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Note by the secretariat

Summary

The work programme of the secretariat for the biennium 2022–2023 outlines the core budget, supplementary and other resources required by the secretariat to implement its mandates and achieve the stated objectives and expected results. This document provides an update reflecting adjustments to the work programme arising from conclusions adopted by the subsidiary bodies at their fifty-eighth sessions. It should be read in conjunction with documents FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.3, FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.11 and FCCC/SBI/2023/INF.2, which contain the updates that reflect adjustments to the work programme presented in document FCCC/SBI/2021/4/Add.1 arising from decisions and conclusions adopted by the governing and subsidiary bodies at their sessions in November 2021, June 2022 and November 2022.



Abbreviations and acronyms

COP	Conference of the Parties
NAP	national adaptation plan
NWP	Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change
SB	sessions of the subsidiary bodies
SBI	Subsidiary Body for Implementation
SBSTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. COP 26 welcomed the measures proposed by the secretariat for improving the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process.¹ In response to the concern of Parties that the outcomes of the budget deliberations of the SBI are not fully reflected in subsequent decisions and that this may affect the assessment of budget performance, the secretariat updates its work programme after relevant SBI sessions to serve as a transparent baseline against which to assess future budget performance. As decisions taken subsequently may affect the work programme, it is also updated after each session of the COP, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Partie Agreement.

B. Background

2. COP 26 approved the programme budget for the biennium 2022–2023² on the basis of the secretariat work programme for the biennium 2022–2023 presented in document FCCC/SBI/2021/4/Add.1. As such, the budget did not reflect changes to the work programme resulting from key developments in the second half of 2021, in 2022 and in the first half of 2023, including the outcomes of the United Nations Climate Change Conferences in Glasgow and Sharm el-Sheikh and the conclusions of SB 56, 57 and 58 that will have an impact on the secretariat's work in 2022–2023.

3. In the light of the scope and significance of the outcomes of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow and of SB 56, the update as at 1 January 2022³ includes all elements of the original work programme and updated information. This document should be read in conjunction with that update, the update as at 1 July 2022⁴ and the update as at 1 January 2023.⁵

II. Key changes to the work programme

A. Programmes Coordination

4. The following outputs are added to the work programme:

(a) Preparing a synthesis report on Parties' submissions of views on different elements of the work programme on just transition pathways referred to in paragraphs 50–52 of decision 1/CMA.4;

(b) Organizing, under the guidance of the SBSTA and SBI Chairs, a workshop to be held before SB 59 on the aforementioned work programme;

(c) Preparing, under the guidance of the SBSTA and SBI Chairs, a summary report on the aforementioned workshop.

5. The change in resource requirements relating to these additional activities is presented in table 1. There is no change to post requirements.

¹ Decision 23/CP.26, para. 21.

² Decision 22/CP.26, para. 1.

³ FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.3.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.11.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2023/INF.2.

Table 1

Change in resource requirements in 2022–2023 for Programmes Coordination

	Updated work programme as at 1 January 2023 (EUR)	Update as at 1 July	Variance	
		$\frac{2023 (EUR)}{2023 (EUR)}$	EUR	%
Supplementary funds	1 883 520	1 978 520	95 000	5.0

B. Adaptation division

6. The following outputs are added to the work programme:

(a) Scaling up the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative around the globe, striving for a regional balance when organizing activities and workshops with regional partners thereunder, with a view to addressing knowledge gaps and enhancing adaptation action in developing countries;

(b) Strengthening the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme and continuing to build partnerships, striving for a regional balance, for addressing adaptation knowledge gaps, particularly in developing countries;

(c) Enhancing, in collaboration with NWP partners, the provision of usable, useful and innovative knowledge on specific adaptation practices, including cross-cutting practices, in order to respond to Parties' needs, including those identified in the current and future work of relevant constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

(d) Enhancing the understanding and dissemination of scientific knowledge and, in collaboration with the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the understanding and application of local knowledge and Indigenous science, values and knowledge systems with a view to addressing current and future knowledge gaps, as well as enhancing the availability of, and access to, knowledge products, translating them into United Nations official languages, as appropriate;

(e) Strengthening modalities for disseminating and communicating NWP knowledge products, including at regional climate weeks and NAP Expos, by updating and enhancing the user-friendliness and accessibility of the adaptation knowledge portal, and by increasing the provision of knowledge products in different United Nations official languages, as appropriate;

(f) Preparing a concise report on activities, by region, undertaken under the NWP in the last five years for consideration at SBSTA 60, with the aim of closing knowledge gaps that may affect future activities, increasing cooperation and creating synergies at the interregional level, and facilitating the scaling up of adaptation action;

(g) Organizing an event on monitoring, evaluation and learning systems for adaptation action and support, including transformational adaptation;

(h) Organizing the 16th NWP Focal Point Forum, in conjunction with COP 28, on addressing adaptation knowledge gaps in relation to mountains, high-latitude areas and the cryosphere.

7. The change in resource requirements relating to these additional activities is presented in table 2 and the change in post requirements is presented in table 3.

Table 2

Change in resource requirements in 2022–2023 for the Adaptation division

	Updated work programme as at 1 January 2023 (EUR)	Update as at 1 July . 2023 (EUR)	Variance	
			EUR	%
Supplementary funds	17 846 260	18 221 481	375 221	2.4

Table 3
Change in 2022–2023 post requirements for the Adaptation division

	Updated work programme as at 1 January 2023	Update as at 1 July 2023	Post variance
Supplementary funds	21	22	1

C. Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress division

8. Preparing a technical paper for consideration at SBI 60 on options for reducing overlapping items on the provisional agendas of the governing and subsidiary bodies, taking into account Parties' views on streamlining the provisional agendas of those bodies, is added to the work programme.

9. The change in resource requirements relating to this additional activity is presented in table 4. There is no change to post requirements.

Table 4

Change in resource requirements in 2022–2023 for the Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress division

	Updated work programme as at 1 January 2023 (EUR)	Update as at 1 July _ 2023 (EUR)	Variance	
			EUR	%
Supplementary funds	3 681 148	3 731 148	50 000	1.4

D. Mitigation division

10. The following outputs are added to the work programme:

(a) Concerning matters related to Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, preparing a technical paper and organizing a hybrid intersessional workshop to be held before 59 in conjunction with the workshop being organized under the SBSTA agenda item entitled "Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and referred to in decision 3/CMA.3";

(b) Concerning matters related to Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, organizing an in-session workshop, including round-table discussions, to be held in conjunction with the 4^{th} meeting of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches and preparing a synthesis report for consideration at that meeting.

11. The change in resource requirements relating to these additional activities is presented in table 5. There is no change to post requirements.

Table 5

Change in resource requirements in 2022–2023 for the Mitigation division

	Updated work programme as at 1 January 2023 (EUR)	Update as at 1 July _ 2023 (EUR)	Variance	
			EUR	%
Supplementary (Article 6				
of the Paris Agreement)	23 651 208	24 114 040	462 832	2.2

E. Means of Implementation division

12. The following outputs are added to the work programme:

(a) Preparing a synthesis report on submissions on the linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism;

(b) Organizing an in-session workshop on those linkages to be held in conjunction with SBI 60.

13. The change in resource requirements relating to these additional activities is presented in table 6. There is no change to post requirements.

Table 6

Change in resource requirements in 2022–2023 for the Means of Implementation division

	Updated work programme as at 1 January 2023 (EUR)	Update as at 1 July _ 2023 (EUR)	Variance	
			EUR	%
Supplementary funds	13 525 022	13 573 695	48 673	0.4

F. Communications and Engagement division

14. Preparing a technical paper on options for increasing the participation of observer organizations from developing countries in the UNFCCC process, including, but not limited to, providing financial support, is added to the work programme.

15. The change in resource requirements relating to this additional activity is presented in table 7. There is no change to post requirements.

Table 7

Change in resource requirements in 2022–2023 for the Communications and Engagement division

	Updated work programme as at 1 January 2023 (EUR)	Update as at 1 July 2023 (EUR)	Variance	
			EUR	%
Supplementary funds	11 652 560	11 723 560	71 000	0.6