



Update on the Special Programme

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Integrated approach to financing sound management of chemicals and waste

GC decision 27/12, section VIII on consultative process on financing options for chemicals and waste

UNEA 1 (resolution 1/5), underscored 3 mutually reinforcing components of an integrated approach:

1. mainstreaming
2. industry involvement
3. dedicated external finance, comprising:
 - Resources from the GEF
 - Special programme to support **country-driven institutional strengthening at the national level**

Background Information

Institutional strengthening:

Enhancing the sustainable institutional capacity of Governments to develop, adopt, monitor and enforce policy, legislation and regulation, as well as to gain access to financial and other resources, to ensure sound chemicals and waste management throughout their life cycle (cf. ToRs for the Special Programme).

Expected outcomes:

- Development and monitoring of the implementation of national policies, strategies, programmes and legislation
- Adoption, monitoring and enforcement of legislation and regulation frameworks
- Mainstreaming of chemicals and waste sound management into national development plans, national budgets, policies, legislation and implementation frameworks
- Promotion of multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder cooperation and coordination
- Promotion of involvement, responsibility and accountability of the private sector

Status of the Special Programme

- UNEP ED initiated process to establish the Special Programme Trust Fund and a secretariat
- Chemicals and Waste Branch of UNEP DTIE appointed to provide the secretariat of the Special Programme

Trust Fund and pledges

- Trust Fund has been formally established
- Special Programme will be open for contributions and applications for **seven years**
- To date, the following financial pledges have been received:
 - European Commission: EUR 11 million (~USD 13 million) (EUR 1 million from DG Environment, EUR 10 million from DEVCO)
 - Sweden: SEK 1,500,000 (~USD 180,000)
 - Finland: EUR 200,000
 - USA: USD 750,000

Governance arrangements

Decision-making body will be an **Executive Board** composed of:

- **Four representatives of recipient countries**
- **One representative from LDC or SIDS**
- **Five donor representatives**

Observers may participate.

Executive Board establishment

Deadline for nomination was 30 May 2015. Nominations received from:

- **Representatives of recipient countries:**
 - Africa: Egypt, **Kenya**
 - Asia and the Pacific: Iran, Pakistan, and the Philippines
 - Central and Eastern Europe: Former Yugoslav Republic of **Macedonia**
 - Latin America and the Caribbean: **Argentina and Brazil**
- **Representatives of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States: Yemen**

Executive Board expected to be established by November 2015.

First meeting of the Executive Board

1st meeting scheduled be held from 7 to 9 December at the UNEP offices in Geneva, to discuss, inter alia:

- Rules of procedure for the operations of the Executive Board
- Application procedures and project arrangements
- Project application package (application guidelines, template for application)
- Criteria for appraisal of project applications by the secretariat
- Criteria for approval of project applications by the Executive Board

1st round of applications expected to be launched by early 2016.

Summary of next steps

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUST FUND

September 2015

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 2015

- UNEP Executive Director's invitation for nominations by Governments, in line with the Terms of Reference
- Deadline for nomination was 30 May 2015

November 2015

- Appointment of the Executive Board

December 2015

- First meeting of the Executive Board

OPERATIONAL PHASE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME

August – December 2015

The Special Programme Secretariat will:

- Draft meeting documents for consideration by the Executive Board at its first meeting, in line with the TORs, including project application guidelines and templates
- Preparation of the UNEP Project Document

7 – 9 December 2015, Geneva

First meeting of the Executive Board

- Adoption of the rules of procedure for the operations of the Programme
- Approval of application procedures
- Review and approval of project application package
- Identification of criteria for appraisal of project applications by the secretariat
- Identification of criteria for approval of project applications by the Executive Board

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/>

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