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(Submitted by the Co-Chairs of Working Group I on behalf of the Working Group I Bureau)

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### Implementation Plan

#### 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 I contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report.

#### 2. Proposed Timetable

A call for the nominations of experts to serve as Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors will be issued in March 2025, immediately following the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the IPCC. Approval and acceptance of the Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report (WGI AR7) is planned for May 2028. In order to achieve this, the timetable for the WGI AR7 is as follows:

2025	
7 March-17 April	Call for Author nominations
30 June – 2 July	Decision on selection of Authors
27-31 October or 1-5 December <i>depending on location</i>	Joint First Lead Author Meeting
2026	
27 April - 1 May	Second Lead Author Meeting
10 August - 2 October	Expert Review of the First Order Draft
2 - 6 November	Third Lead Author Meeting
2027	
3 May - 25 June	Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft
26-30 July	Fourth Lead Author Meeting
20 December - 25 February	Final Government Distribution of the Final Draft and Final Government Review of the Summary for Policy Makers
2028	
1 - 5 May	Approval of the Summary for Policymakers and acceptance of the underlying Report

### 3. Provisional Budget Estimate

Anticipated budgetary implications to the IPCC Trust Fund are based on the proposed outline with ten chapters, assuming chapter teams of about 18-22 authors with 50% from developing countries (DC) and countries with economies in transition (EIT).

Activity	DC/EIT Support	Additional Expenditure	Sub-Total
First Lead Author Meeting	420,000 105 journeys <sup>1</sup>	71,400	491,400
Second Lead Author Meeting	420,000 105 journeys	71,400	491,400
Third Lead Author Meeting	420,000 105 journeys	71,400	491,400
Fourth Lead Author Meeting	420,000 105 journeys	71,400	491,400
WGI Preparatory Meeting of SPM Drafting Authors <sup>2</sup>	80,000 20 journeys	13,600	93,600
<b>Total CHF</b>			<b>2,059,200</b>

**Budget 2025:** assuming one Lead Author Meeting with 105 journeys each of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors 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:** assuming two Lead Author Meeting with 105 journeys each of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 71,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 982,800 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2026.

**Budget 2027:** assuming one Lead Author Meeting with 105 journeys each of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors 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 2027.

**Budget 2028:** assuming one preparatory meeting for the SPM Drafting Authors ahead of the WGI Session to approve the Summary for Policymakers, with 20 journeys for DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 13,600 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 93,600 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 WGI Session in 2028 to approve the WGI AR6 Summary for Policymakers and accept the underlying Report.

Costs for translation and purchasing of the Assessment Report, shipping costs, and outreach will be included in the budget lines on 'Publications/Translations' and 'Communication' for 2027 and 2028.

<sup>1</sup> Including DC/EIT Working Group 1 Bureau Members who will travel to LAM1-LAM4.

<sup>2</sup> This will be a part of the overall budget for IPCC Plenary Session in 2028 for DC/EIT SPM Drafting Authors who will travel to the WGI Session in support of the approval and acceptance on the Report.