

Agenda Item 4: Draft budget of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly

This note outlines the projected budget for the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly, including estimated expenses, funding sources and time frames.

Budget summary

The table below summarizes the total budget for the Assembly.

Dates for 4th Session of United Nations Environment Assembly				
Open Ended CPR	4 - 8 March 2019			
Global Major Group and Stakeholder Forum	9 - 10 March 2019			
Science Policy & Business Forum	9 - 10 March 2019			
Sustainable Innovative Expo	10 - 15 March 2019			
4th United Nations Environment Assembly	11 - 15 March 2019			

Budget Summary of the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly				
5 days of OECPR and 5 days of UNEA Back to back including 2 days MGs and 2 days SIE and Science Policy				
Item	UNEA USD	OECPR USD	MG USD	Total USD
1 UNON Conference Service costs	701,372	581,750	48,000	1,331,122
2 Support to Participants from LDCs & DCs	225,000	415,000		640,000
3 Major Groups participation costs	-	-	238,700	238,700
4 Communications	500,000			500,000
5 Sustainable innovative Expo & Science Policy Costs	-	-	-	-
6 Other costs	133,000	138,000	-	271,000
7 Support Towards UN Environment Assembly Preparatory Process and Regional Meeting	240,000		110,000	350,000
Total	1,559,372	1,134,750	286,700	3,330,822

Funding sources

A successful Environment Assembly, requires the mobilization of a variety of funding sources. The three main categories of sources are: the UN Regular Budget, the Environment Fund and symbolic contributions by member States, regional organizations and innovative sources such as private sector. The following table summarizes projected distribution across sources of funding for the 2019 UN Environment Assembly:

Percentage*	Projected funding in USD	Funding source
28 %	950,000 USD	UN Regular Budget
37 %	1,250,000 USD	Environment Fund
36 %	1,150,000 USD	Extrabudgetary symbolic contributions
Estimate percentages*		

Symbolic contributors

While strong and predictable contributions to the Environment Fund by all Member States of the UN Environment Assembly is the best way countries can invest in the Assembly and in the implementation of its outcomes, an early appeal made by the President of the UN Environment Assembly and the Executive Director of UN Environment to all member States has produced the following early results:

Symbolic contribution	Pledge
Estonia	100,000 USD
European Union	250,000 USD
Finland	35,000 USD
Outstanding gap where pledges are needed	
	765,000 USD