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PROGRESS REPORTS

IPCC Scholarship Programme

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

¹ This revised version is being submitted including an updated Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31 August 2022.

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1. Introduction

The aims and objectives, administration, governance and management of the IPCC Scholarship Programme are outlined in the [Trust Deed](#), which was adopted by the IPCC at its 35th Session (Geneva, Switzerland, 6 – 9 June 2012). The Trust Deed spells out the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees (BOT), Science Board, IPCC Secretariat and the World Meteorological Organizations (WMO). According to the Trust Deed, “The Board of Trustees will be collectively accountable to the IPCC and will report annually to the Panel on the affairs of the Fund”.

This progress report covers the period May 2019 – July 2022. The Scholarship Programme progress report was last presented to the Panel at the 49th Session of the IPCC (Kyoto, Japan, 8 – 12 May 2019).

2. Progress since last reporting

The IPCC Scholarship Programme most recent activities involved implementing the Panel's decisions and recommendations and collaborating with funding partners to carry out regular tasks and exploring measures to further strengthen the Programme.

2.1. Status of resources

As of 31 August 2022, the balance in the Scholarship Trust Fund was **CHF 1,185,196**. The detailed statement of income and expenditure from inception is shown in Annex 1 to this document.

2.2. Resource mobilization

At the 49th Session of the IPCC, in providing guidance to the BOT, the Panel, inter alia, stressed the need to mobilize additional resources for Scholarship Programme activities in order to expand the ability of developing country scientists to contribute in robust ways to advancing climate science and participating in the work of the IPCC (i.e. paragraph 3 of [Decision IPCC-XLIX-4](#)).

On 19th October 2020, the BOT requested Executive Heads of International and other Organizations (i.e. IPCC Observer Organizations), and current and previous Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors of IPCC reports to identify potential donor agencies, foundations, organizations and individuals who would be willing to support the IPCC Scholarship Programme through different modalities such as direct funding to the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund, targeted contributions to support specific topics of research, scholarships for early-career scientists from particular developing regions or countries, co-sponsorships or any other feasible options.

The BOT contacted thirty-five potential funding agencies which were suggested, and requested them to consider making contributions to support the Scholarship Programme by providing direct funding to the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund, disbursing funds directly to the university of institution(s) hosting the beneficiaries, or to make direct payments to the students to cover accommodation, living expenses or other personal needs.

The [AXA Research Fund](#) offered to support the Scholarship Programme by providing direct funding to the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund, and generously contributed €200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Euros; approximately CHF 205,948).

2.3. Sam Rose '58 and Julie Walters Prize at Dickinson College for Global Environmental Activism

The IPCC received the [Sam Rose '58 and Julie Walters Prize at Dickinson College for Global Environmental Activism](#) for advancing and assessing knowledge on climate change. The award was announced during the UNFCCC Glasgow Climate Change Conference, which took place from 31 October to 12 November 2021. The IPCC decided to use the prize money to further fund the IPCC Scholarship Programme. On 12 May 2022, about CHF 97,842 was received from Dickinson College, United States of America.

2.4. Establishing partnerships

To establish partnerships with academic and research institutions, and other organizations who could host and provide co-funding for graduate, post-graduate and post-doctoral fellows to carry out research on specific fields of climate studies, the BOT contacted nineteen potential partner organizations which were suggested.

The [Doctoral Training Partnership in Environmental Research](#) at the [University of Oxford](#), United Kingdom accepted to partner with the IPCC Scholarship Programme offering administrative support and co-funding for Doctoral Scholarships. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been drawn to formalize the partnership. The IPCC is expected to contribute an aggregate amount of £110,468 in annual instalments of £25,470 (in April 2023), £26,876 (in April 2024), £27,847 (in April 2025) and £30,275 (in April 2026) to partially support two scholars who will be recruited for the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

The [Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases](#) (GRA) offered non-financial support and suggested the following areas of collaboration, which have been agreed:

- GRA Secretariat to request consideration by its member countries of IPCC Scholarship Programme's request for financial contributions;
- GRA Secretariat to consider inviting IPCC Scholarship Programme alumni to participate in activities of the [CLIFF-GRADS](#) network scheduled for 2021 and subsequent years, e.g. webinars and expert meetings. Current and previous awardees of IPCC scholarships participated in a series of online Science Collaboration Events aimed at building the skills of participants to effectively communicate their research to various audiences, taking a deep dive into the topic of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and explaining how research can contribute to these policy processes, and providing an overview of large international collaboration and how they operate and exploring different possible career paths in the international climate action interface;
- GRA Secretariat to consider allocating a number of CLIFF-GRADS awards to recipients of IPCC Scholarship Programme, where host institutions and research topics are well matched to the topic of the student's thesis;
- GRA Secretariat to identify science reviewers to assist with the evaluation of proposals to the IPCC Scholarship Programme, depending on the topics contained in the IPCC's call for applications.

Discussions are ongoing with The World Academy of Sciences ([TWAS](#)) who would like to partner with the IPCC Scholarship Programme.

Other institutions which expressed interest in partnering with the IPCC Scholarship Programme contingent on availability of funds are:

- a) the [Centre for Marine Socioecology](#), co-hosted by the [University of Tasmania](#) and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization ([CSIRO](#)), Australia;
- b) the [Grantham Institute – Climate Change and the Environment](#), Imperial College London, United Kingdom;
- c) the [Faculty of Bioscience and Aquaculture](#), Nord Universitet, Norway;
- d) [Mercator Ocean International](#), Toulouse, France.

2.5. Fifth round of awards (2019– 2021)

During the Fifth Round of Awards, twelve students were awarded scholarships. The students who were awarded scholarships are listed in Annex 2. Other relevant information on the Fifth Round of Awards was reported in [Document IPCC-XLIX/Doc. 9, Rev.1](#).

2.6. Sixth round of awards (2021 – 2023)

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation (FPA2) and the Cuomo Foundation extended their generous support for the IPCC Scholarship Programme. Moreover, the FPA2 obtained additional financial support for the Scholarship Programme from the Moët Hennessy.

2.6.1. Call for applications and selection process

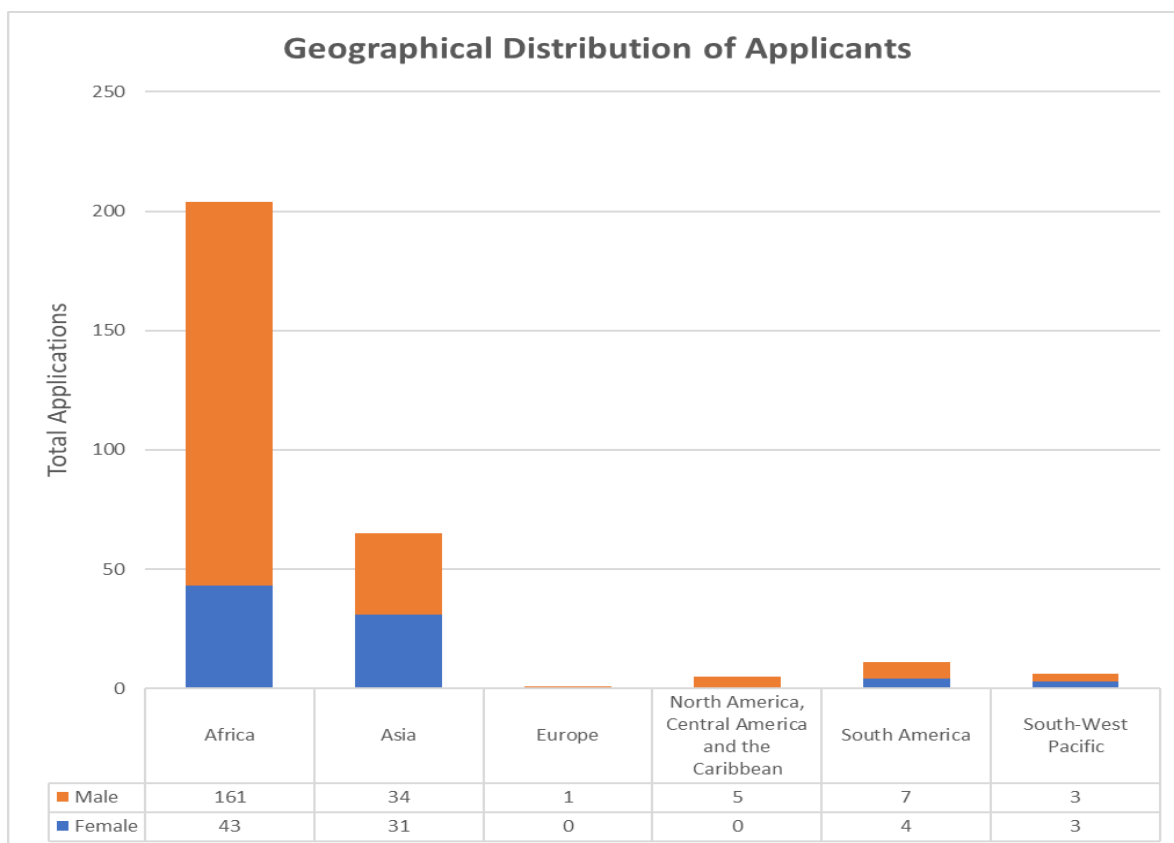
The call for applications invited applicants for PhD and post-doctoral fellowships who are citizens of a developing countries with priority given to students from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Research proposals were encouraged from, but not limited to topics which included: living soils, biodiversity, regenerative viticulture, agroforestry, water management and terrestrial carbon cycle.

A total of 328 prospective applicants registered online in the application portal. After screening the applications, it was discovered that 36 registered applicants did not submit the required documents, particularly the application form and research proposal. They were therefore disqualified.

The figure below, which presents a geographical distribution of the 292 applications which were submitted for expert review, indicate that: 161 (43) male (female) applicants were from Africa, 34 (31) male (female) applicants were from Asia, 1 male applicant was from Europe, 5 male applicants were from North America, Central America and the Caribbean, 7 (4) applicants were from South America and 3 (3) male (female) applicants were from the South-West Pacific.

About 123 expert reviewers, who are current and previous authors of IPCC reports volunteered to review the applications. They were assigned to review a small set of applicants whose research topic best fitted their fields of expertise. Expert reviewers evaluated the applications according to a set of criteria such as: academic background, interest in the field and commitment of the applicant; alignment of the research proposal with the themes listed in the call for proposals; potential for filling the knowledge gaps; applicability of the research findings; use of the new scientific approaches and ideas; potential to lead into new approaches; clarity and feasibility of the proposed work-plan and objectives; appropriateness of the data and proposed methodologies.

A shortlist of 75 candidates which was drawn from the highest rated applicants was submitted to the funding partners for their final selection.



2.6.2. Final selection

From the shortlist of candidates, 33 were awarded scholarships. These candidates are listed in Annex 3.

3. Conclusion

The Panel is requested to take note of the progress report and provide guidance as appropriate.

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**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
 Nobel Peace Prize Scholarship Programme Trust Fund
 Interim Statement of Income and Expenditure
 (from inception to 31 August 2022)**
(Amounts in Swiss Francs)

1. Contributions			
1.1 Nobelstiftelsen, Sweden, (9 January 2008)		884,927	
1.2 AXA SA, France (30 September 2021)		205,948	
1.3 Dickinson College, United States (13 May 2022)		97,842	
1.4 Tallberg Foundation, Sweden (1 September 2009)		74,479	
1.5 Chen Fa Qing, China (9 November 2010)		39,360	
1.6 Aster Finance SARI, Switzerland (23 November 2010)		20,000	
1.7 MCG Belgium SA (16 February 2011)		5,134	
1.8 CEFIC Ass. Intern, Belgium (26 August 2013)		3,084	
1.9 Hoesung Lee and Sungna Chung, Republic of Korea (15 January 2014)		8,968	
1.10 Aimes & Co, Belgium (27 January 2014)		1,835	
1.11 Prof. Jean-Pascale Van Ypersele, Belgium (25 June 2019)		5,446	
1.12 Total contributions			1,347,023
2. Interest Income			37,622
3. Total Income			1,384,644
4. Expenditure			
4.1 Direct expenditure			
4.1.1 Fellowships			
4.1.1.1 AXA-IPCC Scholarship Programme	70,200		
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 Grant to Rondrotiana Barimalala	18,618		
4.1.1.5 Grant to Sudeep Thakuri	18,263		
4.1.1.6 Project Agreement with GTRC for IPCC	9,457		
4.1.1.7 Grant to Mamadou Ossénatou	7,772		
4.1.1.8 Total Fellowship expenditures	195,257		
4.1.2 Other expenditure	1,872		
4.1.3 Travel of Brenda Abrar-Milani	333		
4.1.4 Total direct expenditure			197,462
4.2 Indirect expenditure			
4.2.1 Unrealized loss on exchange	1,220		
4.2.2 Bank charges	767		
4.2.3 Total indirect expenditure			1,987
4.3 Total expenditure			199,449
5. Balance at 31 August 2022			1,185,196

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List of Scholarship Awardees (5th Round of Awards)

Students supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation:

- i. Gabriela COLORADO-RUIZ, Mexico
- ii. Afriyane DIAN, Indonesia
- iii. Amali, HETTIARACHCHI, Sri Lanka
- iv. Yaya IDRISOU, Benin
- v. Peter KABANO, Uganda
- vi. Daniel KORIR, Kenya
- vii. Magatte SOW, Senegal

Students supported by the Cuomo Foundation:

- i. Ana Carolina AMARILLO, Argentina
- ii. Yabin DA, China
- iii. Pedro David, FERNANDEZ, Argentina
- iv. Dongfeng LI, China
- v. Igor RIBEIRO, Brazil

List of Scholarship Awardees (6th Round of Awards)

Candidates selected by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and their partner Moët Hennessy

The (FPA2) and their partner awarded scholarships to:

- i. Folasade Abimbola ADU, Nigeria
- ii. Michael ASANTE, Ghana
- iii. M'koumfida BAGBOHOUNA, Togo
- iv. Ama Kissiwah BOATENG, Ghana
- v. Rogerio DE SOUZA NOIA JUNIOR, Brazil
- vi. Christopher Uche EZEH, Nigeria
- vii. Kedir Abate FENTAW, Ethiopia
- viii. Gowri Krishna GIRIJA, India
- ix. Jaqueline LOPES VARELA, Cape Verde
- x. Bhardwaj MANUJ, India
- xi. Viala MBAZOGO MENDENE, Gabon
- xii. Aggrey MUHEBWA, Uganda
- xiii. Aissatou NDIAYE, Senegal
- xiv. Safianu OMAR, Ghana
- xv. Yusmiana Puspitaningsih RAHAYU, Indonesia
- xvi. Monika RUWAIMANA, Indonesia
- xvii. Mahaman Sanoussi SANI ISSA, Niger
- xviii. Sonam SHERPA, Nepal
- xix. Coffi Leonce Geoffroy SOSSA, Benin
- xx. Fikadu Getachew WELIDEHANNA, Ethiopia

Candidates selected by the Cuomo Foundation

The Cuomo Foundation awarded scholarships to:

- i. Gildas Geraud Comlan ASSOGBA, Benin
- ii. Boubou BAGRE, Burkina Faso
- iii. Ana Lucia CASTRILLON CIFUENTES, Colombia
- iv. Simeon DIEDHIOU, Senegal
- v. Tariku Olana JAWO, Ethiopia
- vi. Yucong LIN, China
- vii. Mamadou Lamine THIAM, Senegal

Candidates selected by the AXA Research Fund

The AXA Research Fund awarded scholarships to:

- i. Ferede ABUYE JELDU, Ethiopia
- ii. Dagbegnon Idelbert BEHANZIN, Benin
- iii. Gonfa Kewessa HUNDE, Ethiopia
- iv. Olawale James IKUYAJOLU, Nigeria
- v. Thierry ODOU, Benin
- vi. Disha SACHAN, India