

54TH (BIS) SESSION OF THE IPCC
14– 16 December 2021 (Written Session)

Decisions adopted by the Panel

Decision IPCC-LIV(bis)-1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Documents: IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc.1 and IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc.1, Add.1

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at its 54th (bis) Session adopts the provisional agenda as contained in document IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc.1.

Decision IPCC-LIV(bis)-2. IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024

Documents: IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc. 2, Rev. 1; IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc.2, Add. 1; IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc.2, Add. 2 and IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc.2, Rev.1, Add. 1

Based on the recommendations of the Financial Task Team (FiTT), the 54th (bis) Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:

1. Takes into account the ongoing exceptional circumstances related to the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and without setting a precedent;
2. Appreciates the support that the Secretariat of the IPCC provides to the IPCC process, while especially noting the challenges imposed by the global COVID-19 pandemic;
3. Appreciates the extraordinary contribution and commitment of authors, Working Group Bureaux, Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Technical Support Units, and the Scientific Steering Committee to the Synthesis Report, including working through virtual means, under these exceptionally challenging circumstances;
4. Notes the basis for the significant reduction in the 2021 budget is due to implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, including travel restrictions and the inability to hold meetings in-person, which resulted in meetings either being held in virtual mode, being cancelled or being postponed to 2022 or 2023;
5. Approves the revised budget for 2021, as contained in **Annex 1**, while recognizing the exceptional circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a lower utilization of the budget;
6. Approves the proposed budget for 2022, as contained in **Annex 2**;
7. Notes the forecast budget for 2023, as contained in **Annex 3**;
8. Notes the indicative budget for 2024, as contained in **Annex 4**;
9. Welcomes with gratitude all contributions and pledges from member countries, especially from developing countries, UN bodies and intergovernmental organizations and encourages all members of the IPCC to maintain or increase their financial support, also through multi-year pledges, so as to ensure the financial stability of the IPCC;
10. Encourages member countries to make first-time contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund in order to broaden the donor base;
11. Expresses its gratitude to member countries that support the Technical Support Units (TSUs) and a number of IPCC activities, including data centres, meetings and outreach activities;

- 12.** Encourages member countries to transfer funds as soon as practical, while noting that contributions from IPCC members are due on 1 January of each calendar year, noting that when transferring funds to WMO, members should indicate that the contribution is “for the IPCC Trust Fund” to ensure proper identification of the recipient;
- 13.** Notes with concern the decline in the level of annual voluntary contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund in 2021 compared to 2020 (as shown in IPCC-LIV(bis)/Doc. 2, Rev.1, Annex 4) and calls on member countries to make their annual contributions to the IPCC Trust Fund and, if possible, to increase their annual voluntary contributions;
- 14.** Expresses its gratitude to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for their cash contribution to the Trust Fund, for financing one Secretariat position each, and to WMO for hosting the Secretariat and for its continuing and increased support for the IPCC;
- 15.** Expresses its gratitude to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for its contribution to the IPCC Trust Fund;
- 16.** Decides to continue preparing the budget of the IPCC Trust Fund using the standard costs, bearing in mind that expenditures may be lower than the budget;
- 17.** Requests the Secretariat to provide detailed information in the budget document presented to the Panel;
- 18.** Requests that the Secretariat presents, in addition to statements according to IPSAS, the statement of financial position and financial performance on a modified cash basis which categorizes expenditures per activity as well as by natural account;
- 19.** Requests the Secretariat to provide the Panel with interim statements of expenditure covering the first six months of a given year, as well as the projection of expenditure for the rest of the given year;
- 20.** Decides to allow the use of Trust Fund resources in 2022 for enhancing security, participation and IT-related needs in meetings, including reimbursing the cost of connectivity improvement, travel-related health and sanitary measures and other arrangements to enable participation of the delegates and experts from developing countries and countries with economies-in-transition in the activities of the IPCC, if needed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rates for reimbursement of such costs incurred by such participants will be determined by the Secretariat, in line with WMO rules and regulations;
- 21.** Notes the detailed information provided by the Secretariat on expenditure for activities held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including those related to connectivity in the IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget document presented to the Panel at its 54th (bis) Session and requests the Secretariat to provide such information again to the Panel at its next session;

22. Requests the Secretariat to provide the Panel with interim statements of expenditure, covering the first six months of 2022, if relevant, on expenditure related to holding of virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the projection of expenditure for the rest of 2022;
23. Notes the creation of a reserve account in the IPCC Financial Statements and the establishment of the reserve to fund Long-term Employee Benefit Liabilities. (as shown in IPCC 2020 Financial Statements, Note 3.10: Reserve for ASHI, para 80);
24. Approves the associated costs for the Workshop on Scenarios¹, to be held in 2022, as proposed by the Co-Chairs of Working Groups I, II and III (see **Annex 2**);
25. Approves the associated costs regarding the Expert Meeting on the Use of Atmospheric Observation Data in Emission Inventories², to be held in 2022, as proposed by the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) (see **Annex 2**);
26. Approves the cost of the survey³ to be conducted in 2022 on “*Inclusive and participatory practices including as they relate to gender in the IPCC*”, as proposed by the Chair and Vice Chair of Gender Action Team (see **Annex 2**);
27. Recalling Decision IPCC-XLVII-9, para 5, requests the TG-Data Co-Chairs to seek guidance from the Secretariat and the IPCC Bureau in mobilizing resources, including in-kind contributions, for their activities and for the Data Distribution Centre (DDC), and to provide the Secretariat with cost estimates for the activities outlined in their workplan;
28. Invites member countries and observer organizations to consider supporting the activities of the DDC.

¹ The deviation from normal practice is due to the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19 and not intended to set a precedent.

² The deviation from normal practice is due to the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19 and not intended to set a precedent.

³ The deviation from normal practice is due to the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19 and not intended to set a precedent.

REVISED 2021 BUDGET ADOPTED BY IPCC-LIV bis

| Activity | Purpose | DC/EIT support | Other Expenditure | Sub-total |
|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Governing bodies | | | | |
| IPCC-53 bis 4 days | | 0 120 journeys | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| IPCC-54 14 days | AR6 WG I | 40,000 10 journeys | 210,000 | 250,000 |
| IPCC-54 bis 3 days | Programme & budget | 0 0 journeys | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| IPCC-55 5 days | AR6 WG III (moved to 2022) | 0 120 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| IPCC-56 5 days | AR6 WG II (moved to 2022) | 0 120 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| Bureau 5 days | 2 sessions | 0 108 journeys | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| TFB | 1 session | 0 0 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| UNFCCC and other UN meetings | | 80,000 20 journeys | 0 | 80,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 435,000 |
| Lead Authors, scoping, expert meetings and workshops | | | | |
| WG I AR6 LAM 4 | CLA/LA meeting | 0 110 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| WG I AR6 SPM Drafting Meeting I | CLA, drafting authors, Co-Chairs (moved from 2020) | 0 30 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| WG I AR6 SPM Drafting Meeting II | CLA, drafting authors, Co-Chairs (back-to-back P-54) | 0 30 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| WG II AR6 LAM 4 | CLA/LA meeting | 0 115 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| WG II AR6 SPM Drafting Meeting I | CLA, drafting authors, Co-Chairs | 0 35 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| WG III AR6 LAM 4 | CLA/LA meeting (moved from 2020) | 0 115 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| WG III AR6 SPM Drafting Meeting I | CLA, drafting authors, Co-Chairs | 0 30 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| WG III AR6 SPM Drafting Meeting II | CLA, drafting authors, Co-Chairs (back-to-back P-56) (moved to 2022) | 0 30 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| SYR AR6 | CWT-1 meeting (moved from 2020) | 0 36 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| SYR AR6 | CWT-2 meeting (moved from 2020) | 0 36 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| SYR AR6 | CWT-3 meeting (move to 2022) | 0 41 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| Expert Meeting - Science of Communicating Science | 1 meeting (moved to 2023) | 0 20 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| TG-Data | 1 meeting | 0 12 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| EFDB Editorial Board | 1 meeting | 0 24 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| EFDB Data meeting | 1 meeting | 0 10 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| EFDB and Software Users Feedback (Japan) | 1 meeting (cancelled) | 0 0 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| TFI Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers | 2 meetings | 0 80 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| TFI Expert meeting | 1 meeting (contingency) - cancelled | 0 25 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 0 |
| Other Expenditure | | | | |
| 2006 GL software | maintenance/development (move to 2022) | | | 0 |
| EFDB maintenance | update/management (move to 2022) | | | 0 |
| Publications/Translations | IPCC publications (WG I/WGII/WGIII/SRs) | | | 800,000 |
| Communication I | AR6 material/travel/events | | | 290,000 |
| Communication II | AR6 outreach events* (move to 2023 & 2024) | | | 0 |
| Distribution | IPCC publications | | | 100,000 |
| IT Infrastructure | web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades | | | 40,628 |
| External Audit | fee | | | 20,000 |
| Advisory Services | Conflict of Interest | | | 15,000 |
| Co-Chairs | support | | | 200,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 1,465,628 |
| Secretariat | | | | |
| Secretariat | staff costs/misc expenses | | | 2,037,500 |
| Resource Mobilization | travel costs (Phase II: 2020-2022) | | | 0 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 2,037,500 |
| TOTAL | | | | 3,938,128 |

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-54 bis

* Regional/local events
Revised/new activity

PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET ADOPTED BY IPCC-LIV bis

| Activity | Purpose | DC/EIT support | Other Expenditure | Sub-total |
|--|---|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Governing bodies | | | | |
| IPCC-55 ¹ 5 days | AR6 WG II | 480,000 120 journeys | 350,000 | 830,000 |
| IPCC-56 ¹ 5 days | AR6 WG III | 480,000 120 journeys | 350,000 | 830,000 |
| IPCC-57 5 days | SYR AR6 | 480,000 120 journeys | 350,000 | 830,000 |
| IPCC-57 bis ⁵ 4 days (back-to-back with IPCC-57) | Governance & Preparation - Elections | 216,000 120 journeys | 280,000 | 496,000 |
| IPCC-59 4 days | (contingency) (move to 2023) | 0 120 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| Bureau 4 days | 2 sessions | 288,000 72 journeys | 120,000 | 408,000 |
| TFB | 1 session | 36,000 9 journeys | 6,120 | 42,120 |
| UNFCCC and other UN meetings | | 80,000 20 journeys | 0 | 80,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 3,516,120 |
| Lead Authors, scoping, expert meetings and workshops | | | | |
| WG II AR6 SPM Drafting Meeting II | CLA, drafting authors, Co-Chairs (back-to-back P-56) (moved from 2021) | 140,000 35 journeys | 23,800 | 163,800 |
| WG III AR6 SPM Drafting Meeting II | CLA, drafting authors, Co-Chairs (back-to-back P-56) (moved from 2021) | 120,000 30 journeys | 20,400 | 140,400 |
| WG III Workshop on Scenarios ² | 1 meeting | 240,000 60 journeys | 40,800 | 280,800 |
| SYR AR6 | CWT-3 meeting (moved from 2021) | 164,000 41 journeys | 27,880 | 191,880 |
| SYR AR6 | CWT-4 meeting (moved from 2021) | 164,000 41 journeys | 27,880 | 191,880 |
| TG-Data | 1 meeting | 48,000 12 journeys | 8,160 | 56,160 |
| EFDB Editorial Board | 1 meeting | 96,000 24 journeys | 16,320 | 112,320 |
| EFDB Data meeting | 2 meetings | 80,000 20 journeys | 13,600 | 93,600 |
| EFDB and Software Users Feedback (Japan) | 1 meeting | 44,000 11 journeys | 0 | 44,000 |
| TFI Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers | 1 meeting | 160,000 40 journeys | 27,200 | 187,200 |
| TFI Scoping Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers | 1 meeting (move to 2023) | 0 40 journeys | 0 | 0 |
| TFI Expert Meeting on Atmospheric Observation data in Emission Inventories ³ | 1 meeting | 160,000 40 journeys | 27,200 | 187,200 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 1,649,240 |
| Other Expenditure | | | | |
| 2006 GL software | maintenance/development | | | 30,000 |
| EFDB maintenance | update/management | | | 70,000 |
| Publications/Translations | IPCC publications (WGII/WGIII/SYR/TFI) | | | 600,000 |
| Gender Action Team ⁴ - Survey | Consultancy | | | 40,000 |
| Communication I | AR6 material/travel/events | | | 672,040 |
| Communication II* | AR6 outreach events* | | | 150,000 |
| Distribution | IPCC publications | | | 100,000 |
| IT Infrastructure | web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades | | | 13,128 |
| External Audit | fee | | | 20,000 |
| Advisory Services | Conflict of Interest | | | 15,000 |
| Co-Chairs | support | | | 200,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 1,910,168 |
| Secretariat | | | | |
| Secretariat | staff costs/misc expenses | | | 2,037,500 |
| Resource Mobilization | travel costs (Phase II: 2020-2022) | | | 15,800 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 2,053,300 |
| TOTAL | | | | 9,128,828 |

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-54 bis

* Regional/local events

Revised/new activity

Footnotes

¹ This meeting was originally scheduled for 2021 but due to COVID-19 it has been tentatively moved to 2022 (dates are to be confirmed).

² Subject to Panel approval. Document submitted by WGIII for Panel approval.

³ Subject to Panel approval. Document submitted by TFI for Panel approval.

⁴ Subject to Panel approval. Document submitted by Gender Action Team for Panel approval.

⁵ Funding may be adjusted and combined with IPCC-57 pending decision on final schedule of these meetings.

FORECAST 2023 BUDGET NOTED BY IPCC-LIV bis

| Activity | Purpose | DC/EIT support | Other Expenditure | Sub-total |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Governing bodies | | | | |
| IPCC-58 4 days | Elections | 480,000 120 journeys | 280,000 | 760,000 |
| IPCC-59 4 days | Future of IPCC | 480,000 120 journeys | 280,000 | 760,000 |
| Bureau 4 days | 2 sessions | 288,000 72 journeys | 120,000 | 408,000 |
| TFB | 1 session | 36,000 9 journeys | 6,120 | 42,120 |
| UNFCCC and other UN meetings | | 80,000 20 journeys | 0 | 80,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 2,050,120 |
| Lead Authors, scoping, expert meetings and workshops | | | | |
| TG-Data | 1 meeting | 48,000 12 journeys | 8,160 | 56,160 |
| Expert Meeting - Science of Communicating Science | 1 meeting (moved from 2021) | 80,000 20 journeys | 13,600 | 93,600 |
| Expert Meeting on Gender, Inclusivity and Diversity | 1 meeting | 80,000 20 journeys | 13,600 | 93,600 |
| EFDB Editorial Board | 1 meeting | 96,000 24 journeys | 16,320 | 112,320 |
| EFDB Data meeting | 2 meetings | 80,000 20 journeys | 13,600 | 93,600 |
| EFDB and Software Users Feedback (Japan) | 1 meeting | 44,000 11 journeys | 0 | 44,000 |
| TFI Scoping Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers | 1 meeting (moved from 2022) | 160,000 40 journeys | 27,200 | 187,200 |
| TFI Expert meeting | 1 meeting (contingency) | 100,000 25 journeys | 17,000 | 117,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 797,480 |
| Other Expenditure | | | | |
| 2006 GL software | maintenance/development | | | 6,000 |
| EFDB maintenance | update/management | | | 7,000 |
| Publications/Translations | IPCC publications | | | 200,000 |
| Communication I | AR6 material/travel/events | | | 745,000 |
| Communication II | AR6 outreach events* | | | 100,000 |
| Distribution | IPCC publications | | | 100,000 |
| IT Infrastructure | web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades | | | 13,128 |
| External Audit | fee | | | 20,000 |
| Advisory Services | Conflict of Interest | | | 15,000 |
| Co-Chairs | support | | | 200,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 1,406,128 |
| Secretariat | | | | |
| Secretariat | staff costs/misc expenses | | | 2,037,500 |
| Resource Mobilization | travel costs | | | 15,800 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 2,053,300 |
| TOTAL | | | | 6,307,028 |

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-57 bis

* Regional/local events

Revised/new activity

INDICATIVE 2024 BUDGET NOTED BY IPCC-LIV bis

| Activity | Purpose | DC/EIT support | Other Expenditure | Sub-total |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Governing bodies | | | | |
| IPCC-60 4 days | AR7 plenary | 480,000 120 journeys | 280,000 | 760,000 |
| IPCC-61 4 days | Programme and budget | 480,000 120 journeys | 280,000 | 760,000 |
| Bureau 4 days | 2 sessions | 288,000 72 journeys | 120,000 | 408,000 |
| TFB | 1 session | 36,000 9 journeys | 6,120 | 42,120 |
| UNFCCC and other UN meetings | | 80,000 20 journeys | 0 | 80,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 2,050,120 |
| Lead Authors, scoping, expert meetings and workshops | | | | |
| TG-Data | 1 meeting | 48,000 12 journeys | 8,160 | 56,160 |
| EFDB Editorial Board | 1 meeting | 96,000 24 journeys | 16,320 | 112,320 |
| EFDB Data meeting | 2 meetings | 80,000 20 journeys | 13,600 | 93,600 |
| EFDB and Software Users Feedback (Japan) | 1 meeting | 44,000 11 journeys | 0 | 44,000 |
| TFI Expert meeting | 1 meeting (contingency) | 100,000 25 journeys | 17,000 | 117,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 423,080 |
| Other Expenditure | | | | |
| 2006 GL software | maintenance/development | | | 6,000 |
| EFDB maintenance | update/management | | | 7,000 |
| Publications/Translations | IPCC publications (SYR) | | | 200,000 |
| Communication | AR6 material/travel/events | | | 745,000 |
| Communication II* | AR6 outreach events | | | 53,960 |
| Distribution | IPCC publications | | | 100,000 |
| IT Infrastructure | web hosting/cloudflare/upgrades | | | 13,128 |
| External Audit | fee | | | 20,000 |
| Advisory Services | Conflict of Interest | | | 15,000 |
| Co-Chairs | support | | | 200,000 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 1,360,088 |
| Secretariat | | | | |
| Secretariat | staff costs/misc expenses | | | 2,037,500 |
| Resource Mobilization | travel costs | | | 15,800 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | 2,053,300 |
| TOTAL | | | | 5,886,588 |

All activities subject to Panel approval in IPCC-57 bis

* Regional/local events

Revised/new activity