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To designated IPCC Focal Points and  
Ministries of Foreign Affairs  
(if no focal point has been designated)

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Geneva, 23 January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ad Hoc Task Group on Financial Stability of the IPCC (ATG-Finance) presented its report to the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (Montreal, September 2017) in which it provided fundraising options for consideration by the Panel. The Terms of Reference to the ATG-Finance are attached, for ease of reference.

Paragraph 16 of the Decisions on Programme and Budget adopted at the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC states “Decides to revisit the discussion on the fundraising options as contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Group on Financial Stability of the IPCC. Requests the ATG-Finance to report back to IPCC-47 with its proposals.” The Chair summed up the decisions as follows: (1) a reaffirmation that government funding will continue to be the main source of funding to the IPCC Trust Fund, (2) consideration of the hybrid funding options at IPCC-47 for decision and (3) extension of the mandate of the ATG-Finance until IPCC-47.

The eight fundraising options identified in the report are, as follows:

- a. Voluntary and assessed contributions in the UN system
- b. Increasing voluntary contributions from Member Governments of the IPCC
- c. Assessed or mandatory contributions from Member Governments of the IPCC
- d. Crowd-funding
- e. Contributions from scientific, research and philanthropic institutions
- f. Contributions from UN entities and international and regional financial institutions
- g. Private sector
- h. Funding (friends) meeting

Prior to the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC, you are kindly requested to inform the IPCC Secretariat of the short listed, priority ranking, of your preferred option(s) by 2 February 2018 in order for the ATG-Finance to report back to IPCC-47.

A copy of this letter is being sent for information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Permanent Representatives from your country to the World Meteorological Organization and to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Yours sincerely,



(Abdalah Mokssit)  
Secretary of the IPCC  
on behalf of the ATG-Finance Co-chairs

## **Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Task Group on the Financial Stability of the IPCC**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Task Group on the financial stability of the IPCC (ATG) is to propose, for consideration by the Panel, funding options, and implications therein, which aim to provide predictable, sustainable and adequate means for a smooth implementation of the IPCC's programme of work.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

The ATG has the following core membership:

Members

1. Core members of the Financial Task Team
2. Co-Chairs of the Financial Task Team
3. Secretary and Deputy Secretary

The group is open to government representatives.

The ATG is co-chaired by two of the Vice Chairs of the IPCC, Thelma Krug, Brazil, and Youba Sokona, Mali.

### **3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The ATG will identify matters affecting the financial stability of the IPCC and submit to the Panel a report that includes options for:

1. increasing the contributions from governments, including in-kind contributions, and broadening the donor base in terms of contributing governments;
2. exploring means to mobilize additional resources, including from UN organizations and others (e.g., UNEP, GEF, GCF), and evaluating their potential implications, in particular issues related to conflict of interest and legal matters; and
3. providing guidance on the eligibility of potential donors, including the private sector.

The ATG will seek to reflect in the report experiences and lessons learnt from other international organizations.

### **4. MODUS OPERANDI**

The ATG will work under the leadership of the co-chairs to establish a work plan, and communicate preferentially via electronic correspondence. The group will hold teleconferences as appropriate and required for the advancement of the work.

The ATG will work in close collaboration with the Financial Task Team.

The Secretariat of the IPCC will provide advisory, legal and administrative support to the ATG, as needed.

### **5. TERM**

The ATG will initiate its work immediately after the 45th Session of the IPCC and continue its activities until the time of the 46th Session of the IPCC, which is provisionally scheduled for September 2017. At this meeting its term will be reviewed.