

FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE IPCC

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- Ad Hoc Task Group on Financial Stability (ATG-Finance)
 - 45th session of the IPCC, Guadalajara, Mexico
 - Explore avenues for financial stability of the IPCC, including funding options, and implications
 - Secure predictable, sustainable and adequate means for a smooth implementation of the IPCC's programme of work

Motivation

- Steady decline in number of contributors since 2008
- Steady decline in total amount of contributions since 2010
- Annual contributions not enough to fund the activities agreed by governments (Special Reports, Assessment Report, Methodological Updates, Expert Meetings)

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Identification of possible sources of financing

- Voluntary and assessed contributions in the UN system
- Increasing voluntary contributions from Member Governments
- Assessed or mandatory contributions from Member Governments
- Crowd funding
- Contributions from scientific research and philanthropic institutions
- Contributions from UN entities and international and regional financial institutions
- Private Sector
- Funding (friends) meeting

Government responses

Member governments recognize:

- the value of the IPCC and its contribution to evidence-based international and national policy-making
- the importance of outreach and communication activities as well as increasing awareness and political visibility
- the policy relevance of the work done by the IPCC

2018 Contributions to IPCC Trust Fund

- Opening balance as at 1 January 2018; CHF 5,310,000
- Total contributions as at 25 Sept 2018; CHF 4,431,878
- Total pledges as at 30 Sept 2018; CHF 5,419,610
- Contributions from some 20 governments and regional economic integration organization by end of September 2018
- Pledges from some member governments, regional economic and international organizations by end of September 2018
- In kind contributions January-September 2018 from 27 countries and international organisations; including staff, meetings, technical support units, outreach events etc.

Interim Status of 2018 Expenditures

- Approved 2018 budget: CHF 7,861,868
- Total expenditures: CHF 4,569,555
(as at 19 September 2018)
- Projected total expenditures:
(as at 31 December 2018) CHF 5,700,000

Government responses

- The Panel has recognized that although the present financial situation of the IPCC has improved, there is a need to discuss options for sustainable financing for IPCC for the medium and long terms.
- The ATG-Finance has explored with the member governments potential barriers that governments face to voluntarily contribute to the IPCC.
- The ATG has also explored experiences from other UN organizations on dealing with a similar challenge.

Way forward

- ATG-Finance will continue its work through the use of *inter alia* the electronic forum that has been established, with the expectation that it will stimulate more inputs from member governments.
- The next Plenary will also consider the terms of reference for an outside consultant with expertise on financial matters and discuss opportunities for other support, such as staff secondments.

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