



Update on the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

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Special Programme Secretariat and Trust Fund

The Secretariat of the Special Programme is hosted within UNEP's Chemicals and Waste Branch in DTIE.

The Special Programme Trust Fund has been formally established. The Trust Fund will be open for contributions and applications for **seven years**.

To date, the following financial pledges and contributions have been received:

Donor	Amount
Austria	€ 40,000
European Union	€ 11,000,000
Finland	€ 200,000
Germany	€ 180,000
Sweden	USD 180,000
The Netherlands	€ 60,000
United States	USD 750,000
Total	~ USD 14 million

Governance arrangements

The Executive Board, the **decision-making body** of the Special Programme, has been established.

The representatives from recipient countries are as follows:

- **Kenya**, representing Africa
- **Brazil and Argentina**, representing LAC (sharing the two-year term)
- **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, representing CEE
- **Yemen**, representing LDCs and SIDS

The country to represent Asia and the Pacific is still to be decided.

The donor representatives on the Executive Board are:

- The European Union
- Finland
- Germany
- Sweden
- United States of America

First meeting of the Executive Board 2 to 3 February 2016, Geneva



Outcomes of the first meeting of the Executive Board

The Executive Board reached the following agreement:

- the projects would have the following funding range: US\$50,000 to US\$250,000 with a maximum of US\$500,000 for a more comprehensive project on institutional strengthening;
- maximum duration of a project would be for 3 years;
- the first round of applications would be launched as a pilot phase.

Launch of the 1st call for applications (5 April – 4 July 2016)

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Special Programme on Chemicals and Waste: Call for Proposals

Call for Proposals

The Special Programme is calling developing countries and countries with economies in transition to submit projects proposals for funding between USD \$50,000 to \$250,000. **The deadline for applications is 4 July 2016.**

The Special Programme aims to strengthen national institutions and to promote the mainstreaming of the sound management of chemicals and waste. Key activities supported by the programme provide countries to advance institutional capacity for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention and SAICM. Activities supported by the programme intend to strengthen national capacities, monitor implementation and enforcement of legislation and regulatory frameworks, and this includes developing national plans, budgets, policies, legislation and implementation frameworks for the sound management of chemicals and wastes throughout their life-cycle and at all levels.

Fundamentally linking chemicals and waste management with the economic, environmental and social development agenda is essential to sustainable development. It creates new impetus for the implementation of international chemicals and waste agreements, as well as other relevant international commitments and policy frameworks, including the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). The integration of sound management of chemicals and waste in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a major achievement.

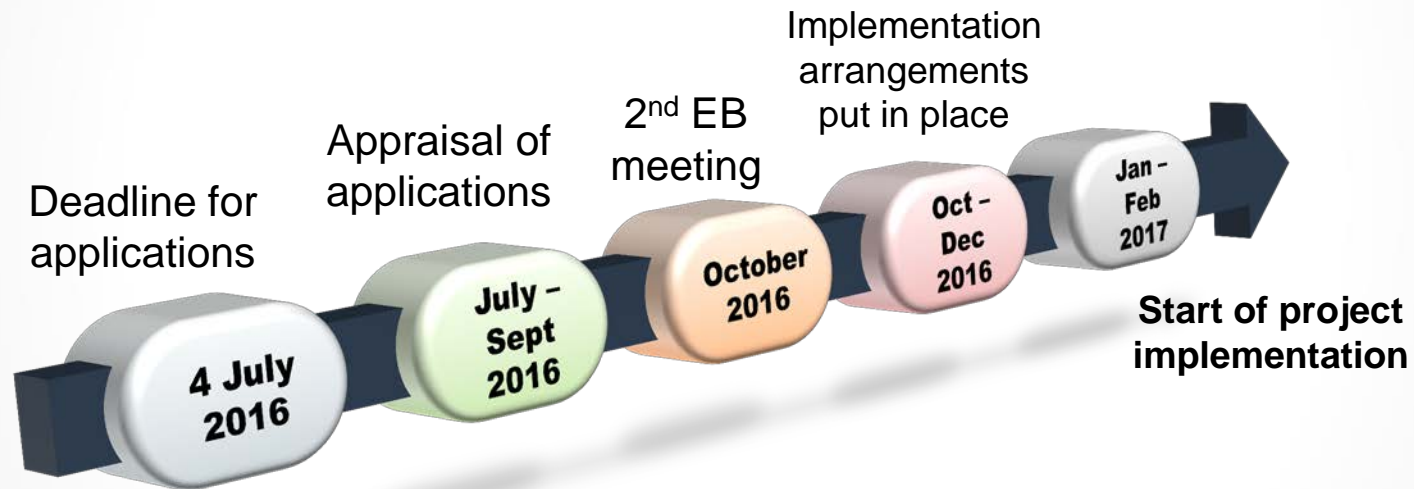
Project proposals should include a timeline for completion within three years. In some cases, project allocations may be increased up to a maximum of US\$500,000, where adequate justification and evidence is given for a comprehensive approach to institutional strengthening at the national level and taking into account as well the amounts of funds available in the Trust Fund.

Application Documents

<http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme/SpecialProgrammeCallsforProposals>

Application Documents

1st round of applications – next steps



Information resources

- UNEA 1 resolutions and decisions, including the ToRs for the Special Programme, available at: http://www.unep.org/unea/UNEA_Resolutions.asp.
- Information regarding the Special Programme available on the UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch website at:
<http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme>.

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