Dear Colleagues,

Allow me to address you, as author and contributor to IPCC assessment work on two matters where we would kindly ask your input and cooperation:

1. The IPCC Secretariat has recently issued an vacancy for **Programme Manager, Communications and Media Relations** at P.5 level (Senior Programme Officer). Ideally we would like to see a communications specialist with solid scientific background in an area relevant to IPCC. I would appreciate if you could bring the vacancy (see [www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch/)) to the attention of suitable persons. Deadline for application is 11 January 2011.

2.  You may recall that the IPCC decided to establish with the award money received for the **Nobel Peace Prize a scholarship programme** with the aim to strengthen scientific capacity in developing countries, in particular those highly vulnerable to climate change. You can find further information on the IPCC website under "IPCC Scholarship Programme".

After some preparatory work a fist call for proposals was launched in June this year. Meanwhile we also initiated fundraising to make the programme sustainable and contributions have started to arrive.

As decided by the Science Board proposals for the initial round of scholarships focus on the following fields of study:

**-** Underlying science of climate change

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

-   Climate-related disaster management: institutional and organizational issues (this is of crucial importance in some of the most vulnerable societies)

-   Climate modelling and assessment of impacts of climate change

-   Adaptation and Mitigation options for different sectors and assessment of socio-economic implications

The response from applicants was overwhelming - we received 1000 eligible applications. We are currently evaluating, with help of IPCC Bureau members and some authors,  applications for PhD studies. However, in order to evaluate the scientific quality of all applications we would need additional volunteers. This is why I am asking  whether you are ready to evaluate applications from this batch and/or whether we can contact you on that matter in the future. If you are willing to contribute to this very important and exciting effort please send a message to Amy Smith-Aasdam (ASmithAasdam@wmo.int) , with clear indication of the field(s) of study (see list above) you are willing to look at.

I thank you very much for your attention and cooperation.

Best regards,

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