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PROGRESS REPORT

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1. Current status of the first round of scholarship awards, 2010-2011

1027 eligible applications were received at the Secretariat and a two-tier review process was set up with volunteer IPCC experts providing the first level review of the selection process. The outcome of this first level review was a shortlist of 110 candidates seeking funding for PhD or post-doctoral studies whose applications were rated very highly by the IPCC experts. The Science Board met in New Delhi on 20 March 2011 for the second stage of the selection process and reviewed this preliminary shortlist compiled by the Secretariat. As announced in the call for proposals, priority was accorded to candidates from Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. A final shortlist of 9 candidates, and 2 reserve candidates, was drawn up at this meeting. The geographical distribution of the candidates is shown below (Table 1).

Table 1 - Final shortlist

<i>Theme 1 – Underlying Science of Climate Change</i>
Madagascar
Mozambique
<i>Theme 2 – Impacts of Climate Change aquatic ecosystems, water availability, health and agriculture</i>
Nepal
Burkina Faso
Benin
Ethiopia (reserve candidate)
<i>Theme 3 – Climate-related disaster management – institutional and organizational issues</i>
Uganda
<i>Theme 4 - Climate modelling and assessment of impacts of climate change</i>
Ethiopia
<i>Theme 5 - Adaptation and mitigation options for different sectors and assessment of socioeconomic implications</i>
Bangladesh
Tanzania
Uganda (reserve candidate)

The Secretariat has contacted the individuals on the final shortlist to ascertain the current status of their studies and enrolment in an educational institution in preparation for the announcement of the awards.

2. Current Financial Status of the Scholarship Fund

<u>Contributions received:</u>	<u>CHF</u>	
- Fa Qing CHEN	39,360.00	9 November 2010
- Aster Finance	20,000.00	23 November 2010
- MCG Belgium SA	5,133.52	16 February 2011
(on behalf of J.P. van Ypersele)		
Interest earned in 2010	2,948.67	
TOTAL ASSETS	1,053,199.18	
(as of March 2011)		

The status of fund as of 31 December 2010 is attached as Annex 1.

3. Memorandum of understanding with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

The Prince Albert II Foundation is offering the Scholarship Programme financial support corresponding to a maximum amount of 210 000 Euros.

This financial support is to be disbursed to no more than seven beneficiary students in the following manner: 30 000 € for each beneficiary student for the duration of his research work which is limited to a maximum period of two years.

4. Awards

It was decided that 10 scholarships would be awarded this year. Seven scholarships will be financed through the MoU with the Prince Albert II Foundation. In this regard, the candidates on the final shortlist of candidates will be recommended to the Prince Albert II Foundation for formal acceptance by the Foundation's technical committee and their selection of 7 beneficiaries. The other 3 candidates to receive an award will be financed from other contributions to the fund received in 2010.

5. Disbursement of funds

Contracts need to be drawn up for the disbursement of funds and monitoring of the scholars.

6. Review of existing Governance and Management for the Scholarship Programme

Current structure of the Scholarship Programme

The fund is governed and managed by the Board of Trustees, Science Board, IPCC Secretariat and WMO.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for key decisions and oversight and is comprised of:

- Mr Brice Lalonde, Former Minister of Environment, France and currently Executive Coordinator for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio 2012).
- Mr Valli Moosa, Former Minister of Environment, South Africa, former President of IUCN.
- Ms Khempheng Pholsena, Former Vice-President of ADB and Minister to the Prime Minister's Office, Head of Water Resources and Environment Administration (WREA), Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- Professor Ernesto Zedillo, Former President of Mexico.

The Board are collectively accountable to the IPCC and will report annually to the Panel on the affairs of the Fund. The members of the Board of Trustees are not remunerated for their activities for the Fund and additional overhead expenses are kept to a minimum by carrying out any business via e-mail and holding meetings in conjunction with other IPCC meetings.

The Science Board sets the priorities in regard to the themes of research for the call for proposals and the selection criteria for candidates. The Science Board is composed of the IPCC Chairman and the three IPCC Vice Chairs:

- Dr Rajendra Pachauri, Chairman of the IPCC.
- Mr Ismail A.R. El Gizouli, Vice-Chair of the IPCC.
- Dr Hoesung Lee, Vice-Chair of the IPCC.
- Dr Jean-Pascal Van Ypersele, Vice-Chair of the IPCC.

The IPCC Secretariat assists the Board of Trustees and Science Board in carrying out their duties and provides the administrative management of the Programme.

The World Metrological Organization administers and manages the Fund according to WMO financial rules and regulations.

Table 2 (below) sets out the roles and responsibilities of the bodies governing and managing the Scholarship Programme.

Table 2 – Roles and responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decides on investment strategy of Fund assets • Advises on the fundraising strategy • Establishes further criteria for grant dispersal consistent with Fund aims • Decide on the number of scholarships and frequency of call for proposals • Advise WMO on Fund contributions
Science Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets priorities for funding based on evaluation of research gaps and regional /national capacity-building needs • Sets scientific & technical criteria for selection of projects and scholars • Responsible for the selection of the scholars
IPCC Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves as the Secretariat of the Scholarship Programme • Assists the Board of Trustees and Science Board in carrying out their duties • Duties include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of calls for proposals - Compilation of submissions for Science Board and management of selection process - Disbursement of the awards - Assistance in fundraising activities - Monitoring and reporting on beneficiaries - Preparation of reports, statistics, evaluation of impact of the Programme - Liaison with WMO on the administration of the fund - Establishment of partnerships with academic institutions and funding partners.
WMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administers fund in accordance with WMO Financial Regulations and Rules • Provides annual financial reports on overall use of the Fund for IPCC

7. Issues regarding the future management and administration of the Programme

- a. The programme has taken considerable staff resources and time within the Secretariat and will continue to require staff resources. Since the end of the consultancy contract with Brenda Abrar no substantial fundraising has been pursued. Any further round of scholarships will require more fund-raising efforts in addition to the management of the call for applications and selection process. Logistical problems encountered following the first call for proposals in July 2010 with the receipt of such a large amount of enquiries and applications have been resolved by the Secretariat. The development of an on-line system for applications, for example, means that the Secretariat is now better prepared for any future call for proposals. However, even then a dedicated full time professional staff member, supported by administrative staff is required to ensure adequate management of the programme. It remains to be discussed whether the administration of the Programme should continue within the IPCC Secretariat or whether it should be outsourced to another organization.
- b. A decision is required on whether staff resources for the management and administration of the Programme should be supported by the IPCC Trust Fund or whether the Programme should be self-funding, i.e. that funds from the Nobel Peace Prize award will be used for this purpose. So far the Panel has not approved any of these options.
- c. The Secretariat has explored a number of options to outsource the Programme (including contact with UNITAR, UNF and WMO) however, there has been no positive response to date and it should be noted that outsourcing would also involve costs.
- d. The interest earned on the Nobel Peace Prize money is minimal and options need to be considered for gaining a higher interest on the capital.
- e. Fund-raising efforts have largely been confined to foundations. Questions of whether private sector funding should be sought and what criteria the IPCC wishes to set for accepting private sector funding need to be raised.
- f. The Secretariat could explore further collaboration, based on consultations by the IPCC Chair with the United Nations Foundation, and provision of the adequate administrative support.
- g. The Scholarship Programme has been extremely successful in attracting positive attention. It has a great deal of potential for outreach and positive communication. This potential remains largely untapped due to limited Secretariat staff resources.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Nobel Peace Prize
Status of Fund*
as at 31 December 2010
 (Amounts in Swiss Francs)

1	Balance of fund, 1 January 2010	985,757
2	Contribution Received	59,360
3	Interest Income	<u>2,949</u>
4	Total funds available	1,048,066
5	Expenditure	<u>-</u>
6	Balance at 31 December 2010	<u><u>1,048,066</u></u>

*Unaudited
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