

Finance Key Elements for
**for facilitating the development
and long-term sustainability of
the national communication
process**

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- Eradication of poverty & sustainable development are the main priorities of developing countries, mean that national communications reports costs cannot be borne by these countries
- Article 4.3 – fund for report is a commitment under the convention
- Current options proposed by GEF are inadequate and not in accordance with agreed full cost
 - country can work with GEF Agency of their choice
 - UNEP Umbrella Programme
 - Countries can access up to \$500 K via direct access to GEF bypassing implementing agencies...
 - but NIE requirement requires preparation
 - For those requiring additional resources countries can use their GEF STAR allocation
 - but requires co-financing, diverts funds from national implementation priorities to enabling activity, and is not expedited ... PIF This is not agreed full cost...

- Funding mechanisms under the UNFCCC must be responsive to the demands of countries and timely.
- Funding mechanisms under the Convention must take fully into account the different national circumstances and specific characteristics and needs of countries
- Systemic predictable programmatic as opposed to start/end timebound project based approach is needed to enable sustainability without gaps
 - would allow for different contracts and modalities, countries should be able to determine their needs, with ongoing disbursement between national communications
 - full time programme coordinator based in government needed

- Continued support must be provided in terms of human and technical resources at national level in order to sustain and enhance the national communications.
 - Explore means and develop tools for NA1 countries to assess their institutional needs for climate change and include the requirements for sustainability of national communications as part of this.
 - Incentivising the work and contributions of other UNFCCC focal points such as Article 6, Adaptation, CDM as part of the country teams and continuous flow of information
 - Ongoing training, compilation and analysis of data drawing on country teams, building up national expertise
 - In particular GEF should provide capacity building to enable countries to establish and maintain NIEs
 - Consider roles of regional centres and international support options eg NCSP
- To address currency exchange rate losses - a Contingency fund addition at the GEF must be made available for the countries for which the exchange rate has negatively affected more than ~10% of the total expected amount received.