

**Subsidiary Body for Implementation**  
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*Update on the implementation of the approved core budget*

## **I. Mandate**

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 22/CP.21 requested the Executive Secretary to submit at least 15 days in advance of the relevant session of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI) an update on the implementation of the approved core budget.

## **II. Income and expenditure under the Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNFCCC as at 20 April 2017**

2. The income and expenditure amounts included in this update are provisional and based on the available data in the accounting system at the time the update was prepared.

3. Owing to rounding, numbers presented throughout this update may not add up precisely to the totals specified.

4. The COP by the decision referred to in paragraph 1 above, approved a total budget of EUR 54.6 million for the biennium 2016–2017. Pursuant to the financial procedures adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its first session, contributions to the core budget are due on 1 January of each calendar year.<sup>1</sup> Table 1 shows the income to the Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNFCCC received for the biennium 2016–2017 and expenditures incurred. The income received for 2016–2017 amounts to EUR 43.2 million. This consists of EUR 41.5 million from indicative contributions received from Parties for 2016–2017, 1.5 million voluntary contributions from the Host Government and EUR 0.9 million miscellaneous income. Indicative contributions amounting to EUR 11.5 million are yet to be provided to meet the requirements under the approved budget.

Table 2  
**Status of the core budget as at 20 April 2017**

	<i>2016–2017 (EUR)</i>
Contributions received for 2016–2017 to the Convention <sup>a, b</sup>	30 226 712
Contributions received for 2016–2017 to the Kyoto Protocol <sup>a, b</sup>	11 348 234
Voluntary contributions from the Host Government	1 533 876
Miscellaneous income <sup>b</sup>	86 973
<b>Total income</b>	<b>43 195 795</b>
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Expenditure <sup>c</sup>	30 433 446
Programme support costs	3 956 348
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>34 389 794</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>8 806 001</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes contributions received in previous bienniums for 2016–2017.

<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/CP.1, annex I, paragraph 8 (b).

<sup>b</sup> Where applicable, the exchange rate used (USD 1 = EUR 0.942) is the official United Nations exchange rate for 20 April 2017.

<sup>c</sup> Does not include salary costs for April 2017, which were yet to be posted at the time of preparation of this update.

5. Table 2 shows the approved core budget for 2016–2017 by programme, as well as the programmes' expenditures. As at 20 April 2017, expenditure amounted to EUR 34.4 million, or 62.9 per cent of the approved core budget for 2016–2017. Secretariat-wide operating costs were at 75.3 per cent due to unplanned expenditures for staff separation costs and also as a result of having to obligate the expenses for common premises and services until 30 June 2017.

Table 2

**Approved 2016–2017 core budget and expenditure by programme as at 20 April 2017 (provisional)**

	Budget (EUR)	Expenditure (EUR)	Expenditure as a percentage
<i>A. Programme</i>			
Executive Direction and Management	4 461 724	2 918 319	65.4%
Mitigation, Data and Analysis	15 223 376	9 521 926	62.5%
Finance, Technology and Capacity-building	5 464 887	3 104 968	56.8%
Adaptation	4 671 964	3 082 528	66.0%
Sustainable Development Mechanisms	776 240	496 301	63.9%
Legal Affairs	2 608 910	1 325 999	50.8%
Conference Affairs Services	3 324 279	2 007 875	60.4%
Communications and Outreach	3 069 899	2 046 631	66.7%
Information Technology Services	5 565 551	2 432 888	75.3%
<i>B. Secretariat-wide operating costs<sup>a</sup></i>	3 231 716	3 496 011	62.8%
<b>Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>48 398 546</b>	<b>30 433 446</b>	<b>62.9%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Secretariat-wide operating costs are managed by the Administrative Services programme.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes programme support costs and adjustment to the working capital reserve.

6. Table 3 presents the expenditure as at 20 April 2017 by commitment item. "Staff costs" include salaries and common staff costs, salaries of short-term staff, temporary assistance and overtime. External expertise, both individual and institutional, is included under "Consultants". Travel of staff on official missions is shown together with travel of experts to workshops and informal consultations. Payments to suppliers for goods and services and other running costs such as telecommunication charges are combined under "General operating expenses" which also include contractual services. "Grants and contributions" reflect the annual contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Table 3

**Expenditure by commitment item as at 20 April 2017 (provisional)**

Commitment item	Expenditure (EUR)
Staff costs	23 416 128
Consultants	398 161
Travel	1 606 401

<i>Commitment item</i>	<i>Expenditure (EUR)</i>
Training	268 930
General operating expenses	2 982 274
Supplies and materials/equipment	333 585
Contributions to common services	982 513
Grants and contributions	445 454
<b>Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>30 433 446</b>

<sup>a</sup> Excludes programme support costs and adjustment to the working capital reserve.

7. As at 20 April 2017, expenditure amounted to EUR 30.4 million at which time salary costs for April were not yet posted. Expenditure for staff costs is expected to increase towards the middle of the year to reflect the settlement of education grants for the academic year 2017–2018. The rate of expenditure for staff travel is commensurate with the number of meetings and workshops held during the reporting period away from the secretariat's headquarters. The annual contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was already processed in February, and therefore expenditures of both contributions for this biennium are reflected in this report.