

Status of the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention

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Establishment of the Trust Fund



Decision VI/2 (COP 6, Rome, November 2002)

- Requested the United Nations Environment Programme, in consultation with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), to establish an extrabudgetary fund for receiving voluntary contribution from Parties to the Vienna Convention and international organizations, for the purpose of financing activities on research and systematic observations in developing countries and countries with economies in transition (CEITs)

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Aim of the Trust Fund

- To provide complementary support for the continued maintenance and calibration of the existing WMO/ Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) ground-based stations monitoring column ozone, ozone profiles and UV radiation in developing countries and CEITs
- To consider supporting other activities identified by the Ozone Research Managers (ORM) for the improvement of the observation network and relevant research

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Operation of the Trust Fund



- The Trust Fund was established in February 2003
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UNEP and WMO on institutional arrangements was signed in September 2005 and approved by the parties at COP7 in December 2005
- Reports on the operation of the Fund and its activities are sent to parties and international organizations periodically with the invitation to contribute
- Projects and activities are implemented through WMO and, since 2015, are overseen by the Advisory Committee of the Trust Fund established by decision VCX/3 (COP10, Paris, November 2014)

The Advisory Committee of the Trust Fund

Mandate (Decision X/3)



- To develop a long-term strategy and implementation objectives and priorities in the light of the four overarching goals identified by the ORM at their 9th meeting
- To develop a short-term action plan taking into account most urgent needs and making the best possible use of the resources available
- To ensure quality control of individual proposals, striving for regional balance and identifying possibilities for complementary funding to maximize resources

Status of contributions



- Total funds received from 2003 to 30 September 2017

US \$ 355,381

Contributing parties:

**Andorra, Australia, Czech Republic, Estonia,
Finland, France, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Spain,
Switzerland, United Kingdom**

- In-kind contributions have also been received in conjunction with the activities implemented under the Trust Fund

Types of Activities *(completed, planned or in progress)*

- Intercomparisons of Dobson instruments (6)
- Calibrations of Brewer instruments (2)
- Workshop on data quality (1)
- Relocations of Dobson instruments (2)
- Training courses (3)
- Ozonesonde intercomparison campaign (1)

Activity funding (in US dollars)

Completed activities	167,081
Activities planned and in progress	160,000
Total funding	327,081

Importance of the project activities



- Despite the limited resources, the activities implemented over time have contributed greatly to building the capacity of developing countries and CEITs and to improving the quality of the global ozone network, particularly with regard to systematic observations and data archiving
- Altogether, experts from 22 developing countries and CEITs have participated in Trust Fund activities to date, working with experts from 12 developed countries

Status of activities since 2014



Activities listed for priority funding at 9ORM (May 2014)

- All such activities (7) have been granted funding and are either completed or in progress

New project proposals submitted in 2016 and 2017

- Eight new project proposals requesting a total amount of US\$ 397,063
- The Advisory Committee has been providing feedback to the proposers; to date it has approved funding for activities in two proposals while consultations on the remaining proposals are ongoing

Status of 2016 and 2017 project proposals



Proposer	Requested funding (US \$)	Evaluation status
Belarus	50,000	Ongoing
Comoros	72,823	
Ecuador	49,824	
Kenya	43,756 *	Approved first part at \$ 24,396
Kyrgyzstan	48,000	Ongoing
Oman	50,000	
Togo	40,000	
WMO/GAW & SHADOZ	42,660	Approved at \$20,000 <i>(in progress)</i>

** Revised amount from that requested originally (US\$ 49,985)*

Trust Fund balance



Status of the Trust Fund as at 30 September 2017 (in US\$)

Total income	355,381
Total outflow (<i>for completed & planned activities</i>)	327,081
Balance available	28,300

Expected status of the Trust Fund as at December 2017 (in US\$)

Balance available as at 30 September 2017	28,300
Funding approved for the Kenyan proposal	24,396
Expected available balance by December 2017	3,904

In October 2017 Germany offered 30,000 € to WMO to be used for activities related to the Trust Fund

The life of the Trust Fund



- Initial life span of the Trust Fund
1 January 2003 to 31 December 2007
- Extensions approved by the UNEP Governing Council/UN Environment Assembly
31 December 2015 (*approved in 2007*)
31 December 2019 (*approved in 2016*)
- As the Trust Fund expires in December 2019, parties may wish to take a decision to extend its life

Long-term strategy for the Trust Fund and short-term plan of action



Parties may wish to consider the long-term strategy and the short-term plan of action for the Trust Fund prepared by its Advisory Committee and take appropriate action

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