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Implementation

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WORKPLAN AND BUDGET

1. Timetable for development of the WGII contribution to the Fourth Assessment Report

This is as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
2003	Nov	Call to Governments for expert nominations
2004	Jan - Apr	WGII Bureau selection of CLAs, LAs and Review Editors
2004	Apr	Bureau review of CLAs, LAs and Review Editors
2004	Sep	1 st Lead Author meeting
2004	Nov – Dec	Informal review of 0th draft
2005	Mar	2 nd Lead Author meeting
2005	Jul - Aug	Expert review of 1 st draft
2005	Oct	3 rd Lead Author meeting
2006	Feb - Mar	Government and Expert review of 2 nd draft
2006	Jun	4 th Lead Author meeting
2007	Feb-Mar	Final government review
2007	Apr	Approval by WGII Plenary

2. Nomination and selection of Co-ordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors

This process will take place immediately following Plenary XXI and will continue into the spring of 2004. Every effort will be made to: achieve a balanced geographical representation of experts; increase the involvement of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and also of younger scientists new to the IPCC process; encourage the participation of experts from industry and business, and from development and environmental organisations.

3. Author meetings

In addition to the LA meetings followed successfully in the TAR, it is planned to organise smaller meetings of authors of individual chapters. These are intended to enable progress to be made in integrating new knowledge, particularly in fields where science has made quite rapid progress. Three such chapter meetings are currently envisaged for 2005.

4. Expert meetings

A number of expert meetings have been organised to address specific scientific issues that will feature in the Assessment:

a) Expert meetings that have already taken place:

- Climate Change and Water (all working groups involved, WGII Lead) (11-12 Nov 2002, Geneva, Switzerland)
- Climate Change and Sustainable Development (Joint WGII/III) (6-7 Mar 2003, Colombo, Sri Lanka)
- Mitigation and Adaptation (Joint WGII/III) (20-22 May 2003, Geneva, Switzerland)
- Observed Effects of Climate Change (WGII) (17-19 Jun 2003, New York, USA)

b) Expert meetings planned:

A number of expert meetings are planned by WGII:

- On Article 2 of the UNFCCC and key vulnerabilities (all Working Groups involved, WGII Lead), tbc provisionally 24-27 March 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- On Climate Change and Water (all Working Groups involved, WGII Lead), – date and venue tbc

In addition there are a number of other cross-working group expert meetings envisaged for which it is important to include experts nominated by WGII:

- Second Expert Meeting on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (WGIII lead)
- Expert Meeting on Risk and Uncertainty (WGI lead)
- Expert Meeting on Regional Issues (WGI lead)
- Expert Meeting on Technology (WGIII lead)
- Second Expert Meeting on Adaptation and Mitigation (WGIII lead)
- Second Expert Meeting on Article 2 of the UNFCCC and key vulnerabilities (the need for this depends on outcome of the first meeting on this subject)
- Expert meeting on Long Term Mitigation and Stabilisation Scenarios

5. Guidance papers for authors

Two guidance papers for authors will be developed in time for consideration by authors at their first meeting in 2004:

- a) Characterisation of climate and other scenarios for the WGII Assessment. This will be similar to that developed for the WGII SAR and TAR, its purpose being to ensure that a broadly common set of assumptions is adopted by WGII authors.
- b) Description of uncertainty and expression of confidence levels, to achieve a common approach to these descriptions. This will be similar to that incorporated in TAR.

6. Budget for the IPCC Trust Fund.

The expected cost of author and expert meetings is as follows:

Table 1: Detailed summary of WGII budget proposal (note that estimated costs for cross-cutting expert meetings includes costs across all three WGs)

Activity	Purpose/Comments	DC/EIT support	Cost CHF
Meetings and Workshops - 2004			
EM on Article 2 and KV	CCT across all 3 WGs – WGII lead; tbc provisionally 24-27 March, Buenos Aires	30 journeys across all WGs	189,420
EM on Water	CCT across all 3 WGs – WGII lead	30 journeys across all WGs	189,420
First LA/CLA meeting	Vienna, 20-23 Sept - tbc	80 journeys	505,120
Note: Meetings in italicised text are being lead by other WGs			
<i>EM on Risk and Uncertainty</i>	<i>CCT across all 3 WGs – WGI lead</i>	<i>21 journeys across all WGs</i>	<i>132,594</i>
<i>Second EM on Sustainable Development</i>	<i>CCT with WGIII – WGIII lead</i>	<i>10 journeys across WG II and WG III</i>	<i>63,140</i>
<i>EM on Technology</i>	<i>CCT across all 3 WGs – WGIII lead</i>	<i>15 journeys across all WGs</i>	<i>94,710</i>
<i>Second EM on Adaptation - Mitigation</i>	<i>CCT with WGIII – WGIII lead</i>	<i>10 journeys for WGIII and WGII</i>	<i>63,140</i>
<i>EM on Regional Issues</i>	<i>CCT across all 3 WGs – WGI lead</i>	<i>24 journeys across all WGs</i>	<i>151,536</i>
<i>EM on Long term mitigation and stabilisation scenarios</i>	<i>WGIII lead</i>	<i>20 journeys across WGII and WGIII</i>	<i>126,280</i>

Meetings and Workshops - 2005			
Second LA/CLA meeting	March	80 journeys	505,120
Third LA/CLA meeting	October	80 journeys	505,120
EM on Article 2 and KV	CCT across all 3 WGs – WGII lead	30 journeys across all WGs	189,420
3 Chapter meetings	Assume 7 per chapter following Bureau advice	21 journeys	132,594

Note that this table does not include meetings of the IPCC Governing bodies, such as Bureau meetings and Plenary sessions, nor does it include costs for translation and publication.