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

Chemicals and Waste Briefing
Friday, 29 April 2016 10:00 - 12:15
International Environment House II
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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Donor</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Austria</td>
<td>€ 40,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>European Union</td>
<td>€ 11,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>€ 200,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Germany</td>
<td>€ 180,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sweden</td>
<td>USD 180,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Netherlands</td>
<td>€ 60,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>USD 750,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>~ USD 14 million</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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)

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

Application Documents

http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme/SpecialProgrammeCallsforProposals
1st round of applications – next steps

- Deadline for applications: 4 July 2016
- Appraisal of applications: July – Sept 2016
- 2nd EB meeting: October 2016
- Start of project implementation: Jan – Feb 2017
Information resources


- Information regarding the Special Programme available on the UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch website at: [http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme](http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/SpecialProgramme).

For any further information, the Secretariat of the Special Programme is available at:

Secretariat of the Special Programme  
UNEP DTIE, Chemicals and Waste Branch  
11-13, chemin des Anémones  
CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland  
Email: special-programme.chemicals@unep.org  
Fax: +41 22 797 3460