

Second Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux
of the UN Environment Assembly and
the Committee of Permanent Representatives
9 – 10 June 2017
Hotel Villa Caletas (Pacífico Central)
Puntarenas, Costa Rica
Agenda Item 2

**Note by the Secretariat on the Funding Status of the UN
Environment 2017 Assembly.**

The Secretariat submits a note on the funding status of the 2017 Assembly. The Secretariat, suggests that the joint bureaux meeting consider the items under Agenda item 2: Stocktaking on the 2017 UN Environment Assembly Preparations, at the Second Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to be held on 9 – 10 June 2017.

Members of both bureaux are invited to continue to support fund raising efforts to bridge the current funding gap.

1) Pledges towards the UN Environment 2017 Assembly.

The total contribution of pledges received amount to US \$1,495,398.

2) Countries and Groups.

Countries and groups which have pledged financial contributions towards the UN Environment 2017 Assembly are as follows:

- Australia
- European Commission
- Finland
- France
- Nordic Council
- Philippines
- Romania
- South Africa
- Sweden

3) Shortfall to the closing of the funding gap

As at 2 June 2017, Extra Budgetary Resources were at \$895,398 of the planned budget; leaving us with a deficit of US \$504,602 to close the funding gap.

4) Appeal to close the funding gap

Appeal from the President of the UN Environment Assembly and the Executive Director of UN Environment Programme to all Member States, including selected Developing Countries, to make financial contributions in order to have a successful 2017 Environment Assembly.

5) Analysis of UN Environment 2017 Assembly budget

UN Environment 2017 Assembly budget is intended to be funded 30% by the Environment Fund and 70% by extra budgetary funds. Participants comprise of: 48 Least Developing Countries, 32 Developing Countries and 50 representatives of Major Groups & Stakeholders.

6) Potential savings on planned activities

Potential savings on planned activities of the UN Environment 2017 Assembly include:

- Rationalized use of documentation as well as other initiatives such as reduction in the number of pages and translation services.
- Saving in travel costs by getting discounts from different Airlines.
- Saving by cutting down costs of conference services.

UNEA - 3 2017 Budget Cost Estimates				
3 days of OECPR and 3 days of UNEA Back to back				
Item	UNEA	OECPR	MG	Total
	USD	USD	USD	USD
1 UNON Conference Service costs	911,342	127,547	48,450	1,087,340
2 Support to Participants from LDCs & DCs	124,800	364,543	-	489,343
3 Major Groups participation costs	46,800	182,100	-	228,900
4 Other costs	118,922	75,496	-	194,418
Total	1,201,864	749,686	48,450	2,000,000

UNEA-3 Funding Sources	
Funding Sources vs % of the Total Budget	Total USD
Regular Budget	-
Environment fund Reserve (approx. 30%)	600,000
Extra Budgetary Resources (approx.70%)	1,400,000
Total Budget	2,000,000
Funding Sources	Pledges (USD)
Donor/Source	
1 European Commission	544,722
2 Nordic Council	120,000
3 France	41,399
4 Finland	54,472
5 Sweden	55,000
6 South Africa	10,000
7 Australia	14,805
8 Romania	50,000
9 Philippines	5,000
10 Programme Reserve Allocation	300,000
11 UNEA2 Savings	300,000
Total resources	1,495,398
Deficit	504,602.34