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1 Introduction

The following document provides the timetable for development and the provisional budget estimate to the IPCC Trust Fund for the production of the Working Group III contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report.

2 Proposed Timetable

The timetable for the WGIII contribution to the AR7 is as follows:

9-13 December 2024	AR7 Scoping Meeting
24-28 February 2025	Panel consideration of outline for AR7
7 March - 17 April 2025	Call for CLA/LA/RE Nominations
30 June - 2 July 2025	Decision on selection of CLA/LA/RE
27-31 October 2025 (decision pending)	Joint 1st Lead Author Meeting (LAM1)
1-5 December 2025 (decision pending)	Joint 1st Lead Author Meeting (LAM1)
1-5 June 2026	2nd Lead Author Meeting (LAM2)
9 November 2026 - 17 January 2027	1st Order Draft (FOD) Expert Review
22-26 February 2027	3rd Lead Author Meeting (LAM3)
23 August - 17 October 2027	2nd Order Draft (SOD) Government and Expert Review
29 November - 3 December 2027	4th Lead Author Meeting (LAM4)
24 April - 18 June 2028	FGD Government Review of SPM
31 July - 4 August 2028	IPCC acceptance/adoption/approval

A call for nominations of Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs), and Review Editors (REs) will be issued by the Secretary of the IPCC, in March 2025. The selection process is planned to take place from late April until early July 2025, concluding with the 69th Session of the IPCC Bureau. Exact dates of the joint WG AR7 LAM1 are contingent on venue selection.

3 Provisional Budget Estimate

Anticipated budgetary implications to the IPCC Trust Fund are based on the proposed outline with fifteen chapters, assuming chapter teams of approximately 14 authors and 2 review editors. Approximately 50% of whom will be from developing countries (DC) and countries with economies in transition (EIT) (Table 1).

Table 1. Provisional budget estimate.

Activity	DC/EIT Support	Additional Expenditure	Sub-total
First Lead Author Meeting	420,000 105 journeys	71,400	491,400
Second Lead Author Meeting	420,000 105 journeys	71,400	491,400
Third Lead Author Meeting	460,000 115 journeys	78,200	538,200
Fourth Lead Author Meeting	460,000 115 journeys	78,200	538,200

Preparatory Meeting of WGIII SPM Drafting Authors	120,000 30 journeys	20,400	140,400
Total			2,199,600

Budget 2025: Assumes 1 Lead Author Meeting (held jointly with WGI and WGII) with 105 journeys of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, and WGIII Bureau members at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 71,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 491,400 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2025.

Budget 2026: Assumes 1 Lead Author Meeting with 105 journeys of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, and WGIII Bureau members at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 71,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 491,400 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2026.

Budget 2027: Assumes 2 Lead Author Meetings with 115 journeys each of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, Review Editors, and WGIII Bureau members at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 156,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 1,076,400 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2027.

Budget 2028: Assumes 1 preparatory meeting for the SPM Drafting Authors ahead of the WGIII Session to approve the Summary for Policymakers, with 30 journeys for DC/EIT Core Writing Team and WGIII Bureau members at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 20,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 140,400 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2028.

The table does not include meetings of the IPCC governing bodies; in particular, it does not include the WGIII Session in 2028 to approve the WGIII AR7 Summary for Policymakers and accept the underlying Report.