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Update on the extent to which the UNFCCC core budget and budgets in the UNFCCC trust fund for supplementary activities were funded as at 31 December 2025

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This document provides an update on the extent to which the UNFCCC core budget and project budgets in the UNFCCC trust fund for supplementary activities were funded as at 31 December 2025. The UNFCCC core budget for the biennium 2024–2025, totalling EUR 74.1 million, was fully funded. In contrast, the UNFCCC trust fund for supplementary activities, which has a biennial budget of EUR 215.6 million for projects, had received only EUR 130.2 million, or 60 per cent, of its total. The distribution of this funding has been inconsistent, with some projects receiving their full allocation from voluntary contributions and others receiving none of their allocation. Overall, in contrast to the core budget, the trust fund for supplementary activities has remained significantly underfunded, limiting available support for many important initiatives.



I. Introduction

A. Background and mandate

1. Pursuant to the UNFCCC financial procedures,¹ contributions to the UNFCCC core budget are due on 1 January of each calendar year.²
2. The Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-eighth session approved the programme budget for the biennium 2024–2025, amounting to EUR 74,105,511, namely EUR 37,041,148 for 2024 and EUR 37,064,363 for 2025.³ The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its eighteenth session endorsed the decision of the COP as it applies to the Kyoto Protocol.⁴
3. The COP regularly takes note of resource requirements in the UNFCCC trust fund for supplementary activities, and the secretariat informs the governing and subsidiary bodies at each of their sessions of budgetary implications arising from requests contained in the decisions of the governing bodies and the conclusions of the subsidiary bodies adopted at those sessions. Income to cover the cost of supplementary activities consists of voluntary contributions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders.
4. COP 29 requested the secretariat to prepare quarterly reports on the extent to which the UNFCCC core and supplementary budgets are funded in order to significantly improve the transparency of its budget management process.⁵

B. Scope

5. This document provides an update on the extent to which the UNFCCC core budget and project budgets in the UNFCCC trust fund for supplementary activities for the biennium 2024–2025 were funded as at 31 December 2025.

C. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

6. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation is invited to take note of the information presented herein and decide on actions to be included in draft decisions on administrative, financial and institutional matters for consideration and adoption at COP 31 and CMP 21.

II. Core budget

7. The UNFCCC core budget for the biennium 2024–2025, totalling EUR 74.1 million, was fully funded.
8. Funding available under the core budget in 2024 amounted to EUR 51.5 million, which consisted of contributions made by Parties in 2024, the unspent balance of contributions made in prior years and interest earned on cash investments made by the United Nations Treasury. As such, the core budget for 2024 was fully funded.
9. Funding available under the core budget in 2025 amounted to EUR 43.6 million, which consisted of contributions made by Parties in 2025, the unspent balance of contributions made in prior years and interest earned on cash investments made by the United Nations Treasury. As such, the core budget for 2025 was fully funded.

¹ Decision [15/CP.1](#), annex I.

² Decision [15/CP.1](#), annex I, para. 8(b).

³ Decision [19/CP.28](#), para. 1 and table 1.

⁴ Decision [5/CMP.18](#), para. 1.

⁵ Decision [20/CP.29](#), para. 12.

III. Trust fund for supplementary activities

10. The total of all project budgets for activities funded under the trust fund for supplementary activities for the biennium 2024–2025 is EUR 215.6 million. However, only EUR 130.2 million, or 60 per cent, of the total budget for projects had been received as at 31 December 2025.

11. The table below presents the share of budgeted funding received for projects funded under the trust fund for supplementary activities in the biennium 2024–2025 as at 31 December 2025. The funding received varies significantly across the projects.

Share of budgeted funding received for projects funded under the trust fund for supplementary activities in the biennium 2024–2025 as at 31 December 2025

| <i>Project number</i> | <i>Division</i> | <i>Overarching objective/project</i> | <i>2024–2025 project budget</i> | <i>Funding available in 2024–2025^a</i> | <i>Share (%)</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Intergovernmental engagement | | | | | |
| 101-002 | Mitigation | Facilitation of enhanced mitigation ambition and implementation | 9 845 058 | 4 693 034 | 48 |
| 101-005 | Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress | Enhancement of coordination and operational support for COP Presidency teams | 1 365 343 | 694 881 | 51 |
| 101-006 | Communications and Engagement | Facilitation of the effective participation of observer organizations and other non-Party stakeholders in established UNFCCC processes | 2 862 258 | 1 181 075 | 41 |
| 101-010 | Executive | Engagement by the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary in United Nations wide management and coordination activities ^b | 1 038 868 | 1 434 257 | 138 |
| 101-011 | Programmes Coordination | Coordination of support for just transition, including the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme | 2 028 578 | 1 004 396 | 50 |
| 101-012 | Operations Coordination | Support for partnerships for transformative climate action | 1 823 418 | 1 827 084 | 100 |
| Intergovernmental processes | | | | | |
| 102-001-1 | Adaptation | Comprehensive support for the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans and adaptation-related transparency provisions | 6 108 421 | 3 036 703 | 50 |
| 102-001-2 | Adaptation | Activities to respond to loss and damage arising from the adverse effects of climate change, including in support of the objectives of the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change | 554 165 | 7 230 963 ^c | 1 305 |
| 102-002 | Mitigation | Support for the operationalization of Article 6, paragraphs 2 and 8, of the Paris Agreement | 10 466 588 | 4 237 798 | 40 |
| 102-003 | Means of Implementation | Strengthening of the climate finance architecture through the new collective quantified goal on climate finance; long-term finance; and the Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue on the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement; support for work related to finance for addressing loss and damage | 15 355 937 | 10 411 710 | 68 |

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| | | and adaptation finance; support for the interim secretariat of and administrative support for the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage during its transitional period; and support for the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, the report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties, the report on progress towards the goal of mobilizing USD 100 billion per year and work related to Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement | | | |
| 102-004-1 | Transparency | Comprehensive support for the technical reviews of national reports under the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement (ETF) and measurement, reporting and verification processes | 18 275 063 | 5 598 773 | 31 |
| 102-004-2 | Transparency | Support for activities relating to agriculture, forestry and other land use: reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, enhancement of forest carbon sinks, sustainable management of forests, and for issues relating to agriculture | 3 067 074 | 2 090 704 | 68 |
| 102-005 | Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress | Provision of comprehensive support for the response to the first global stocktake, preparation for the second global stocktake, consideration of research and systematic observation and science and enhancement of collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and of ocean-based climate action | 1 444 017 | 1 132 782 | 78 |
| 102-006-1 | Communications and Engagement | Enhancement of the effectiveness and impact of collaborative climate action by mobilizing non-Party stakeholder engagement in the UNFCCC process and administering the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action | 3 784 775 | 2 626 000 | 69 |
| 102-006-2 | Communications and Engagement | Comprehensive support for work related to Action for Climate Empowerment, youth engagement, including the Presidency youth climate champion, and gender, including enhancement of inclusive stakeholder engagement | 6 813 477 | 3 969 181 | 58 |
| 102-008 | Conference Affairs | COP of the future, for the future | 2 858 434 | 1 929 034 | 67 |
| | | Constituted bodies | | | |
| 200-001 | Adaptation | Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the Adaptation Committee, the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts | 7 479 615 | 3 220 432 | 43 |
| 200-002 | Mitigation | Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures and its Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures | 1 990 824 | 1 624 035 | 82 |
| 200-003 | Means of Implementation | Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the Paris | 2 974 246 | 1 147 050 | 39 |

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| | | Committee on Capacity-building, the Standing Committee on Finance and the Technology Executive Committee | | | |
| 200-004 | Transparency | Extensive support for developing countries to implement the ETF and measurement, reporting and verification processes, including through the work of the Consultative Group of Experts | 13 784 998 | 9 374 112 | 68 |
| 200-007 | Legal Affairs | Comprehensive support for the full extent of activities of the Compliance Committees under the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement | 1 248 861 | 553 173 | 44 |
| | | Data and information management | | | |
| 300-001 | Adaptation | Development and enhancement of adaptation-related data portals | 883 777 | 264 584 | 30 |
| 300-004 | Transparency | Development of the information hub and related reporting and review systems and tools used under the ETF and streamlining of existing data management and tools used under the current transparency arrangements | 13 156 263 | 3 779 081 | 29 |
| 300-004-1 | Transparency | Support for enabling, enhancing and recognizing participation in global climate action through the global climate action portal (NAZCA) | 5 036 623 | 4 183 016 | 83 |
| 300-006 | Communications and Engagement | Enhancement of access to online information and of virtual participation in the UNFCCC process, and digital media campaigns | 2 672 544 | 1 126 549 | 42 |
| 300-009 | Administration and Operations | Enhancement and modernization of platforms and strengthening of the security of infrastructure and platforms | 1 700 650 | 248 055 | 15 |
| 300-012 | Operations Coordination | Enhancement of digital access to UNFCCC archives and development and maintenance of the digital platform for climate change events | 3 007 765 | 579 961 | 19 |
| | | Enhanced engagement | | | |
| 400-001 | Adaptation | Enhancement of engagement with respect to climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, including in relation to anticipatory approaches to the attainment of long-term resilience | 2 711 758 | 565 815 | 21 |
| 400-002 | Mitigation | Unlocking of transformative climate solutions in collaboration with Parties and non-State actors | 40 674 891 | 35 841 685 | 88 |
| 400-003 | Means of Implementation | Support for developing countries to access means of implementation for national adaptation plans and nationally determined contributions, comprising needs-based finance; the Fellowship Capacity Award Programme to Advance Capabilities and Institutional Training in One Year; the Youth4Capacity programme; and the Technology Mechanism initiative on artificial intelligence for climate action | 8 126 541 | 5 859 869 | 72 |
| 400-004 | Transparency | Additional support and enhanced engagement in the development and implementation of the ETF | 5 020 978 | 838 241 | 17 |
| 400-006-1 | Communications and Engagement | Comprehensive support for communications campaigns for promoting achievements under the UNFCCC process and producing multilingual content for the | 4 839 388 | 2 198 906 | 45 |

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| | | UNFCCC website, mobile applications and social media channels | | | |
| 400-006-2 | Communications and Engagement | Mobilization for climate action, in particular through the creative and community sectors | 4 919 580 | 2 608 421 | 53 |
| 400-007 | Legal Affairs | Enhancement of the capacity of young negotiators, presiding officers, secretariat staff, observer organizations, policymakers and legislators to engage in the UNFCCC process and implement international climate commitments | 912 368 | 19 647 | 2 |
| 400-009 | Administration and Operations | Enhancement of capacity for conferences and workshops | 113 000 | – | – |
| 400-011 | Programmes Coordination | UNFCCC liaison officer in New York City, United States of America | 344 490 | 381 896 | 111 |
| | | Oversight and administration | | | |
| 500-007 | Legal Affairs | Comprehensive provision of institutional and general legal review and advice with respect to all activities and operations of the secretariat; and strengthening of the secretariat’s institutional legal framework | 1 641 448 | 557 269 | 34 |
| 500-009 | Administration and Operations | Enhancement and modernization of infrastructure, networks and end-user equipment and productivity tools | 1 423 800 | 362 171 | 25 |
| 500-010 | Executive | Advancement of the secretariat’s delivery and organizational culture for greater impact | 1 033 612 | 643 714 | 62 |
| 500-011 | Programmes Coordination | Enhancement of coordination and synergies related to facilitating implementation of mandated activities | 1 126 789 | 575 682 | 51 |
| 500-012 | Operations Coordination | Integration and harmonization of the UNFCCC administrative process to adapt to new mandates that transition from negotiations of the Paris Agreement rulebook to operationalization of the Paris Agreement, and continuation of the implementation of recommendations from the structural review of the secretariat to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the organization | 1 061 335 | 515 519 | 49 |
| Total | | | 215 577 618^d | 130 167 258 | 60 |

^a Includes funding available for 2026 and beyond.

^b The available funding exceeds the project budget because the contribution of the Foundation to Promote Open Society has no expiration date and is not intended to be fully used within the biennium 2024–2025.

^c The Santiago network was managed by the UNFCCC secretariat until a host for the network was selected. This amount includes funds that were forwarded to the new co-hosts: United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and United Nations Office for Project Services.

^d Funding in support of activities under Article 6, para. 4 of the Paris Agreement continued to be administered under the trust fund for supplementary activities in 2024. It was transferred in January 2025 to a newly established trust fund dedicated to funding these activities. It is therefore excluded from the table.