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IPCC Scholarship Programme

1. Introduction

This document presents activities undertaken under the IPCC Scholarship Programme between January and June 2024. The last Scholarship Programme progress report was presented to the Panel at the 60th Session of the IPCC (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16 – 19 January 2024).

2. Progress Report by the Board of Trustees

At its 60th Session, the IPCC appointed four esteemed individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the IPCC Scholarship Programme ([Decision IPCC-LX-3](#)) for a four-year term. The members of the BOT who were appointed are:

- Ms Laura Butler, Canada
- Mr Alberto Graña, Uruguay
- Ms Isabelle Ramdoo, Mauritius
- Mr Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Belgium

The BOT held three teleconferences:

- Inaugural Teleconference, 29th April 2024
- Second Teleconference, 28th May 2024
- Third Teleconference, 28th June 2024

According to the [Trust Deed](#), that, *inter alia*, outlines the aims and objectives, administration, governance and management of the IPCC Scholarship Programme and spells out the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees (BOT), Science Board, IPCC Secretariat and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the BOT is collectively accountable to the IPCC and should report annually to the Panel on the affairs of the Fund. The BOT representative(s) would present an oral report to the Panel at its 61st Session.

3. Proposal to Amend the IPCC Scholarship Trust Deed

Paragraph 23 of the Trust Deed stipulate that the Panel may review the Trust Deed in the light of experience gained and make any changes as appropriate.

Practical experience has revealed that the effective operation of the BOT requires someone to fulfil the role of the Chair of the Board. During their Inaugural Teleconference, the Trustees approved that Mr Jean-Pascal van Ypersele plays the role of the Chair of the BOT. Currently, however, the position of Chair of the BOT remains non-existent despite its apparent necessity.

Therefore, the Panel is requested to establish the position of Chair of the BOT and to amend the Trust Deed accordingly. The method of appointing the Chair of the BOT could be stipulated in the amended Trust Deed. Viable options include:

- Option 1: The BOT Chair is elected by the Board at their Inaugural Teleconference; or
- Option 2: The BOT Chair is appointed by the Panel from amongst the nominated candidates.

4. Status of Resources

As of 30 April 2024, the balance in the Scholarship Trust Fund was CHF 1,634,477. The detailed statement of income and expenditure from inception is shown in **Annex 1** to this document.

5. Seventh Round of Awards (2023 – 2025)

In the preceding report (Document [IPCC-LX/Doc. 9, Rev. 1, Corr. 1](#)), the Panel was informed that the Cuomo Foundation encountered difficulties with sending funds to some African countries. Consequently, the Foundation decided to select two students to replace the two African candidates highlighted in Annex 3, page 9. The selected replacements were Mr Ricardo do Amaral from Brazil and Mr Tashi Dorji from Bhutan.

6. Partnerships

6.1 The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation started supporting the IPCC Scholarship Programme during the 1st Round of Awards (2011 – 2013). The Foundation and their partners Mœt Hennessy are jointly funding twenty scholarships in the current 7th Round of Awards.

6.2 The Cuomo Foundation

The Cuomo Foundation started providing funding in support of the IPCC Scholarship Programme from the 2nd Round of Awards (2013 – 2015). This Foundation is funding four scholarships in the 7th Round of Awards, following the withdrawal of the fifth student they selected (i.e., Ms Mira Khadka from Nepal).

6.3. The World Academy of Sciences

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) in partnership with the IPCC organized a Joint Climate Science Network, Mentorship and Capacity Growth Workshop, in Trieste, Italy on 14 – 16 May 2024. About 47 early career scientists from developing countries participated in the workshop, a majority being the previous beneficiaries of the IPCC Scholarship Programme. The workshop activities included explanations of the IPCC processes, providing details on available opportunities to participate in the work under the IPCC Seventh Assessment Cycle (AR7). A summary report of the workshop is available on the TWAS website ([here](#)).

6.4 The University of Oxford

The Doctoral Training Programme (DTP) in Environmental Research, University of Oxford Doctoral Training Centre invited the IPCC to participate in the 2024 Summer Student Conference on 17th June 2024. The objective was to discuss ways to further strengthen and advance the partnership and sensitize conference participants, particularly young scientists about the work undertaken by the IPCC in AR7, and available opportunities to contribute.

The IPCC is currently co-funding two studentships in partnership with the DTP. In 2024, the IPCC is expected to pay £26,876 as part of its contribution.

7. Expected Outcome

The Panel is invited to:

- Approve the proposed amendment of the Trust Deed.
- Take note of the information provided in the written and oral reports and provide guidance as appropriate.

Annex 1

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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) IPCC Scholarship Programme Trust Fund Interim Statement of Income and Expenditure (from inception to 30 April 2024)

(Amounts in Swiss Francs)

1. Contributions		
1.1 Nobelstiftelsen, Sweden, (9 January 2008)	884,927	
1.2 Calouste Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2022 (29 December 2022)	492,761	
1.3 AXA SA, France (30 September 2021)	205,948	
1.4 Dickinson College, United States (13 May 2022)	97,842	
1.5 Tallberg Foundation, Sweden (1 September 2009)	74,479	
1.6 Chen Fa Qing, China (9 November 2010)	39,360	
1.7 Aster Finance SARL, Switzerland (23 November 2010)	20,000	
1.8 Hoesung Lee and Sungna Chung, Republic of Korea (15 January 2014)	8,968	
1.9 Prof. Jean-Pascale Van Ypersele, Belgium (25 June 2019)	5,446	
1.10 MCG Belgium SA (16 February 2011)	5,134	
1.11 Prof. Jean-Pascale Van Ypersele, Belgium (14 July 2023)	4,823	
1.12 CEFIC Ass. Intern, Belgium (26 August 2013)	3,084	
1.13 Aimes & Co, Belgium (27 January 2014)	1,835	
1.14 Total contributions		1,844,606
2. Interest income		56,370
3. Total Income		1,900,976
4. Expenditure		
4.1 Direct expenditure		
4.1.1 Fellowships		
4.1.1.1 AXA-IPCC Scholarship Programme	107,900	
4.1.1.2 Grant to Jamiat Nanteza	36,867	
4.1.1.3 Grant to Vandhana Devi Kumar	34,080	
4.1.1.4 University of Oxford	28,452	
4.1.1.5 Grant to Rondrotiana Barimalala	18,618	
4.1.1.6 Grant to Sudeep Thakuri	18,263	
4.1.1.7 Project Agreement with GTRC for IPCC	9,457	
4.1.1.8 Grant to Mamadou Ossénatou	7,772	
4.1.1.9 Total Fellowship expenditures	261,409	
4.1.2 Other expenditure	1,872	
4.1.3 Travel of Brenda Abrar-Milani	333	
4.1.4 Total direct expenditure		263,614
4.2 Indirect expenditure		
4.2.1 Unrealized loss on exchange	1,899	
4.2.2 Bank charges	987	
4.2.3 Total indirect expenditure		2,885
4.3 Total expenditure		266,499
5. Balance at 30 April 2024		1,634,477

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