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1. Introduction

The following document provides the timetable for development and the provisional budget estimate to the IPCC Trust Fund for the production of the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Sixth 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 September 2017, immediately following the 46th Session of the IPCC. Approval and acceptance of the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (WGII AR6) is planned for October 2021. In order to achieve this, the timetable for the WGII AR6 is as follows:

2017	
15 September – 27 October	Call for author nominations
2018	
29 January – 4 February	Selection of authors
2019	
21–25 January	First Lead Author Meeting, Durban, South Africa
8–12 July	Second Lead Author Meeting, location TBC
21 October – 16 December	Expert Review of the First Order Draft
2020	
27–31 January	Third Lead Author Meeting, location TBC
7 August – 2 October	Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft
2–7 November	Fourth Lead Author Meeting, location TBC
2021	
11 June – 6 August	Final Government Distribution of the Final Draft and Final Government Review of the Summary for Policymakers
4 May – 29 June	Submission to the WGI Session for approval of the Summary for Policymakers and acceptance of the underlying Report, location TBC

In order to conserve resources and reduce both the carbon footprint and the demands on the time of the volunteer author teams, efforts will be made to hold all individual chapter meetings and TS/SPM writing team meetings in conjunction with Lead Author Meetings. The TSU will also help support the use of technology, such as video and web conferencing, to enhance chapter communication and reduce travel.

3. Provisional Budget Estimate

Anticipated budgetary implications to the IPCC Trust Fund are based on the proposed outline with eighteen chapters, assuming chapter teams of about 15 authors and a maximum of 50% from developing countries (DC) and countries with economies in transition (EIT).

Activity	DC/EIT Support ¹	Additional Expenditure	Sub-total
First Lead Author Meeting	400,000 100 journeys	68,000	468,000
Second Lead Author Meeting	400,000 100 journeys	68,000	468,000
Third Lead Author Meeting	400,000 100 journeys	68,000	468,000
Fourth Lead Author Meeting	400,000 100 journeys	68,000	468,000
WGII-12 Preparatory Meeting of SPM Drafting Authors ²	80,000 20 journeys	13,600	93,600
Total			1,965,600

Budget 2019: assuming 2 Lead Author Meetings with 100 journeys each of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 68,000 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 936,200 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2019.

Budget 2020: assuming 2 Lead Author Meetings with 100 journeys each of DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 68,000 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 936,200 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2020.

Budget 2021: assuming 1 preparatory meeting for the SPM Drafting Authors ahead of the WGII Session to approve the Summary for Policymakers, with 20 journeys for DC and EIT Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors at 4,000 CHF per journey plus 13,600 CHF for other meeting costs. A sub-total of 93,600 CHF will be needed from the IPCC Trust Fund in 2021.

The table does not include meetings of the IPCC governing bodies; in particular, it does not include the WGII Session in 2021 to approve the WGII AR6 Summary for Policymakers and accept the underlying Report.

Costs for translation and purchasing of the Assessment Report, shipping costs, and outreach are included in the budget line on 'Publications/Translations' and 'Communication' for 2021 and 2022.

¹ IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget (IPCC-XLVI/Doc. 2) used a maximum of 100 DC/EIT Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors

² This is a part of the overall budget for WGII-11 and IPCC-56 for DC/EIT SPM Drafting Authors who will travel to the WGII Session in support of the approval and acceptance.