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WORKPLAN OF THE IPCC SEVENTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR7)

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

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1. Outcome of the IPCC-62

At its 62nd Session (IPCC-62), the Panel considered the outline and the work plan for the three Working Groups' contributions to the AR7, in line with IPCC procedures which state that, based on the report of the scoping meeting, the Panel will agree on the Assessment Reports' scope, outline, and the, including schedule and budget¹.

At its 62nd Session, while the Panel agreed on the outlines of the Working Groups' contributions to the AR7, the Panel did not reach consensus on the respective timelines of the Working Group contributions to the AR7.

Through the decision ([IPCC-LXII-8](#)), the Panel agreed on the outlines of the three Working Group's contributions to the AR7. It also agreed to invite the Working Groups to start their work as indicated in the 2025 budget by initiating the call for nominations for the authors and convening the First Lead Author meeting (LAM1) in 2025. Furthermore, it agreed to defer further consideration of the workplan, including the proposed Implementation Plan for preparing the Working Group contributions to the AR7, to the 63rd Session of the IPCC (IPCC-63).

2. Matters for consideration at the IPCC-63

At IPCC-63 the Panel will consider the workplan of the three Working Group contributions to the AR7, which consists of the schedule and respective budget. The schedules for each of the Working Groups in the following tables show dates for key milestones in 2026, and list milestones for 2027 onwards. The date of one Lead Author Meeting in 2026 has been agreed with a host government, while the dates of others, marked with an asterisk, are approximate and subject to discussion with potential hosts.

2.1 Working Group I Workplan

The following tables provide the schedule and the budget (resources from the IPCC Trust Fund) for the production of the Working Group I contribution to the IPCC AR7.

2.1.1 Schedule of the Working Group I contribution to the AR7.

The following table presents the schedule for Working Group I contribution to the AR7. It includes information on the progress achieved in 2025 following the Panel's decision at the IPCC-62 to initiate the call for nomination of authors and to convene the LAM1. It also outlines the remaining milestones in the report's preparation, including the placeholders for the schedule, which the Panel is to agree on at IPCC-63.

2025	
7 March – 17 April 2025	Call for author nominations
1-5 December 2025	Joint First Lead Author Meeting
2026	
20-24 April 2026	Second Lead Author Meeting
10 August - 2 October 2026	Expert Review of the First Order Draft

¹[Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work: IPCC Procedures for the preparation, review, acceptance, adoption, approval and publication of IPCC Reports.](#)

2-6 November 2026*	Third Lead Author Meeting
2027 onwards	
TBD	Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft
TBD	Fourth Lead Author Meeting
TBD	Final Government Distribution of the Final Draft & Government Review of the Summary for Policymakers
TBD	Approval of the Summary for Policymakers and acceptance of the Underlying Assessment Report of WGI

* Precise dates in discussion with hosts

2.1.2 Budget of the Working Group I contribution to the AR7.

The following table presents the budget of Working Group I contribution to the AR7. It includes the budget for the year 2025 as agreed by the Panel at the IPCC-62 with the rest of the budget to be agreed by the Panel at the 63rd Session of the IPCC.

Activity	DC/EIT Support	Other Expenditure	Sub-Total
First Lead Author Meeting	360,000 90 journeys	61,200	421,200
Second and Third Lead Author Meeting	780,000 195 journeys	132,600	912,600
Fourth Lead Author Meeting	420,000 105 journeys	71,400	491,400
First SPM Drafting Meeting	120,000	20,400	140,400
Second SPM Drafting Meeting ²	30 journeys 120,000 30 journeys	-	120,000
Total CHF			2,085,600

2.2 Working Group II Workplan

The following tables provide the schedule and the budget (resources from the IPCC Trust Fund) for the production of the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC AR7.

2.2.1 Schedule of the Working Group II contribution to the AR7.

The following table presents the schedule of the Working Group II contribution to the AR7. It includes information on the progress achieved in 2025 following the Panel's decision at the IPCC-62 to initiate the call for nomination of authors and to convene the LAM1. It also outlines the remaining milestones in the report's preparation, including the placeholders for the schedule, which the Panel is to agree on at IPCC-63.

² This meeting will be held back-to back with the WGI Approval Session in support of the approval and acceptance of the Report.

2025	
7 March – 17 April 2025	Call for author nominations
1-5 December 2025	Joint First Lead Author Meeting
2026	
May 2026*	Second Lead Author Meeting
TBD	Expert Review of the First Order Draft
2027 onwards	
TBD	Third Lead Author Meeting
TBD	Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft
TBD	Fourth Lead Author Meeting
TBD	Final Government Distribution of the Final Draft & Government Review of the Summary for Policymakers
TBD*	Approval of the Summary for Policymakers and acceptance of the Assessment Report of WGII and Update to the 1994 IPCC Technical Guidelines on Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations

* Precise dates in discussion with hosts

2.2.2 Budget of the Working Group II contribution to the AR7

The following table presents the budget for Working Group II contribution to the AR7. It includes the budget for the year 2025 as agreed by the Panel at the IPCC-62 with the rest of the budget to be agreed by the Panel at the IPCC-63.

Activity	DC/EIT Support	Other Expenditure	Subtotal
First Lead Author Meeting	520,000 130 journeys ³	88,400	608,400
Second Lead Author Meeting	520,000 130 journeys	88,400	608,400
Third and Fourth Lead Author Meetings	1,040,000 260 journeys	176,800	1216,800
First SPM Drafting Meeting	120,000	20,400	140,400
Second SPM Drafting Meeting ⁴	30 journeys 120,000 30 journeys	-	120,000
Total			2,694,000

³ Including DC/EIT Working Group II Bureau Members who will travel to LAM1-LAM4 in support of the Report.

⁴ This meeting will be held back-to back with the WGII Approval Session in support of the approval and acceptance of the Report.

2.3 Working Group III Workplan

The following tables provide the schedule and the budget (resources from the IPCC Trust Fund) for the production of the Working Group III contribution to the IPCC AR7.

2.3.1 Schedule of the Working Group III contribution to the 7th Assessment Report.

The following table presents the schedule of Working Group III contribution to the AR7. It includes information on the progress achieved in 2025 following the Panel's decision at the IPCC-62 to initiate the call for nomination of authors and to convene the LAM1. It also outlines the remaining milestones in the report's preparation, including the placeholders for the schedule, which the Panel is to agree on at IPCC-63.

2025	
7 March – 17 April 2025	Call for author nominations
1-5 December 2025	Joint First Lead Author Meeting
2026	
May 2026*	Second Lead Author Meeting
TBD	Expert Review of the First Order Draft
2027 onwards	
TBD	Expert Review of the First Order Draft (continued)
TBD	Third Lead Author Meeting
TBD	Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft
TBD	Fourth Lead Author Meeting
TBD	Final Government Distribution of the Final Draft & Government Review of the Summary for Policymakers
TBD	Approval of the Summary for Policymakers and acceptance of the Underlying Assessment Report of WGIII

* Precise dates in discussion with hosts

2.2.3 Budget of the Working Group III contribution to the 7th Assessment Report

The following table presents the budget of Working Group III contribution to the AR7. It includes the budget for the year 2025 as agreed by the Panel at the IPCC-62 with the rest of the budget to be agreed by the Panel at the 63rd Session of the IPCC.

Activity	DC/EIT Support	Other 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 and Fourth Lead Author Meetings	928,000 232 journeys	157,760	1,085,760
First SPM Drafting Meeting	120,000 30 journeys	20,400	140,400
Second SPM Drafting Meeting ⁵	120,000	-	120,000
Total			2,328,960

3. Expected outcome

At its 63rd Session the Panel is expected to consider and agree on the Workplan for each Working Group contribution to the AR7.

⁸ This meeting will be held back-to back with the WGIII Approval Session in support of the approval and acceptance of the Report.