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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 31 March 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 31 March 2026. The UNFCCC core budget for 2026, totalling EUR 40.8 million, was 57.4 per cent funded, while the UNFCCC trust fund for supplementary activities, which has a biennial budget of EUR 137.6 million for projects, had received EUR 64.5 million, or 46.9 per cent, of its total.

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 31 March 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 as at 31 March 2026 amounted to EUR 23.4 million, which consisted 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 57.4 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 64.5 million, or 46.9 per cent, of that had been available as at 31 March 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 specific outputs and resources, including one Junior Professional

[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.

Officer and two posts in the Human Resources unit, total EUR 0.7 million and are fully funded.

10. 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 31 March 2026. The 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 31 March 2026

Division/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	1 214 053	29
AD-02	Providing comprehensive support for 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	1 069 185	16
AD-03	Developing and enhancing adaptation-related data and knowledge portals	705 219	69 077	10
AD-04	Accelerating climate resilience through enhanced stakeholder engagement, strategic foresight and anticipatory adaptation approaches	2 140 014	494 350	23
Administration and Operations				
AO-01	Preserving and enhancing access to UNFCCC archives	1 225 673	541 440	44
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	2 666 343	46
CE-02	Facilitating effective participation of observers in UNFCCC processes, including sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies	2 020 696	638 776	32
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	2 002 290	27
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	1 499 664	28
Conference Affairs				
CA-01	Modernizing the delivery of sessions of the COP for an inclusive and effective UNFCCC process	3 687 665	1 404 084	38
Executive				
EXEC-01	Strengthening the organizational culture, resilience, and internal oversight functions of the secretariat	902 599	209 568	23
Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress				
ISCP-01	Capacity-Building for Negotiators initiative	695 990	0	0

Division/project reference	*Project objective/description*	*2026–2027 project budget (EUR)*	*Funding available in 2026–2027[a] (EUR)*	*Share (%)*
ISCP-02	Strengthening coordination and provision of support to presiding officers and the Bureaux of the governing and subsidiary bodies	1 362 735	422 969	31
ISCP-03	Strengthening global climate action through the global stocktake, the science–policy interface and ocean-based climate action	1 409 435	591 746	42
Legal Affairs				
LA-01	Strengthening 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	217 940	12
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	153 476	11
Mitigation				
MI-01	Scaling up mitigation ambition and catalysing NDC implementation	8 883 517	2 502 795	28
MI-02	Enabling and strengthening participation in market-based and non-market approaches under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	9 022 927	3 305 583	37
MI-03	Strengthening capacity and building knowledge for managing the socioeconomic impacts of climate response measures and NDC implementation	2 685 902	675 507	25
MI-04	Advancing climate ambition and action through capacity-building, regional collaboration, innovation, carbon pricing instruments and market-based mechanisms	17 875 242	26 824 545	150
Means of Implementation				
MOI-01	Strengthening capacity-building in developing countries for implementing global climate treaties	2 381 550	977 116	46
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	1 678 870	25
MOI-03	Catalysing climate action through intergovernmental and implementation support for technology development and transfer	2 984 739	1 370 845	47
MOI-04	Accelerating the achievement of the objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement, and implementation of NDCs and national adaptation plans: bridging policy and implementation through delivery of integrated climate finance, technology and capacity-building support	1 755 681	0	0
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	196 174	19

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PC-03	Intergovernmental process and implementation of mandated activities in relation to the just transition workstream	2 534 048	634 616	25
PC-04	Maintaining and enhancing the secretariat's engagement with other United Nations entities and other stakeholders	341 080	502 082	147
Resource Mobilization and Partnerships				
RMP-01	Strengthening resource mobilization and partnerships capacity of the UNFCCC secretariat	2 165 872	518 564	24
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	529 307	35
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	2 903 494	36
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	5 791 826	76
TR-04	Developing the next-generation climate transparency systems under the ETF, including the Climate Data Hub	5 299 535	806 264[b]	15
TR-05	Amplifying global climate action through the global climate action (NAZCA) portal	6 701 549	664 647	10
TR-06	Supporting activities relating to agriculture, forestry and other land use, including REDD+	2 931 707	1 471 525	50
Total		**137 586 081**	**64 548 721**	**47**

[a] Includes funding available for 2028 and beyond.
[b] Available funding includes EUR 428,985 from non-earmarked funding, which was made available to repay an internal loan provided by another project 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.