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Results of the 3rd round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme

GENEVA Oct 13 - Ten PhD students from developing countries and countries with economies in transition have been awarded scholarships to undertake their studies under the IPCC Scholarship Programme.

This is the third round of awards through the IPCC and covers the period 2015-2017. The research themes covered during this round are “climate and water”, “climate and oceans”, “underlying science of climate change” and “socio-economic modeling related to climate change”.

Listed under their various thematic areas of research, the students are:

Climate and water

Adriana Maria Torres-Ballesteros (Colombia)
Mulugeta Gemi Mokria (Ethiopia)
Kholoud Kahime (Morocco)
Peter Kabano (Uganda)

Climate and oceans

Thushani Suleka Madhubhashini Elepathage (Sri Lanka)

Underlying science of climate change

Md Amirul Islam (Bangladesh)
Christine Onyango (Kenya)
Rasmila Kawan (Nepal)

Socio-economic modeling related to climate change

Ada Metaliu (Albania)
Cocou Jaures Amegnaglo (Benin)

The awards ceremony was held in Monaco on 2 October 2015 and was graced with the presence of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco. The Scholarship Programme benefits from the generous support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Cuomo Foundation.

The aims of the IPCC Scholarship Programme are to strengthen and expand the scientific capacity relating to the physical basis of climate change and its impacts in developing countries, and to create opportunities for early career scientists from some of the most vulnerable nations to develop their knowledge and skills in order to address climate related information needs and knowledge gaps in their home countries. It is expected that the beneficiaries will contribute to IPCC regular assessments through increasing the required research output and expertise in those regions which are currently either under assessed or where the number of contributing experts is low.

The Programme was established in 2007 when the Panel decided to use the Nobel Prize money as seed funding for an initiative that would award scholarships in post-graduate education for young scientists. A total of 35 students have been awarded scholarships so far. Nine students received the awards during the first round in 2011-2013 and sixteen students during the second round in 2013-2015.

More information on the IPCC scholarship programme is available here: http://ipcc.ch/ipcc-scholarship-programme/ipcc_scholarshipprogramme.shtml

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Notes for editors

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the world body for assessing scientific, technical and socio-economic information related to climate change. The IPCC was set up in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly, to provide policymakers with regular assessments of the scientific basis of climate change, its impacts and future risks, and options for adaptation and mitigation.

It completed the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) in November 2014. The key findings of the AR5 Synthesis Report are:

- Human influence on the climate system is clear;
- The more we disrupt our climate, the more we risk severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts; and
- We have the means to limit climate change and build a more prosperous, sustainable future.