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This report provides an update by Working Group III (WGIII) since the last update presented during the 63rd Session of the Panel (P-63) in October 2025.

1. WGIII Contribution to AR7

Author Onboarding

The WGIII contribution includes 222 CLAs, LAs, and REs, representing 79 citizenships across all 6 WMO regions (17% from Africa; 21% from Asia; 32% from Europe; 13% from North America, Central America and the Caribbean; 7% from South America; and 9% from South-West Pacific). 41% of selected experts are female, 51% are from developing countries or economies in transition, and 59% are new to the IPCC. In September of 2025, WGIII, in collaboration with WGI and WGII, held a cross-working group webinar to introduce authors to the IPCC process. Additionally, an Author Handbook was developed to serve as a resource for all authors.

LAM1

The WGIII first Lead Author Meeting was held December 1 to December 5, 2025, jointly with WGI and WGII. The programme was primarily devoted to working in chapter teams but also included time for plenary discussions and breakout groups on cross-chapter topics. In addition, since as this meeting was the first ever joint WGI-WGII-WGIII Lead Author Meeting, the programme included cross-working group plenaries and topical discussions to facilitate connections across working groups. The co-chairs are grateful to the Government of France for hosting LAM1 and to WGI for taking the lead in organising the meeting.

ZOD

Since the completion of LAM1, the authors have focused on the development of the Zero Order Draft of the WGIII contribution to AR7. All chapters delivered their drafts to the TSU on time and the ZOD internal review started on February 23 and will conclude on April 3, 2026.

LAM2

Planning is underway for the 2nd Lead Author Meeting, to be held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from May 10 to May 14, 2026. Logistical plans for the meeting are ongoing. The WGIII Bureau and TSU are working on developing the agenda for the meeting, which will include outreach activities planned with the host country and inclusivity training developed in coordination with the Secretariat. Invitations were sent to all authors in early February. The co-chairs are grateful to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting LAM2.

Chapter Scientists

WGIII, under the lead of WGII, is participating in the Chapter Scientist program for AR7. To ensure greater participation from early-career researchers from developing countries, the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, in partnership with the InterAcademy Partnership and with funding from the Wellcome Trust, coordinated a call for applications for Chapter Scientists in October of 2025. 17 chapter scientists have been selected from this program to support WGIII chapters. WGIII has additional 3 chapter Scientists funded separately from this program.

2. Special Report on Cities

WGIII is an engaged partner in the joint Special Report on Climate Change and Cities (SR-Cities), which is being led by WGII. WGIII Bureau Members and TSU have:

- Participated in the expert review of the First Order Draft;
- Attended the third Lead Author Meeting in January 2025 in Oslo, Norway; and
- Supported the authors through participation in CLA meetings and facilitation of breakout groups and topical discussions.

3. Expert Meetings and Workshops

The WGIII Co-chairs, Vice chairs, and TSU have been actively engaged in several IPCC Workshops, Expert Meetings, and co-sponsored meetings. First, WGIII Bureau members participated in the IPCC Expert Meeting on Gender, Diversity, and Inclusivity in September in Geneva, Switzerland (and online). The WGIII participants are working with the Scientific Steering Committee to finalize the meeting report.

WGIII Bureau members and TSU attended the co-sponsored expert meeting on “Earth system high impact events, tipping points, and their consequences” held in Paris, France in November of 2025. The report for the meeting has been shared with all WGIII authors for awareness.

WGIII Bureau members and TSU participated in and were actively involved in the planning of the Co-sponsored WELLCOME-IPCC Expert Meeting on Health and Climate Change, held in London, UK in January 2026. Health has been identified as a cross-WG theme, and the outcomes of this meeting will be shared with all authors.

WGIII Bureau members and TSU were actively involved in the planning of the IPCC Workshops on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems and Methods of Assessment and participated in the Workshops to be held in Reading, UK in February 2026. Given the relevance of these Workshops to the development of the WGIII report, the WGIII Co-Chairs are planning to share outcomes from these Workshops with authors as soon as feasible.

Finally, WGIII Bureau members are participating in the Scientific Steering Committee for the co-sponsored expert meeting on food and agriculture, to be held in June 2026 in Rome, Italy.

4. Technical Support Unit

WGIII has a distributed Technical Support Unit (TSU), including staff in multiple locations around the world. A senior scientist based at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia joined the WGIII TSU in October. WGIII is working in collaboration with members of the WGII Technical Support Unit based at Singapore Management University on IT-related aspects of TSU operations. Dedicated support staff based at Singapore Management University are assisting with the WGIII author portal and collaboration tools. We are in the process of hiring two staff members to be based in Luxembourg.

The WGIII Co-Chairs extend their appreciation to the Governments of Australia, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden and United States of America for their support of the WGIII TSU during the 7th Assessment Report Cycle. The support of the IPCC Secretariat, the IPCC Chair and his team, and the Co-Chairs and TSUs of WG I, WG II and TFI is also acknowledged with appreciation.