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(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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This document is submitted by the Secretariat and describes the current management and administrative structure of the Scholarship programme, clarifies the tasks performed by the IPCC Secretariat and provides an update on the progress of the Programme. It also identifies a number of shortcomings in terms of the administration and management and highlights decisions required concerning the future direction of the scholarship programme.

1. Current Governance and Management of the IPCC Scholarship Programme

Consistent with the Trust Deed, submitted to the Panel at its 30th Session, the programme is managed by the Science Board, Board of Trustees, IPCC Secretariat and WMO.

The Science Board sets priorities for funding based on an evaluation of gaps in scientific technical knowledge and capacity building needs in countries/regions; sets scientific technical criteria for selection of projects and scholars, as required; and it selects the scholars.

The Science Board is composed of the IPCC Chair and the three IPCC Vice-Chairs, and is chaired by the IPCC Chair.

The Science Board held a teleconference on 28 February 2012 and a meeting on 14 March 2012 in Geneva, in connection with the future administration and management of the Programme.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for:

- deciding on the investment strategy of the assets of the Fund;
- developing and implementing a fund-raising strategy;
- liaising with WMO regarding the administration and management of the Fund;
- establishing further criteria for granting scholarships and funding any other activity consistent with the aim and objectives of the Fund;
- deciding on the of amount and frequency of scholarships awarded;
- advising WMO as to the acceptance of donations, gifts and other contributions to the Fund.

It is collectively accountable to the IPCC and reports annually to the Panel on the affairs of the Fund.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of:

- Mr Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator for Rio+20 and former Minister of Environment, France;
- Mr Valli Moosa, former Minister of Environment, South Africa;
- Professor Ernesto Zedillo, Director, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization and Former President of Mexico.
- Ms Khempheng Pholsena, former Vice-President of Asian Development Bank and Minister to the Prime Minister's Office, Head of Water Resources and Environment Authority, Lao People's Democratic Republic;

Mr Lalonde's term as Chair of the Board of Trustees was renewed for a second two-year period at the 3rd Meeting of the Board of Trustees on 3 April 2012 per teleconference.

The **IPCC Secretariat** serves as secretariat for the programme. It assists the Board of Trustees and the Science Board in carrying out their duties and provides the administrative management of the Programme.

The **World Meteorological Organization** administers the Fund according to WMO financial rules and regulations.

1.1 The Trust Deed is submitted to the Panel here for final approval (see Annex 1).

2. Trust Deed and Legal status of the Scholarship Programme Trust Fund

When the draft Trust Deed was presented to the Panel at its 30th Session (Antalya, Turkey, 21 - 23 April 2009) the Panel did not agree to the title of the programme due to lack of time. At the 31st session (Bali, Indonesia, 26-29 October 2009) some objections were raised with respect to the proposed title "IPCC Climate Education Programme". The title was therefore reconsidered and the revised title as agreed by the Boards and now used in all communications is "IPCC Scholarship Programme". Furthermore a 4 years term of office was agreed for the Board of Trustees. The Panel is invited to take note of the revised Trust Deed which reflects these two points (Annex 1)

The Scholarship Programme Trust Fund is held in a separate WMO account: 430201 IPCC Nobel Peace Prize.

Following the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), the IPCC Trust Fund and the Nobel Peace Prize (Scholarship Programme Trust Fund) is subject to a separate audit which implies that the responsibility and accountability for the financial reporting resides with the IPCC.

The Board of Trustees at their meeting in New Delhi, India, 8 February 2010, "agreed to register the Trust under the name IPCC Scholarship Programme in Switzerland." The suggestion was also made by delegates to the IPCC.

The Secretariat has consulted with several WMO officials on the possibility of registering the Trust Fund outside the WMO.

The Chief of the Finance Division emphasized the fact that registration under Swiss law would have implications in terms of diplomatic immunity, fees, and payment of income taxes for both the Trust Fund and its employees (if any). Any such registration would have to be preceded by discussions and negotiations with the Swiss authorities.

In addition, the WMO Legal Counsel also advised along similar lines and highlighted the advantages of keeping the fund under WMO financial rules and regulations, bearing in mind the consequences and issues such as diplomatic immunities, tax exemption, dispute settlement and status of staff when the Fund would be registered under Swiss or other national law.

The Secretariat recommends maintaining the Trust Fund within WMO, as the most efficient solution in terms of costs, privileges and immunities.

3. Financial Status of the Scholarship Fund

3.1 Current Assets:

Nobel Prize 2008:	CHF	
Nobelstiftelsen	884,926.50	9 January 2008
Contributions received 2009:	CHF	
Tallberg Foundation (on behalf of Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland)	74,479.33	1 September 2009
Contributions received 2010:	CHF	
Fa Qing CHEN	39,360.00	9 November 2010
Aster Finance	20,000.00	23 November 2010
Contributions received 2011:	CHF	
MCG Belgium SA (on behalf of J.P. van Ypersele)	5,133.52	16 February 2011
Interest Income		
Jan-Oct 2011	2,570.00	
Expenditure		
Scholarship (Nanteza)	18,204.00	
Currency exchange	20.00	

Current Status:

TOTAL ASSETS **1,039,678.00** (*correct as of 1 January 2012*)

N.B. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Awards (PA2F) for IPCC will be disbursed directly to the beneficiary students and funds do not transit the Scholarship Fund account.
(cf. Annex 2 to this document – IPCC Nobel Peace Prize Interim Status of Fund)

It should be noted that except for the donation from a member of the Science Board no donation has been received in the year 2011.

4. First round of Awards

Following the decision by the Science Board a call for proposals was issued by the Secretariat for following five themes:

Theme 1 - Underlying science of climate change;

Theme 2 - Impacts of climate change on aquatic ecosystems, water availability, health and agriculture;

Theme 3 - Climate-related disaster management - institutional and organizational issues;

Theme 4 - Climate Modelling and assessment of the impacts of climate change;

Theme 5 - Adaptation and mitigation options for different sectors and assessment of socio-economic implications.

1027 eligible applications were received and a total of nine students and researchers from developing countries have been awarded a scholarship for postgraduate studies or research for the period 2011-2012. Seven out of them were awarded the scholarships under the Prince Albert II of

Monaco Foundation Awards for IPCC. Two are paid from IPCC assets. (Information on the students and their research is available in Doc. 16, IPCC-XXXIV, Kampala, Uganda).

4.1 Obligations resulting from the first round of awards:

To be paid in 2012	USD
Jamiat Nanteza (Uganda)	20,000.00
Rondrotiana Barimalala (Madagascar)	20,000.00
PA2F Awards for IPCC	EUR
Robert Katikiro	15,000.00 (Dec. 2011 - Nov. 2012 – renewable once)
Yakob Umer	15,000.00 (Dec. 2011 - Nov. 2012 – renewable once)
Sudeep Thakuri	15,000.00 (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2012 – renewable once)
Rizwana Subhani	15,000.00 (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2012 – renewable once)
Genito Maure	15,000.00 (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2012 – renewable once)
Romaric Ogouwale	15,000.00 (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2012 – renewable once)
Dibi Milogo	15,000.00 (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2012 – renewable once)

5. IPCC Secretariat activities

Following the decision by the Panel not to renew the contract of the dedicated short term staff member who managed matters related to the programme including fundraising, nor to establish a fix term professional position for the administrative management of the Scholarship programme, the programme is administered by a senior secretary (G level), under the guidance of the Secretary of the IPCC, and assisted by the Deputy Secretary of the IPCC and other professional staff, as required and feasible, considering other workload.

Main activities in the past year and a half included:

- preparation of the call for proposals, including a web-based submission form that facilitates management and review of the proposals;
- initial review of more than 1000 proposals with respect to eligibility;
- arrangements for the first round of scientific technical review by IPCC experts and collation of reviews;
- assistance to the Science Board in the final selection process;
- administrative arrangements for the award of the scholarships including preparation of contracts with scholars; legal, financial and insurance matters;
- liaison, legal and financial arrangements with the Prince Albert II Foundation;
- liaison with other donors;
- regular contact with awarded scholars;
- communication of awards to IPCC, donors;
- liaison with academic institutions who have expressed interest in hosting IPCC scholars (e.g. offer from IIASA to host scholars during their summer courses);
- maintaining contact, to the extent feasible, with potential donors who have expressed interest in the programme earlier;
- reporting to the boards and the IPCC.

Further current activities include monitoring of progress of scholars (progress reports) and regular follow up on administrative and financial matters. The Secretariat is also looking into options for establishing contacts between scholars and IPCC experts and to establish an alumni network. Other plans include communications activities related to the work performed by the scholars. If the Scholarship Programme were to continue on the basis of a bi-annual call for applications awarding 10-15 scholars for each round of awards, the Secretariat will be able to manage calls for proposals, the review and support of the selection process, administrative arrangements, liaison with scholars, and the monitoring and reporting with existing staff resources.

Due to the lack of a dedicated professional staff the IPCC Secretariat was not able to adequately carry out fundraising, in particular also in the light of decisions by the Panel not to spend funds for administrative matters and fundraising. The current capacity may also limit a more pro-active interaction with academic partners with respect to supporting and hosting future scholars.

A co-operation with the UN Foundation has been explored. They offered to act as fiduciary for US deposited funds and to carry out fundraising activities in the US, at a fee calculated based on the funds raised/managed. They made it clear that they do not have any further capacity.

6. Critical review of current situation and options for future

6.1 Administrative management and fundraising

During the first round of the scholarship programme the IPCC Secretariat has gained experience with managing scholarships and set up an IT environment which would greatly facilitate the processing of the next round of applications. The IPCC Secretariat can certainly manage with current capacity the administration of the programme within the range of around 10 scholarships every two years in a regular cycle.

Considering the high number of applications a more active support from the IPCC expert community in the selection process would be appreciated, as well as support from within the IPCC community with respect to identifying and following up on academic partnerships, such as offers to host students, waiving tuition fees, mentoring and support for scholars. The Secretariat is ready to work with the Science Board on those matters.

Recent experience however has shown that in order to raise funds a dedicated person is needed. The IPCC Secretariat cannot perform this function in a satisfactory manner within current human resources.

6.2 Next round of scholarships

In order to arrive at a regular two years cycle the preparations for the next round have to be initiated soon. In the light of large number of applications received in the past round, it is suggested to announce the next round for a more limited the number of topics. The Science Board will decide on the topics for the next round taking into consideration scientific needs, as well as portfolios of potential funding partners may be given due consideration. The Science Board may also consider restricting applications to PhD candidates only.

6.3 Planning for the next round of the Scholarship Programme

While a new round under the “Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Awards for IPCC” may be explored it needs to be stated that due the lack of additional income in the past year the programme may not be in a position to support a second round of scholarships without touching the capital.

Following the request by the Panel at its 34th Session the IPCC Secretariat prepared discussion paper containing options for the future management of the programme, use of funds and fundraising. The document was shared with the Science Board at its meeting on 28th February 2012 and submitted by the Secretariat to the 45th Session of the IPCC Bureau (13-14 March 2012). The following 2 options were proposed:

Option 1

Allow the use of up to 20% of the capital in a biannual cycle, with the view to replenishing the amount through fundraising activities.

This would allow for the continuation of the Programme towards the establishment of a regular bi-annual cycle of awards. It would allow for the development of the programme as a recognized “brand”. It would show potential donors success stories and establish credibility. In the worst case, if no donations are forthcoming and the Panel decides to draw on 20% of the funds bi-annually, the programme would last for 10 years and will have supported approximately 30-50 students.

Option 2

Maintain the current situation where only the interest on the assets and any additional funding received may be used.

Currently there are not enough remaining funds other than the seed capital for even just one scholar. Therefore this option would result in a very uncertain future of the Programme. The planning of the next round of awards will be nearly impossible. Potential academic and funding partners, as well as students may well lose interest in the Programme.

In the course of the consideration by the Bureau it was proposed to consider donating the remaining funds to another UN organization involved in climate research and education as a third option. The funds would be donated and earmarked for scholarships under the name of IPCC for students from developing countries. In this case, a suitable organization would have to be found.

The Board of Trustees, at its meeting on 4 April 2012, agreed to allow the use of up to 20% of the capital for a second round of scholarships to be awarded in the year 2013, while at the same time pursuing active fundraising in order to replenish and increase the capital. The Board of Trustees decided to revisit the situation in a year's time. The Board of Trustees further agreed that the Science Board, in conjunction with the Secretariat, seek a dedicated fundraiser to raise funds over a defined period during the coming year on a commission only basis, with provision for covering a small amount of necessary expenses. The goal would be to raise enough funds in 2012 to establish the Scholarship Programme with a regular award cycle.

The Panel is invited to consider and note this agreement and to provide any further guidance.

TRUST DEED

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Scholarship Programme

Aim and objectives of the Fund

1. The aim of the IPCC Scholarship Programme is to build capacity in the understanding and management of climate change in developing countries through providing opportunities for young scientists from developing countries to undertake studies that would not be possible without the intervention of the Fund
2. Income of the IPCC Scholarship Programme includes:
 - Funds received by IPCC from the Nobel Foundation for the 2007 Peace Prize;
 - Donations and contributions from individuals, organisations and governments supporting the aim and objectives of the Fund;
 - The interest and capital gains accrued from any investment of the principal of the Fund.
3. The IPCC Scholarship Programme will be used to:
 - Provide scholarships for young post-graduate or post-doctoral students from developing countries, especially least developed countries, for research that advances the understanding of the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts, and options for adaptation and mitigation;
 - Support other capacity building activities in developing countries, in line with the general aim of the Fund and as agreed by the IPCC.

Administration of the Fund

4. The resources of the IPCC Scholarship Programme are deposited with WMO under a separate account (IPCC Nobel Peace Prize Fund). The Secretary-General of WMO administers the Fund in accordance with WMO Financial Regulations and Rules, Standing Instructions and established procedures of WMO, as supplemented by the provisions of the present terms of reference and guidance received from the Board of Trustees. The administration of the Fund is subject to no administrative or support costs.
5. Financial reports on the Fund will be made in Swiss Francs. The United Nations rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction will apply for the conversion into Swiss Francs of income received and payments made or charges incurred in any other currency.
6. WMO shall prepare a financial report on the overall use of the Fund and make it available annually to IPCC. The statement of income and expenditure of the Fund will be incorporated in the overall audited financial statements submitted by the Secretary-General of WMO to the WMO Executive Council for approval. External audit will be conducted as provided for in the WMO Financial Regulations. The audit report will be submitted to the IPCC together with the annual report referred to in paragraph 11 below.

Governance and Management of the Fund

Overall Governance

7. The utilization of the Fund shall be consistent with the aim and objectives of the Fund and additional guidance provided IPCC in Plenary Session.

8. The Aims and Purpose of the Fund and the governance structure of the Fund may only be changed by the IPCC in Plenary Session

Science Board

9. A Science Board, composed of the IPCC Chair, or his representative, and the three IPCC Vice-Chairs will

- set priorities for funding based on an evaluation of gaps in scientific technical knowledge and capacity-building needs in countries/regions;
- set scientific technical criteria for selection of projects and scholars, as required;
- select the scholars.

10. The Term of the Science Board will be the same as the Term of the IPCC Bureau. If a member of the Science Board resigns or is unable to complete the term of office as IPCC Bureau member his/her successor will assume his/her responsibilities as member of the Science Board. If a member of the Science Board remains member of the IPCC Bureau but is unable to continue serving on the Science Board the IPCC Bureau will elect a replacement from among the members of the IPCC Bureau.

Board of Trustees

11. The IPCC shall appoint in Plenary Session a Board of Trustees of no more than four members responsible for

- deciding on the investment strategy of the assets of the Fund;
- developing and implementing a fund-raising strategy;
- liaising with WMO regarding the administration and management of the Fund
- establishing further criteria for granting scholarships and funding any other activity consistent with the aim and objectives of the Fund;
- deciding on the of amount and frequency of scholarships awarded;
- advising WMO as to the acceptance of donations, gifts and other contributions to the Fund;

The Board of Trustees will be collectively accountable to the IPCC and will report annually to the Panel on the affairs of the Fund.

12. The powers, authorities and discretion of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be subject to any direction by the IPCC. The members of the Board of Trustees

- may not do anything which prejudices the aim and objectives of the Fund
- may not do anything which prejudices the academic integrity of the scientists receiving support from the Fund, nor the integrity and independence of the IPCC

13. Any Trustees must bring clearly identified skills to the Fund. In appointing the members of the Board of Trustees the Panel shall also aim for a balanced representation of developed and developing countries.

14. The members of the Board of Trustees will not be remunerated for their activities for the Fund. They shall be defrayed of travel expenses incurred in connection with the discharge of responsibilities for the IPCC Nobel Peace Prize Fund in accordance with the general rules applied in the IPCC.

15. To avoid additional overhead expenses, the business of the Fund would be carried out by e-mail and at meetings held in conjunction with regular IPCC Bureau or Plenary meetings.

16. At the formation of the Fund the members of the Science Board would serve as the Trustees of the Fund. The appointment of the Board of Trustees should be carried out to the extent feasible at the IPCC Session following the establishment of the Fund or within one year the latest.

17. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed for a four-year term, renewable once.

18. The IPCC Secretariat shall serve as the Secretariat of the Fund. It will assist the Board of Trustees and the Science Board in carrying out their duties.

19. Tasks will include

- the preparation and announcement of calls for proposals, based on guidance received from the Board of Trustees and the Science Board;
- management of the selection process, and disbursement of scholarship monies;
- compilation of submissions for consideration by the Science Board;
- assist in fundraising activities;
- monitoring of the reporting requirements of scholars and other beneficiaries;
- preparation of reports for consideration by the Board of Trustees and the IPCC;
- liaison with WMO regarding the administration and management of the fund.

Liquidation of the fund

20. Upon liquidation of the Fund, the Secretary-General of WMO shall make provision for the payment of any un-liquidated obligation and expenses necessary for the closure of the Fund.

21. Following the closure of the Fund any remaining surplus shall be transferred to IPCC General Trust Fund or to any entity determined by the IPCC.

Legal responsibilities

22. Under no circumstances will the Fund be made liable to pay and/or reimburse any taxes on emoluments or honorarium, or any customs and import duties, value added taxes or similar charges. If applicable, these will be payable by the beneficiaries of the support provided.

Review of the terms of reference

23. IPCC Plenary may review this Trust Deed in the light of experience gained and make any changes as appropriate.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Nobel Peace Prize
Status of Fund
as at 27 April 2012
(Amounts in Swiss Francs)

1	Balance of fund, 1 January 2012				1,057,902
2	Expenditure	Actual	Obligation	Total	
2.1	Fellowship	7,176	11,028	18,204	
2.2	Loss on exchange difference	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	
2.3	Total expenditure	7,196	11,028		<u>18,224</u>
3	Balance at 27 April 2012				<u><u>1,039,678</u></u>