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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 30 September 2026

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 for the biennium 2026–2027 were funded as at 30 September 2026. The core budget for 2026, totalling EUR 40.8 million, was 98.7 per cent funded, while the trust fund for supplementary activities, which has a biennial budget of EUR 137.6 million for projects, had received EUR 85.3 million, or 62.0 per cent, of its total.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

CMP	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
COP	Conference of the Parties
ETF	enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement
MRV	measurement, reporting and verification
NDC	nationally determined contribution
REDD+	reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (decision 1/CP.16, para. 70)

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. COP 30 approved the programme budget for the biennium 2026–2027, amounting to EUR 81,516,062, namely EUR 40,758,031 for 2026 and EUR 40,758,031 for 2027.[3] CMP 20 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 2026–2027 were funded as at 30 September 2026.

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. Funding available under the core budget for 2026 as at 30 September 2026 amounted to EUR 40.2 million, consisting of contributions made by Parties in 2026, 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 2026 was 98.7 per cent funded.

III. Trust fund for supplementary activities

8. The total of all project budgets for activities funded under the trust fund for supplementary activities for the biennium 2026–2027 is EUR 137.6 million. However, only EUR 85.3 million, or 62.0 per cent, of that was available as at 30 September 2026 and for several projects a significant share of the available funding is earmarked for 2028 and beyond.

9. In addition, the Executive Secretary has approved several budgets under the trust fund for supplementary activities that are not part of the secretariat's regular project structure. These budgets, which cover one Junior Professional Officer, two posts in the Human

[1] Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.
[2] Decision 15/CP.1, annex I, para. 8(b).
[3] Decision 20/CP.30, para. 1 and table 1.
[4] Decision 8/CMP.20, para. 1.
[5] Decision 20/CP.29, para. 12.

Resources subdivision, and specific outputs and resources relating to logistical arrangements for the sixty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, total EUR 4.8 million and are fully funded.

10. Voluntary contributions received from a non-Party stakeholder amounting to EUR 6.1 million[6] have been allocated to funding certain activities categorized as essential or long-term and recurring according to the established UNFCCC budget methodology.[7] These activities were originally planned to be funded from the approved core budget for the biennium 2026–2027. In accordance with this funding arrangement, the corresponding expenditure will be reported under the trust fund for supplementary activities, and core budget implementation in 2026 is expected to be reduced by an equivalent amount. This approach was adopted to strengthen the liquidity and financial resilience of the core budget in the light of the continued high level of outstanding contributions to the budget and the anticipated reduction in contributions associated with the withdrawal of a Party from the Convention. The aim of the arrangement is to mitigate financial risk, preserve cash balance in the core budget and support the continued delivery by the secretariat of its work programme for the biennium 2026–2027.

11. As at 30 September 2026, approximately EUR 2.7 million in unearmarked contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities remained available for allocation by the Executive Secretary.

12. The table below presents the share of budgeted funding received for projects funded under the trust fund for supplementary activities in the biennium 2026–2027 as at 30 September 2026. The share of budgeted 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 2026–2027 as at 30 September 2026

Division or unit/project reference	*Project objective/description*	*2026–2027 project budget (EUR)*	*Funding available in 2026–2027[a] (EUR)*	*Share (%)*
Adaptation				
AD-01	Advancing global climate resilience: providing 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 reporting and review	4 175 956	2 231 660	53
AD-02	Providing comprehensive support for the implementation of the workplans of the Adaptation Committee, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group	6 550 895	2 479 344	38
AD-03	Developing and enhancing adaptation-related data and knowledge portals	705 219	70 054	10
AD-04	Accelerating climate resilience through enhanced stakeholder engagement, strategic foresight and anticipatory adaptation approaches	2 140 014	776 887	36
Administration and Operations				
AO-01	Preserving and enhancing access to UNFCCC archives	1 225 673	508 433	41

[6] Owing to a technical error, the incorrect amount of EUR 6.9 million was stated as allocated in document FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.6.

[7] For the categorization established for the UNFCCC budget, see document FCCC/SBI/2019/4, para. 36.

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Communications and Engagement				
CE-01	Enhancing the effectiveness and impact of collaborative climate action by engaging non-Party stakeholders and mobilizing engagement at the sectoral level	5 778 601	3 224 077	56
CE-02	Facilitating effective participation of observers in UNFCCC processes, including sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies	2 020 696	822 665	41
CE-03	Providing timely and factual communications in all United Nations languages to inform and support Parties and other stakeholders and counter disinformation	7 332 561	2 800 296	38
CE-04	Providing comprehensive support for inclusive climate action through work in the areas of Action for Climate Empowerment, gender and youth	5 385 865	2 430 139	45
Conference Affairs				
CA-01	Modernizing the delivery of sessions of the COP for an inclusive and effective UNFCCC process	3 687 665	2 031 117	55
Executive				
EXEC-01	Strengthening the organizational culture, resilience and internal oversight functions of the secretariat	902 599	1 337 682	148
Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress				
ISCP-01	Capacity-Building for Negotiators initiative	695 990	113 784	16
ISCP-02	Strengthening coordination and provision of support to presiding officers and the Bureaux of the governing and subsidiary bodies	1 362 735	1 080 503	79
ISCP-03	Strengthening global climate action through the global stocktake, the science–policy interface and ocean-based climate action	1 409 435	1 232 899	87
Legal Affairs				
LA-01	Strengthening the implementation of the Paris Agreement and Parties' compliance with their obligations thereunder, including through the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee, and providing legal capacity-building to enhance implementation of the Paris Agreement and engagement of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in the UNFCCC process	1 783 943	555 330	31
LA-02	Delivering comprehensive institutional and general legal services to all secretariat divisions and units and other stakeholders and enhancing the secretariat's regulatory framework	1 355 018	264 392	20
Means of Implementation				
MOI-01	Strengthening capacity-building in developing countries for implementing global climate treaties	2 381 550	1 051 360	44
MOI-02	Strengthening international cooperation and engagement on climate finance under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement for unlocking climate finance at scale and accelerating access to climate finance	6 775 144	3 238 556	48
MOI-03	Catalysing climate action through intergovernmental and implementation support for technology development and transfer	2 984 739	1 629 327	55
MOI-04	Accelerating the achievement of the objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement, and the implementation of NDCs and national adaptation plans: bridging policy and implementation through delivery of integrated	1 755 681	0	0

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	climate finance, technology and capacity-building support			
Mitigation				
MI-01	Scaling up mitigation ambition and catalysing NDC implementation	8 883 517	3 894 086	44
MI-02	Enabling and strengthening participation in market-based and non-market approaches under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	9 022 927	3 369 522	37
MI-03	Strengthening capacity and building knowledge for managing the socioeconomic impacts of climate response measures and NDC implementation	2 685 902	1 474 023	55
MI-04	Advancing climate ambition and action through capacity-building, regional collaboration, innovation, carbon pricing instruments and market-based mechanisms	17 875 242	30 580 260	171
Programmes Coordination				
PC-01	Enhancing cooperation, dialogue and knowledge exchange on the climate–trade nexus in support of the intergovernmental process	560 480	0	0
PC-02	Enhancing coordination and synergies across the Programmes divisions in order to support negotiations and implementation of mandated activities under the UNFCCC	1 052 934	502 885	48
PC-03	Intergovernmental process and implementation of mandated activities in relation to the just transition workstream	2 534 048	1 360 141	54
PC-04	Maintaining and enhancing the secretariat's engagement with other United Nations entities and other stakeholders	341 080	628 000	184
Resource Mobilization and Partnerships				
RMP-01	Strengthening the resource mobilization and partnerships capacity of the secretariat	2 165 872	1 000 838	46
Transparency				
TR-01	Catalysing effective implementation of the ETF in order to accelerate climate action and protect the credibility of the Paris Agreement	1 517 786	575 949	38
TR-02	Implementing the technical reviews of national reports under the ETF and MRV processes, including the training programme for expert reviewers	7 965 735	3 147 882	40
TR-03	Providing extensive support to developing country Parties for implementing the ETF and MRV processes, including through the work of the Consultative Group of Experts	7 637 788	6 239 784	82
TR-04	Developing the next-generation climate transparency systems under the ETF, including the Climate Data Hub	5 299 535	953 491[b]	18
TR-05	Amplifying global climate action through the global climate action portal (NAZCA)	6 701 549	1 269 999	19
TR-06	Supporting activities relating to agriculture, forestry and other land use, including REDD+	2 931 707	2 396 116	82
Total		**137 586 081**	**85 271 483**	**62**

[a] Includes funding available for 2028 and beyond.

[b] Includes EUR 428,985 in unearmarked funding, which was made available to repay an internal loan provided from another project budget under the trust fund for supplementary activities. As repayment of the loan has already been accounted for, these funds are not available to support future project activities.