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Summary

The work programme of the secretariat for the biennium 2024–2025 outlines the core budget, supplementary and other resources required by the secretariat to implement its mandates and achieve the stated objectives and expected results. This document provides an update reflecting adjustments to the work programme arising from conclusions adopted by the subsidiary bodies in the first half of 2025. It should be read in conjunction with decision [19/CP.28](#), which contains the approved programme budget for the biennium 2024–2025; document [FCCC/SBI/2023/2/Add.1/Rev.1](#), which contains the revised work programme of the secretariat for the biennium 2024–2025; document [FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.1](#), which contains an update to the work programme for the biennium 2024–2025 as at 1 January 2024; document [FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.9](#), which contains an update to the work programme for the biennium 2024–2025 as at 1 July 2024; and document [FCCC/SBI/2025/INF.2](#), which contains an update to the work programme for the biennium 2024–2025 as at 1 January 2025.



I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its twenty-sixth session, welcomed the measures proposed by the secretariat for improving the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process.¹ In response to the concern of Parties that the outcomes of the budget deliberations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) are not fully reflected in subsequent decisions and that this may affect the assessment of budget performance, the secretariat updates its work programme after relevant SBI sessions to serve as a transparent baseline against which to assess future budget performance. As decisions taken subsequently may affect the work programme, it is also updated after each session of the COP, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.²

B. Background

2. COP 28 approved the programme budget for the biennium 2024–2025³ on the basis of the revised work programme of the secretariat for the biennium 2024–2025.⁴ This document was prepared to provide Parties with an updated work programme for the biennium 2024–2025 as at 1 July 2025.

II. Key changes to the work programme

A. Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress division

3. The following outputs are added to the work programme:

(a) Preparing an information note, to be presented during the eighteenth meeting of the research dialogue, that maps how research gaps identified since the twenty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice under the agenda item on research and systematic observation are being addressed by the scientific community;⁵

(b) Enhancing the capacity of negotiators, particularly youth delegates, to engage in the UNFCCC process and to make training and other relevant materials available on the UNFCCC website.⁶

4. The change in resource requirements is presented in table 1. There is no change in post requirements.

¹ Decision [23/CP.26](#), para. 21. The measures are contained in document [FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.2](#), paras. 30, 31 and 33.

² See document [FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.2](#), paras. 32–33.

³ Decision [19/CP.28](#), para. 1.

⁴ [FCCC/SBI/2023/2/Add.1/Rev.1](#).

⁵ [FCCC/SBSTA/2025/4](#), para. 32.

⁶ [FCCC/SBI/2025/11](#), para. 209(b–c).

Table 1
Change in resource requirements in 2024–2025 for the Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress division

| | Update as at 1 January 2025 (EUR) | Update as at 1 July 2025 (EUR) | Variance | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | EUR | % |
| Supplementary funds (categories 2–3) ^a | 2 486 159 | 2 486 159 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplementary funds (category 4) ^b | 480 587 | 583 837 | 103 250 | 21.5 |
| Total | 2 966 746 | 3 069 996 | 103 250 | 3.5 |

Note: The supplementary fund amounts shown exclude programme support costs.

^a Category 2 refers to long-term or recurring activities and category 3 to short-term or temporary activities.

^b Category 4 refers to complementary activities beneficial to achieving the objectives and goals of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

B. Legal Affairs division

5. The project on strengthening the secretariat’s institutional legal framework was updated to address further gaps in the secretariat’s institutional regulatory framework, which have been identified by the United Nations Board of Auditors as a risk. However, owing to insufficient resources for this project, despite the scope of the project having expanded significantly, cost savings were necessary, and achieved by engaging personnel for shorter periods of time. The following outputs relating to the project are added to the work programme:

(a) Developing, reviewing and revising additional administrative instructions, including in areas concerning staff protection and accountability, in order to allow the secretariat to address additional organizational needs and mitigate relevant risks;

(b) Conducting legal review and revision of an increased number of priority administrative instructions, including those that seek to address and implement audit recommendations.

6. The change in resource requirements is presented in table 2 and the change in post requirements is presented in table 3.

Table 2
Change in resource requirements in 2024–2025 for the Legal Affairs division

| | Update as at 1 January 2025 (EUR) | Update as at 1 July 2025 (EUR) | Variance | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | EUR | % |
| Supplementary funds (categories 1–3) ^a | 2 602 286 ^b | 2 557 795 | (44 491) | (1.7) |
| Supplementary funds (category 4) ^c | 807 405 | 807 405 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3 409 691 | 3 365 200 | (44 491) | (1.3) |

Notes: Figures in brackets indicate negative values. The supplementary fund amounts shown exclude programme support costs.

^a Category 1 refers to essential activities, category 2 to long-term or recurring activities and category 3 to short-term or temporary activities.

^b The work programme update as at 1 January 2025 erroneously stated that this figure relates to activities under categories 2–3 only.

^c Category 4 refers to complementary activities beneficial to achieving the objectives and goals of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

Table 3
Change in 2024–2025 post requirements for the Legal Affairs division

| | Update as at 1 January 2025 | Update as at 1 July 2025 | Post variance |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Supplementary funds | 5.8 | 6.3 | 0.5 ^a |

^a The increase in post requirements is a result of some consultancies being converted to posts.

C. Means of Implementation division

7. The following output is added to the work programme: providing continued administrative and technical support to the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage as part of the interim secretariat of the Fund with a view to facilitating the smooth and cost-effective transition from the interim secretariat to the new, dedicated and independent secretariat.⁷

8. The change in resource requirements is presented in table 4 and the change in post requirements is presented in table 5.

Table 4
Change in resource requirements in 2024–2025 for the Means of Implementation division

| | Update as at 1 January 2025 (EUR) | Update as at 1 July 2025 (EUR) | Variance | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | | EUR | % |
| Supplementary funds (categories 2–3) ^a | 15 097 786 | 16 728 727 | 1 630 941 | 10.8 |
| Supplementary funds (category 4) ^b | 6 684 303 | 6 684 303 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 21 782 089 | 23 413 030 | 1 630 941 | 7.5 |

Note: The supplementary fund amounts shown exclude programme support costs.

^a Category 2 refers to long-term or recurring activities and category 3 to short-term or temporary activities.

^b Category 4 refers to complementary activities beneficial to achieving the objectives and goals of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

Table 5
Change in 2024–2025 post requirements for the Means of Implementation division

| | Update as at 1 January 2025 | Update as at 1 July 2025 | Post variance |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Supplementary funds | 22.0 ^a | 20.0 ^b | (2.0) |

Note: Figures in brackets indicate negative values.

^a The post requirements as at 1 January 2025 remained unchanged from those reported in the work programme update as at 1 January 2024 (see table 10 of document FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.1).

^b The decrease in post requirements compared with those set out in the work programme update as at 1 January 2025 is the result of the phasing out of the support provided to the interim secretariat owing to the transition to the new, dedicated and independent secretariat.

D. Mitigation division

9. The resource and post requirements of the Mitigation division remain the same as those presented in the work programme update as at 1 January 2025 (see tables 10–11 of document FCCC/SBI/2025/INF.2). However, that update reflected the resource and post requirements related to a project called the Climate Plan Campaign, which is aimed at facilitating Parties' timely submission of ambitious nationally determined contributions, but did not reflect the related outputs owing to an oversight.

⁷ See FRLD decision B.5/D.2 in FRLD document FRLD/B.5/13, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/646804>.

E. Transparency division

10. The following outputs are added to the work programme:

(a) Organizing a workshop, in world café format, to be held at SBI 63, for Parties to reflect on the activities mandated in decisions [18/CMA.5](#) and [21/CMA.6](#) and take into account views contained in Parties' submissions in response to the invitation in paragraph 33 of document [FCCC/SBI/2025/11](#) with a view to considering future activities under the SBI agenda item on reporting and review pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including a dialogue with the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies;⁸

(b) Further developing the greenhouse gas data interface using the infrastructure of the climate data hub, incorporating data and information reported by Parties under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, with separate data entry labels in the interface,⁹ with progress to be reported at the sixty-third session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

11. The change in resource requirements is presented in table 6 and the change in post requirements is presented in table 7.

Table 6

Change in resource requirements in 2024–2025 for the Transparency division

| | Update as at | Update as at | Variance | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| | 1 January 2025 (EUR) | 1 July 2025 (EUR) | EUR | % |
| Supplementary funds (categories 1–3) ^a | 31 883 742 | 32 180 639 | 296 897 | 0.9 |
| Supplementary funds (category 4) ^b | 19 448 563 | 19 448 563 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 51 332 305 | 51 629 202 | 296 897 | 0.6 |

Note: The supplementary fund amounts shown exclude programme support costs.

^a Category 1 refers to essential activities, category 2 to long-term or recurring activities and category 3 to short-term or temporary activities.

^b Category 4 refers to complementary activities beneficial to achieving the objectives and goals of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

Table 7

Change in 2024–2025 post requirements for the Transparency division

| | Update as at | Update as at | Post variance |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 1 January 2025 | 1 July 2025 | |
| Supplementary funds | 65.0 | 68.0 | 3.0 |

⁸ [FCCC/SBI/2025/11](#), para. 34.

⁹ [FCCC/SBSTA/2025/4](#), para. 127.