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### Implementation Plan

#### 1. Introduction

The following document provides the timetable for the development and the provisional budget estimate to the IPCC Trust Fund for the production of the Working Group II 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 II contribution to the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report is planned for mid-2028. In order to achieve this, the timetable for the WGII AR7 is as follows:

2025	
7 March – 17 April	Call for author nominations
30 June – 2 July	Selection of authors
27–31 October or 1–5 December (depending on location)	First Lead Author Meeting
2026	
18–22 May	Second Lead Author Meeting
9 October – 4 December	Expert Review of First Order Draft
2027	
18–22 January	Third Lead Author Meeting
25 June – 20 August	Government and Expert Review of the Second Order Draft
20–25 September	Fourth Lead Author Meeting
2028	
25 February – 21 April	Final Government Distribution of the Final Draft & Government Review of the Summary for Policymakers
26–30 June	Approval of the Summary for Policymakers and acceptance of the Assessment Report and Update to the 1994 IPCC Technical Guidelines on Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations

#### 3. Provisional Budget Estimate

Anticipated budgetary implications to the IPCC Trust Fund are based on the proposed outline with twenty chapters, assuming chapter teams of about 10–15 authors, and the Update to the 1994 IPCC Technical Guideline for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations (TGIA), assuming a writing team of about 20 authors, with 50% from developing countries (DC) and countries with economies in transition (EIT).

Activity	DC/EIT Support	Additional Expenditure	Subtotal
First Lead Author Meeting	520,000 130 journeys <sup>1</sup>	88,400	608,400
Second Lead Author Meeting	520,000 130 journeys	88,400	608,400
Third Lead Author Meeting	520,000 130 journeys	88,400	608,400
Fourth Lead Author Meeting	520,000 130 journeys	88,400	608,400
WGII-14 Preparatory Meeting of SPM Drafting Authors <sup>2</sup>	120,000 30 journeys	20,400	140,400
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,574,000</b>

**Budget 2025:** assuming 1 Lead Author Meeting with 130 journeys each for Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Working Group II Bureau Members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 88,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A subtotal of 608,400 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2025.

**Budget 2026:** assuming 1 Lead Author Meeting with 130 journeys each for Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Working Group II Bureau Members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 88,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A subtotal of 608,400 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2026.

**Budget 2027:** assuming 2 Lead Author Meetings with 130 journeys each for Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, Review Editors and Working Group II Bureau Members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 88,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A subtotal of 1,216,800 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2027.

**Budget 2028:** assuming one preparatory meeting of SPM Drafting Authors ahead of the Working Group II Session to approve the Summary for Policymakers and accept the underlying Report, with 30 journeys for Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition at 4,000 CHF per journey, plus 20,400 CHF for other meeting costs. A subtotal of 140,400 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 Working Group II Session in 2028 to approve the Summary for Policymakers and accept the underlying Report.

Costs for publication, translation, distribution and outreach of the reports will be included in the budget line items 'publications/translation' and 'outreach' for 2028.

<sup>1</sup> Including DC/EIT Working Group II Bureau Members who will travel to LAM1-LAM4 in support of the Report.

<sup>2</sup> This will be part of the overall budget for WGII-14 for DC/EIT SPM Drafting Authors who will travel to the Working Group II Session in support of the Report.