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**IPCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

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## 1. Introduction

This document provides an update on the IPCC Scholarship Programme activities since August 2024, when it last updated the Panel at the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC (Sofia, Bulgaria, 27 July – 02 August 2024). It also follows up on a decision made by the Panel at its 61<sup>st</sup> Session and seeks the Panel's approval for a new member of the Board of Trustees.

## 2. Amendment of the Trust Deed

At the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPCC, the Panel decided to amend the Trust Deed as to the election of the Chair of the Board of Trustees (BOT) and requested the IPCC Secretariat to present an amendment for the Panel's approval at the Sixty-second Session of the IPCC ([Decision IPCC-LXI-4](#)). Accordingly, the amended Trust Deed, presented in track changes mode is appended as **Annex I** to this document.

## 3. Replacement of a Member of the Board of Trustees

At the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (Istanbul, Türkiye, 16 – 19 January 2024), the Panel appointed a new BOT for a period of 4 years. The members of the BOT are listed in Decision [IPCC-LX-3](#).

In July 2024, Mr Alberto Graña from Uruguay communicated his intentions to step down from the BOT. Since then, he has not participated in all BOT activities neither has he communicated.

Mr Edgardo Alvarez-Chávez, Secretary General, Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE), Peru, has been nominated by Science Board of the Scholarship Programme to replace Mr Graña. This replacement will maintain the required geographic and gender balance.

## 4. Status of Trust Fund Resources

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the balance in the Scholarship Trust Fund was CHF 1, 718,850. The detailed statement of income and expenditure from inception is shown in **Annex II** to this document.

### 4.1 Government of Germany

On 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the Government of Germany made a generous contribution of EUR 30,000 (Thirty Thousand Euros), equivalent to CHF 28,129.11. These funds were transmitted to the University of Oxford to support the studies by Ms Zoe Brown from The Bahamas.

### 4.2 Government of Norway

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the Government of Norway through the Norwegian Environment Agency made a generous contribution of NOK 1,090, 000 (One Million and Ninety Norwegian Krone), equivalent to CHF 85, 960.94. These funds will be used to fund scholarships in 2025.

## 5. Funding Partners

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation invited the IPCC to participate in the Planetary Health Awards Ceremony that was held in Monaco on 07<sup>th</sup> November 2024. All scholarship awardees under the Seventh Round of Awards (2023 – 2025) were invited and those who participated received their certificates.

The Cuomo Foundation also participated in the Awards Ceremony and awarded four certificates to the awardees they are funding.

The two funding partners pledged their continued support for the Scholarship Programme.

## **6. Conclusion**

At its 62<sup>nd</sup> session the Panel is invited to take note of the update and:

- Approve the amendment of the Trust Deed as reflected in paragraph 11 to the Trust Deed document appended in Annex I to this document.
- Appoint Mr Edgardo Alvarez-Chávez as a member of the BOT.
- Thank the governments of Germany and Norway for the financial support they provided and other partners for pledging to continue their support to the IPCC Scholarship Programme.
- Provide any guidance, as appropriate.

**TRUST DEED**

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Scholarship Programme**

**Aim and objectives of the Fund**

1. The aim of the IPCC Scholarship Programme is to build capacity in the understanding and management of climate change in developing countries through providing opportunities for young scientists from developing countries to undertake studies that would not be possible without the intervention of the Fund
2. Income of the IPCC Scholarship Programme includes:
  - Funds received by IPCC from the Nobel Foundation for the 2007 Peace Prize;
  - Donations and contributions from individuals, organisations and governments supporting the aim and objectives of the Fund;
  - The interest and capital gains accrued from any investment of the principal of the Fund.
3. The IPCC Scholarship Programme will be used to:
  - Provide scholarships for young post-graduate or post-doctoral students from developing countries, especially least developed countries, for research that advances the understanding of the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts, and options for adaptation and mitigation;
  - Support other capacity building activities in developing countries, in line with the general aim of the Fund and as agreed by the IPCC.

**Administration of the Fund**

4. The resources of the IPCC Scholarship Programme are deposited with WMO under a separate account (IPCC Nobel Peace Prize Fund). The Secretary-General of WMO administers the Fund in accordance with WMO Financial Regulations and Rules, Standing Instructions and established procedures of WMO, as supplemented by the provisions of the present terms of reference and guidance received from the Board of Trustees. The administration of the Fund is subject to no administrative or support costs.
5. Financial reports on the Fund will be made in Swiss Francs. The United Nations rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction will apply for the conversion into Swiss Francs of income received and payments made or charges incurred in any other currency.
6. WMO shall prepare a financial report on the overall use of the Fund and make it available annually to IPCC. The statement of income and expenditure of the Fund will be incorporated in the overall audited financial statements submitted by the Secretary-General of WMO to the WMO Executive Council for approval. External audit will be conducted as provided for in the WMO Financial Regulations. The audit report will be submitted to the IPCC together with the annual report referred to in paragraph 11 below.

**Governance and Management of the Fund**

***Overall Governance***

7. The utilization of the Fund shall be consistent with the aim and objectives of the Fund and additional guidance provided IPCC in Plenary Session.
8. The Aims and Purpose of the Fund and the governance structure of the Fund may only be changed by the IPCC in Plenary Session

### *Science Board*

9. A Science Board, composed of the IPCC Chair, or his representative, and the three IPCC Vice-Chairs will
- set priorities for funding based on an evaluation of gaps in scientific technical knowledge and capacity-building needs in countries/regions;
  - set scientific technical criteria for selection of projects and scholars, as required;
  - select the scholars.
10. The Term of the Science Board will be the same as the Term of the IPCC Bureau. If a member of the Science Board resigns or is unable to complete the term of office as IPCC Bureau member his/her successor will assume his/her responsibilities as member of the Science Board. If a member of the Science Board remains member of the IPCC Bureau but is unable to continue serving on the Science Board the IPCC Bureau will elect a replacement from among the members of the IPCC Bureau.

### *Board of Trustees*

11. The IPCC shall appoint in Plenary Session a Board of Trustees of no more than four members, including a Chair of the Board with a term of office limited to one four-year term and who is elected by the Board of Trustees at their first meeting. The Board of Trustees will be responsible for
- deciding on the investment strategy of the assets of the Fund;
  - developing and implementing a fund-raising strategy;
  - liaising with WMO regarding the administration and management of the Fund
  - establishing further criteria for granting scholarships and funding any other activity consistent with the aim and objectives of the Fund;
  - deciding on the of amount and frequency of scholarships awarded;
  - advising WMO as to the acceptance of donations, gifts and other contributions to the Fund;

The Board of Trustees will be collectively accountable to the IPCC and will report annually to the Panel on the affairs of the Fund.

12. The powers, authorities and discretion of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be subject to any direction by the IPCC. The members of the Board of Trustees
- may not do anything which prejudices the aim and objectives of the Fund
  - may not do anything which prejudices the academic integrity of the scientists receiving support from the Fund, nor the integrity and independence of the IPCC
13. Any Trustees must bring clearly identified skills to the Fund. In appointing the members of the Board of Trustees the Panel shall also aim for a balanced representation of developed and developing countries.
14. The members of the Board of Trustees will not be remunerated for their activities for the Fund. They shall be defrayed of travel expenses incurred in connection with the discharge of responsibilities for the IPCC Nobel Peace Prize Fund in accordance with the general rules applied in the IPCC.
15. To avoid additional overhead expenses, the business of the Fund would be carried out by e-mail and at meetings held in conjunction with regular IPCC Bureau or Plenary meetings.
16. At the formation of the Fund the members of the Science Board would serve as the Trustees of the Fund. The appointment of the Board of Trustees should be carried out to the extent feasible at the IPCC Session following the establishment of the Fund or within one year the latest.
17. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed for a four-year term, renewable once.
18. The IPCC Secretariat shall serve as the Secretariat of the Fund. It will assist the Board of Trustees and the Science Board in carrying out their duties.

19. Tasks will include
- the preparation and announcement of calls for proposals, based on guidance received from the Board of Trustees and the Science Board;
  - management of the selection process, and disbursement of scholarship monies;
  - compilation of submissions for consideration by the Science Board;
  - assist in fundraising activities;
  - monitoring of the reporting requirements of scholars and other beneficiaries;
  - preparation of reports for consideration by the Board of Trustees and the IPCC;
  - liaison with WMO regarding the administration and management of the fund.

### **Liquidation of the fund**

20. Upon liquidation of the Fund, the Secretary-General of WMO shall make provision for the payment of any un-liquidated obligation and expenses necessary for the closure of the Fund.

21. Following the closure of the Fund any remaining surplus shall be transferred to IPCC General Trust Fund or to any entity determined by the IPCC.

### **Legal responsibilities**

22. Under no circumstances will the Fund be made liable to pay and/or reimburse any taxes on emoluments or honorarium, or any customs and import duties, value added taxes or similar charges. If applicable, these will be payable by the beneficiaries of the support provided.

### **Review of the terms of reference**

23. IPCC Plenary may review this Trust Deed in the light of experience gained and make any changes as appropriate.



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## Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

## IPCC Scholarship Programme Trust Fund

## Interim Statement of Income and Expenditure

(from inception to 31 December 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	THE NORWEGIAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (17 December 2024)	85,961	
1.6	Tallberg Foundation, Sweden (1 September 2009)	74,479	
1.7	Chen Fa Qing, China (9 November 2010)	39,360	
1.8	BUNDESKASSE HALLE/SAALE (24 October 2024)	28,129	
1.9	Aster Finance SARL, Switzerland (23 November 2010)	20,000	
1.10	Hoesung Lee and Sungha Chung, Republic of Korea (15 January 2014)	8,968	
1.11	Prof. Jean-Pascale Van Ypersele, Belgium (25 June 2019)	5,446	
1.12	MCG Belgium SA (16 February 2011)	5,134	
1.13	Prof. Jean-Pascale Van Ypersele, Belgium (14 July 2023)	4,823	
1.14	Prof. Jean-Pascale Van Ypersele, Belgium (16 May 2024)	3,909	
1.15	CEFIC Ass. Intern, Belgium (26 August 2013)	3,084	
1.16	Aimes & Co, Belgium (27 January 2014)	1,835	
1.17	Total contributions		1,962,606
2. Interest income			90,706
3. Total income			2,053,312
4. Expenditure			
4.1 Direct expenditure			
4.1.1 Fellow ships			
4.1.1.1	AXA-IPCC Scholarship Programme	111,800	
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 Fellow ship expenditures	236,857	
4.1.2 Fellow ships - University of Oxford			
4.1.2.1	First annual instalment in support of the IPCC Scholarship Programme	28,452	
4.1.2.2	Second annual instalment in support of the IPCC Scholarship Programme	30,740	
4.1.2.3	DTP scholar Zoe Brown	31,622	
4.1.2.4	Total University of Oxford expenditures	90,813	
4.1.3	Other expenditure	1,872	
4.1.4	Travel of Brenda Abrar-Milani	333	
4.1.5	Total direct expenditure		329,875
4.2 Indirect expenditure			
4.2.1	Unrealized loss on exchange	3,423	
4.2.2	Bank charges	1,164	
4.2.3	Total indirect expenditure		4,587
4.3	Total expenditure		334,462
<b>5. Balance at 31 December 2024</b>			<b>1,718,850</b>

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