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(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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#### **1. Update on students**

The Secretariat continues to have contact with most of the nine students of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of awards of whom four graduated, a further four are continuing their studies and one completed her post-doctoral research.

The Secretariat is regularly in touch with the sixteen students of the second round of awards and monitors their progress by means of their end of year reports. The IPCC funded student from the second round of awards, Ossénatou Mamadou, graduated with her PhD following the defense of her thesis in May 2014. The IPCC Science Board has approved funding for all those students continuing studies for a second year. One student from Myanmar has still not been able to start her PhD, however, the Cuomo foundation offered to maintain a grant available to this student in the event that the admissions procedure can be finalized this year.

#### **2. Social media and networking sites**

The students regular provide information on their research, field trips and participation in conferences. This important feedback is much appreciated by our funding partners and provides the major source of information animating the programme's Facebook page. The Facebook page has a growing following of over 4800 interested young people.

The Secretariat has also set up an alumni group for all the students of the programme on LinkedIn within a wider interest group "IPCC Scholarship" open to IPCC experts in order to facilitate connections between these young experts and the network of IPCC scientists.

#### **3. Funding partners**

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Cuomo Foundation confirmed their interest in providing sponsorship for the third round of awards.

#### **4. 3rd round of awards**

Following the decision of the Science Board at its meeting on 17 September 2014, a call for applications for the 3rd round of awards for the period 2015-17 was launched on 12 January 2015 and the deadline for applications was on 15 February 2015.

Candidates submitted their research proposal within one of the following fields of study:

- climate and water;
- climate and the oceans;
- underlying science of climate change;
- socio-economic modeling related to climate change.

Other criteria for applying were that the student must be no more than 30 years' old at the time of application, be a citizen of a developing country and have an admissions offer for PhD studies.

The Science Board also decided to create a Scientific Advisory Committee charged with assessing the candidates' applications and providing recommendations regarding the applications to the Science Board. Seventy-three IPCC scientists volunteered to assist with the selection process and to be a member of this committee. The Science Board is selecting 5 authors from each Working Group to form this committee. The other volunteers will be requested to assist as experts.

## **5. Appointment of new Board of Trustees**

The term of the current Board of Trustees expires and, consistent with the Trust Deed, the Panel should now appoint a new Board. The Science Board will propose candidates for consideration and decision by the Panel at its 41<sup>st</sup> Session.

The Science Board is also considering the idea of appointing a goodwill ambassador for the programme.

## **6. Composition of the Science Board:**

According to the Trust Deed the Science Board is composed of the IPCC Chair, or his representative, and the three IPCC Vice-Chairs.

In order to better distribute workload within the IPCC Bureau and establish closer links between the IPCC Scholarship Programme and the IPCC Working Groups the Panel may wish to consider a different composition of the Science Board as follows:

The Science Board is composed of the IPCC Chair, or his representative, and one Vice Chair each from each IPCC Working Group.

The Panel may also decide that each member of Science Board should have a designated deputy.