and aim to agree on the Draft ICCAT Plan of Action on Climate Change
8. Consider whether another meeting is needed in 2024
9. Prepare a report to the Commission setting out proposed next steps, including the potential need for future meetings, the appropriate body or forum for those meetings, and their frequency
10. Any other matters
11. Adoption of the report and adjournment