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**WORKING GROUP III CONTRIBUTION TO THE IPCC
SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT (AR6)**

Implementation Plan

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

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1. ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Ensuring a balanced representation

During the selection process of the AR6 contributors, attention will be given to ensure that the expertise, regional and gender balance criteria for Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs), and Review Editors (REs) are met.

Chapter Scientist support

Each chapter will be assigned a Chapter Scientist to provide support to the CLAs and LAs. CLAs may be able to identify or provide a Chapter Scientist from within their own institution. If this is not the case, the WG III Technical Support Unit will solicit applications from individuals to act as volunteer Chapter Scientists. These volunteer Chapter Scientists will be selected jointly by WG III and the CLAs. The volunteer Chapter Scientists will not receive salary support, but the UK government has provided resources for travel and subsistence to bring them to all Lead Author meetings except the first. The volunteer Chapter Scientists selected using this mechanism must come from a developing country, consistent with the budget line agreed with the UK government.

Enhanced Communication

Authors and chapter scientists will be sharing a common webspace interface (the Document Management System - DMS) to facilitate the assessment and writing process. The DMS can be used by the writing teams to share documents, reference sources and coordinate themselves in order to facilitate the writing process.

IPCC Expert Meetings and Workshops

WG III has already convened an Expert Meeting on 'Mitigation, Sustainability and Climate Stabilization Scenarios' held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 26 to 28 April 2017. This aimed to assess the linkages between high level climate stabilization goals and scenarios, and the practical steps needed in the short- and medium-term to make the realization of these goals possible. The Expert Meeting had an important influence on the AR6 Scoping Meeting which took place the following week. The final report will be a valuable resource to AR6 contributions and will be made available in the [IPCC website](#). WG III will coordinate with the other WGs in proposing, planning and executing further Expert Meetings and Workshops in line with scientific needs and available budgets.

2. ANTICIPATED TIMETABLE

Subject to Panel approval, a call for nominations of Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs) and Review Editors (REs) will be issued after the 46th Session of the IPCC from September to October 2017. The approval and acceptance of the AR6 report is planned in July 2021. In order to achieve this, the timetable for the WG III AR6 is as follows:

May 1 – 5, 2017	AR6 Scoping Meeting
Sep 6 – 10, 2017	Panel consideration of outline for AR6
Sep 15 – Oct 27, 2017	Call for CLA/LA/RE Nominations
Jan 29 – Feb 4, 2018	Decision on selection of CLA/LA/RE
Apr 1 – 5, 2019	1 st Lead Author Meeting (LAM1)
Sep 30 – Oct 4, 2019	2 nd Lead Author Meeting (LAM2)
Dec 9, 2019 – Jan 31, 2020	1 st Order Draft (FOD) Expert Review
Mar 30 – Apr 3, 2020	3 rd Lead Author Meeting (LAM3)
Jun 1 – Jul 24, 2020	2 nd Order Draft (SOD) Expert Review
Oct 19 – 23, 2020	4 th Lead Author Meeting (LAM4)
Feb 1– Mar 26, 2021	FGD Government Review of SPM
Jul 12 – 14, 2021	IPCC acceptance/adoption/approval

3. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE IPCC TRUST FUND

Anticipated budgetary implications to the IPCC Trust Fund are based on the proposed outline with seventeen chapters, assuming chapter teams of approximately 12 authors and 3 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	428,000 107 journeys	68,000	496,000
Second Lead Author Meeting	428,000 107 journeys	68,000	496,000
Third Lead Author Meeting	532,000 133 journeys	68,000	600,000
Fourth Lead Author Meeting	532,000 133 journeys	68,000	600,000
Preparatory Meeting of WGIII SPM Drafting Authors ¹	124,000 31 journeys	13,600	137,600
Total			2,329,600

Budget 2019: assumes 2 Lead Author Meetings, each with 107 DC/EIT journeys for Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and WGIII Bureau members at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 68,000 CHF for other meeting costs. An estimated sub-total of 992,000 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2019.

¹ To be held immediately prior to IPCC-55. DC/EIT SPM Drafting Authors participating in this WGIII meeting will also participate in the IPCC-55 WGIII Session, in support of the report approval and acceptance. Some of these costs could therefore be considered a part of the overall budget for IPCC-55.

Budget 2020: assumes 2 Lead Author Meetings, each with 133 DC/EIT journeys for Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, Review Editors and WGIII Bureau members at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 68,000 CHF for other meeting costs. An estimated sub-total of 1,200,000 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2020.

Budget 2021: assumes 1 preparatory meeting for the SPM Drafting Authors ahead of the WGIII Session to approve the Summary for Policymakers, with 31 journeys for DC/EIT Coordinating Lead Authors and WGIII Bureau members at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 13,600 CHF for other meeting costs. An estimated sub-total of 137,000 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2021.

The above table does not include costs associated with meetings of the IPCC governing bodies; in particular, it does not include the WGIII Session in 2021 to approve the WGII AR6 Summary for Policymakers and accept the underlying Report.

Costs for translation and purchasing of the Assessment Report (including SPM), shipping costs, and outreach are included in the budget line on 'Publications/Translations' and 'Communication' for 2021 and 2022.