

Decision 23/CP.22

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 22/CP.21, through which the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 was approved,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its subsidiary bodies and its permanent secretariat,¹

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

I. Budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the report on budget performance for the period 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016,³ the note on the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 21 October 2016⁴ and the note on the revised indicative contributions for the biennium 2016–2017;⁵
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
3. *Expresses concern* regarding the high level of outstanding contributions to the core budget for the current and previous bienniums which has resulted in difficulties with cash flow;
4. *Strongly urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;
5. *Calls upon* Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for the year 2017 in a timely manner, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Requests* the secretariat to explore options on ways to address outstanding contributions to the core budget, for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-sixth session (May 2017);
7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities received from the Parties;
8. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process, in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2017, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

¹ Annex I to decision 15/CP.1.

² FCCC/SBI/2016/13, FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.12 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.14, FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.15 and FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.19.

³ FCCC/SBI/2016/13.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.19.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.15.

9. *Requests* the secretariat to explore options for increasing the flexibility of the funds in the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities, for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-sixth session;
10. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;
11. *Adopts* the revised scale of contributions for 2016–2017 contained in the annex;

II. Audit report and financial statements for 2015

12. *Takes note* of the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors⁶ and the financial statements for 2015, which include recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
13. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the accounts of the Convention and for valuable observations and recommendations of the auditors;
14. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate;

III. Other financial matters

15. *Takes note* of the information contained in the note on the range of options for improving the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process, and in the note on the evolving functions and operations of the secretariat in the light of decision 1/CP.21;
16. *Welcomes* the Executive Secretary's advance dialogue with Parties on the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;
17. *Also welcomes* the Executive Secretary's initiative to take an integrated approach to the development of the programme budget taking into account the core budget and activities to be funded from voluntary contributions;
18. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to gradually enhance the transparency of the budget process through the provision of additional documentation, as outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.14, paragraph 17, in the official budget documents;
19. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to pursue other possible ways to increase the efficiency and transparency of the budget process as outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.14, paragraphs 32–37;
20. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;
21. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.12.

Annex

[English only]

Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNFCCC (Convention): revised indicative contributions for the biennium 2016–2017 in euros

| <i>Party</i> | <i>United Nations revised scale of assessments 2016–2018</i> | <i>UNFCCC revised indicative scale of contributions for 2016</i> | <i>UNFCCC revised indicative scale of contributions for 2017</i> |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Afghanistan | 0.006 ^a | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Albania | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 |
| Algeria | 0.161 | 0.157 | 0.157 |
| Andorra | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Angola | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Argentina | 0.892 | 0.870 | 0.870 |
| Armenia | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Australia | 2.337 | 2.279 | 2.278 |
| Austria | 0.720 | 0.702 | 0.702 |
| Azerbaijan | 0.060 | 0.058 | 0.058 |
| Bahamas | 0.014 | 0.014 | 0.014 |
| Bahrain | 0.044 | 0.043 | 0.043 |
| Bangladesh | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Barbados | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Belarus | 0.056 | 0.055 | 0.055 |
| Belgium | 0.885 | 0.863 | 0.863 |
| Belize | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Benin | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Bhutan | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.012 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.013 |
| Botswana | 0.014 | 0.014 | 0.014 |
| Brazil | 3.823 | 3.727 | 3.727 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 0.029 | 0.028 | 0.028 |
| Bulgaria | 0.045 | 0.044 | 0.044 |
| Burkina Faso | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Burundi | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Cabo Verde | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Cambodia | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Cameroon | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Canada | 2.921 | 2.848 | 2.848 |

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|--|--|--|--|
| Central African Republic | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Chad | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| Chile | 0.399 | 0.389 | 0.389 |
| China | 7.921 | 7.723 | 7.722 |
| Colombia | 0.322 | 0.314 | 0.314 |
| Comoros | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Congo | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Cook Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Costa Rica | 0.047 | 0.046 | 0.046 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 0.009 | 0.009 | 0.009 |
| Croatia | 0.099 | 0.097 | 0.097 |
| Cuba | 0.065 | 0.063 | 0.063 |
| Cyprus | 0.043 | 0.042 | 0.042 |
| Czechia | 0.344 | 0.335 | 0.335 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 |
| Denmark | 0.584 | 0.569 | 0.569 |
| Djibouti | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Dominica | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.046 | 0.045 | 0.045 |
| Ecuador | 0.067 | 0.065 | 0.065 |
| Egypt | 0.152 | 0.148 | 0.148 |
| El Salvador | 0.014 | 0.014 | 0.014 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Eritrea | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Estonia | 0.038 | 0.037 | 0.037 |
| Ethiopia | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| European Union | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 |
| Fiji | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Finland | 0.456 | 0.445 | 0.445 |
| France | 4.859 | 4.737 | 4.737 |
| Gabon | 0.017 | 0.017 | 0.017 |
| Gambia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Georgia | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 |
| Germany | 6.389 | 6.229 | 6.229 |
| Ghana | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| Greece | 0.471 | 0.459 | 0.459 |

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|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Grenada | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Guatemala | 0.028 | 0.027 | 0.027 |
| Guinea | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Guinea–Bissau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Guyana | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Haiti | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Honduras | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 |
| Hungary | 0.161 | 0.157 | 0.157 |
| Iceland | 0.023 | 0.022 | 0.022 |
| India | 0.737 | 0.719 | 0.719 |
| Indonesia | 0.504 | 0.491 | 0.491 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 0.471 | 0.459 | 0.459 |
| Iraq | 0.129 | 0.126 | 0.126 |
| Ireland | 0.335 | 0.327 | 0.327 |
| Israel | 0.430 | 0.419 | 0.419 |
| Italy | 3.748 | 3.654 | 3.654 |
| Jamaica | 0.009 | 0.009 | 0.009 |
| Japan | 9.680 | 9.438 | 9.437 |
| Jordan | 0.020 | 0.019 | 0.019 |
| Kazakhstan | 0.191 | 0.186 | 0.186 |
| Kenya | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.018 |
| Kiribati | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Kuwait | 0.285 | 0.278 | 0.278 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Latvia | 0.050 | 0.049 | 0.049 |
| Lebanon | 0.046 | 0.045 | 0.045 |
| Lesotho | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Liberia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Libya | 0.125 | 0.122 | 0.122 |
| Liechtenstein | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Lithuania | 0.072 | 0.070 | 0.070 |
| Luxembourg | 0.064 | 0.062 | 0.062 |
| Madagascar | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Malawi | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Malaysia | 0.322 | 0.314 | 0.314 |
| Maldives | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Mali | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |

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|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Malta | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| Marshall Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Mauritania | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Mauritius | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.012 |
| Mexico | 1.435 | 1.399 | 1.399 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Monaco | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Mongolia | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| Montenegro | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Morocco | 0.054 | 0.053 | 0.053 |
| Mozambique | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Myanmar | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Namibia | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Nauru | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Nepal | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Netherlands | 1.482 | 1.445 | 1.445 |
| New Zealand | 0.268 | 0.261 | 0.261 |
| Nicaragua | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Niger | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Nigeria | 0.209 | 0.204 | 0.204 |
| Niue | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Norway | 0.849 | 0.828 | 0.828 |
| Oman | 0.113 | 0.110 | 0.110 |
| Pakistan | 0.093 | 0.091 | 0.091 |
| Palau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Panama | 0.034 | 0.033 | 0.033 |
| Papua New Guinea | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Paraguay | 0.014 | 0.014 | 0.014 |
| Peru | 0.136 | 0.133 | 0.133 |
| Philippines | 0.165 | 0.161 | 0.161 |
| Poland | 0.841 | 0.820 | 0.820 |
| Portugal | 0.392 | 0.382 | 0.382 |
| Qatar | 0.269 | 0.262 | 0.262 |
| Republic of Korea | 2.039 | 1.988 | 1.988 |
| Republic of Moldova | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Romania | 0.184 | 0.179 | 0.179 |
| Russian Federation | 3.088 | 3.011 | 3.011 |
| Rwanda | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |

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| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Saint Lucia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Samoa | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| San Marino | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1.146 | 1.117 | 1.117 |
| Senegal | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| Serbia | 0.032 | 0.031 | 0.031 |
| Seychelles | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Sierra Leone | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Singapore | 0.447 | 0.436 | 0.436 |
| Slovakia | 0.160 | 0.156 | 0.156 |
| Slovenia | 0.084 | 0.082 | 0.082 |
| Solomon Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Somalia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| South Africa | 0.364 | 0.355 | 0.355 |
| South Sudan | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Spain | 2.443 | 2.382 | 2.382 |
| Sri Lanka | 0.031 | 0.030 | 0.030 |
| State of Palestine ^b | 0.007 | 0.000 | 0.007 |
| Sudan | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Suriname | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Swaziland | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Sweden | 0.956 | 0.932 | 0.932 |
| Switzerland | 1.140 | 1.111 | 1.111 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 0.024 | 0.023 | 0.023 |
| Tajikistan | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Thailand | 0.291 | 0.284 | 0.284 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Timor–Leste | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Togo | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Tonga | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 0.034 | 0.033 | 0.033 |
| Tunisia | 0.028 | 0.027 | 0.027 |
| Turkey | 1.018 | 0.993 | 0.992 |
| Turkmenistan | 0.026 | 0.025 | 0.025 |
| Tuvalu | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |

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| Uganda | 0.009 | 0.009 | 0.009 |
| Ukraine | 0.103 | 0.100 | 0.100 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.604 | 0.589 | 0.589 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 4.463 | 4.351 | 4.351 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| United States of America | 22.000 | 21.449 | 21.448 |
| Uruguay | 0.079 | 0.077 | 0.077 |
| Uzbekistan | 0.023 | 0.022 | 0.022 |
| Vanuatu | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 0.571 | 0.557 | 0.557 |
| Viet Nam | 0.058 | 0.057 | 0.057 |
| Yemen | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Zambia | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Zimbabwe | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Total | 102.509 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

^a For presentation purposes, all figures of the United Nations revised scale of assessments and of the UNFCCC revised indicative scale of contributions are given to three decimal places.

^b The State of Palestine became a Party to the Convention on 17 March 2016.

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