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**PROGRESS REPORT OF UNEP AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

1. This document presents the progress report of UNEP as at 31 December 2018.<sup>1</sup>

**Scope of the document**

2. This document consists of the following parts:

**Part I:** Projects approved under the regular contributions to the Multilateral Fund. It presents a summary of progress in implementation of projects for 2018 and cumulative since 1991 addressing all controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol, including Annex F substances (HFCs); it contains a review on the status of implementation of each ongoing<sup>2</sup> project at the country level; and it identifies projects with implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and projects with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee.

**Part II:** Projects approved under the additional voluntary contributions for fast start support for HFC phase-down. It provides a status of implementation of HFC phase-down projects funded under the voluntary contributions.

Recommendation.

3. This document also contains the following annexes:

**Annex I:** A summary status and a recommendation for each ongoing project with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee.

<sup>1</sup> The progress report is attached to the present document. The data has been included in the Consolidated Progress Report database that is available upon request.

<sup>2</sup> Ongoing projects are all projects that were under implementation as at 31 December 2018. Key indicators of progress include: percentage of funds disbursed and percentage of projects that have begun disbursing funds; funding expected to be disbursed by the end of the year as a percentage of the approved funding; the average length of projected delay in implementation; and information provided in the remarks column in the progress report database.

Annex II: An analysis of the progress report.

### Measurements used in the progress reports

4. Prior to agreement on the Kigali Amendment, all controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol were ozone-depleting substances, measured in ODP tonnes. Controlled substances under the Kigali Amendment are not ozone-depleting substances, and their control targets are measured in mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. (i.e., consumption in metric tonnes (mt) multiplied by the global warming-potential (GWP) of the substance). Notwithstanding the two different measurements for reporting controlled substances, the progress report of UNEP submitted to the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting is based on ODP tonnes for all controlled substances.<sup>3</sup>

### **An overview of HFC phase-down activities**

5. As of 31 December 2018, the Executive Committee has approved 89 enabling activities amounting to US \$9.81 million. Regarding enabling activities, extension of the completion dates of 26 of these projects was approved at the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting and requests for extension for 48 others have been submitted to the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Progress review process by the Secretariat**

6. The Secretariat reviewed the status of implementation of each ongoing project on a country-by-country basis taking into account implementation delays that have occurred with respect to planned completion dates that had been reported in 2018, the potential impact of these delays on the phase-out of controlled substances and the rate of planned disbursements. The Secretariat had several discussions with UNEP, where a number of issues on ongoing projects were raised and subsequently satisfactorily resolved.

## **PART I: PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER THE REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MULTILATERAL FUND**

### **Summary of progress in implementation of projects for 2018 and cumulative**

7. Implementation of projects and activities by UNEP for 2018 and cumulative since 1991 up to 31 December 2018 is summarized as follows:

- (a) **Phase-out:**<sup>4</sup> In 2018, 35.2 ODP tonnes of consumption of controlled substances were phased out and 123.9 ODP tonnes of consumption of controlled substances were approved for phase-out. Since 1991, 1,586 ODP tonnes of consumption of controlled substances had been phased out, of an expected total of 2,183 ODP tonnes from projects approved (excluding cancelled and transferred projects);
- (b) **Disbursements/approvals:** In 2018, US \$17.83 million was disbursed and US \$22.57 million was planned for disbursement based on the 2017 progress report, representing a rate of disbursement of 79 per cent of that planned. Cumulatively, US \$268.32 million had been disbursed out of the total US \$315.35 million approved for disbursement (excluding agency support costs). This represents a rate of disbursement of 85 per cent. In 2018, US \$21.95 million was approved for implementation;

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<sup>3</sup> The issue of the two different measurements of controlled substances is discussed in the consolidated progress report (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/16).

<sup>4</sup> All the controlled substances under these projects were ozone-depleting substances. No phase-out approved under enabling activities.

- (c) **Number of projects completed:** In 2018, 108 projects were completed. Since 1991, 1,929 projects of the 2,253 projects approved (excluding closed or transferred projects) were completed. This represents a completion rate of 86 per cent;
- (d) **Speed of delivery – non-investment projects:** Projects that were completed in 2018 were completed on average 48 months after their approval. Since 1991, the average time for completion of non-investment projects has been 36 months after their approval. First disbursements under these projects occurred, on average, 11 months after they had been approved;
- (e) **Project preparation:** Of the 218 project preparation activities approved by the end of 2018, 189 have been completed, leaving 29 ongoing. In 2018, two projects have been completed;
- (f) **Implementation delays:** There were a total of 295 non-investment projects under implementation at the end of 2018. These projects, on average, are experiencing a delay of 11 months. However, there is one project classified as “projects with implementation delays” that is subject to the procedures of project cancellation (as project preparation, multi-year agreements (MYAs) and institutional strengthening (IS) are not subject to those procedures); and
- (g) **MYAs:** In 2018, UNEP was implementing 102 MYAs for HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs). Since 1991, 189 MYAs have been approved and 87 MYAs have been completed.

### Project implementation progress in 2018

8. Further to the review process, a number of issues were resolved, except for a number of projects or tranches of MYAs for the phase-out of HCFCs, project preparation, renewal of IS projects and enabling activities for HFC phase-down, as shown in Annex I to the present document. For each of these projects, a brief description on the status of implementation and the outstanding issues are presented and a recommendation is proposed for consideration by the Executive Committee.

9. Of the 172 ongoing projects, excluding IS and project preparation, 47 projects have revised planned dates of completion since the 2017 progress report.

10. Details of progress in implementation of projects associated with the HPMPs for Bahrain,<sup>5</sup> China (stage II, servicing sector),<sup>6</sup> Colombia,<sup>7</sup> Congo (the),<sup>8</sup> Côte d’Ivoire,<sup>9</sup> Dominica,<sup>10</sup> Egypt,<sup>11</sup> Iran (Islamic Republic of),<sup>12</sup> Iraq,<sup>13</sup> Niger (the),<sup>14</sup> Republic of Moldova,<sup>15</sup> and Tunisia<sup>16</sup>, and reports on projects with specific reporting requirements<sup>17</sup> for the Bahamas (HPMP), Equatorial Guinea (HPMP), Honduras

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<sup>5</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/40

<sup>6</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/42

<sup>7</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/43

<sup>8</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/44

<sup>9</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/46

<sup>10</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/48

<sup>11</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/49

<sup>12</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/51

<sup>13</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/52

<sup>14</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/55

<sup>15</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/58

<sup>16</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/60

<sup>17</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/22 and Add.1

(HPMP), Maldives (HPMP) and Qatar (HPMP) have been submitted to the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting. Recommendations for outstanding issues for these projects, including approval of extension requests, if any, are addressed in the relevant sections of these documents. Issues relating to Saudi Arabia (HPMP) are addressed in the document on tranche submission delays.<sup>18</sup> Outstanding issues for the remaining ongoing projects not included in Annex I to the present document, and requests for extension of date of completion, are addressed below.

11. In line with decision 82/11(c)(ii), the Secretariat noted that renewal of IS projects for the Article 5 countries listed in Table 1 have not been submitted for the last two years. UNEP informed that it is planning to submit those renewal requests by the year indicated in the last column of Table 1. The main reasons for delays are large balances mainly on account of slow progress in implementation.

**Table 1: List of IS projects with no renewal requests submitted for the last two years**

Country	Plan for next renewal request
Algeria	2020
Antigua and Barbuda	2020
Botswana	2020
Central African Republic (the)	2021
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	*
Ethiopia	2020
Guinea	2020
Haiti	2020
Kenya	2020
Morocco	2020
Nauru	2020
Peru	2020
Saint Lucia	2020
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2020
Saudi Arabia	2020
South Sudan	2020
Suriname	2020
Yemen	2021

\*Removed from the 2019–2021 business plan.

12. In addition, the Secretariat noted that for the renewal of four IS projects in Guinea-Bissau, Mauritius, South Sudan, and Zambia, the current phase was approved two years ago and the previous phase is still ongoing. UNEP has informed that all funds relating to these IS projects were disbursed by November 2019.

13. In line with decision 82/11(b),<sup>19</sup> UNEP has requested the extension of the duration of the third tranche of the HPMP for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC/PHA/80/TAS/44), from December 2018 to June 2020, as the implementation of phase-out activities has been delayed due to the Ebola outbreak. The Executive Committee may wish to approve the extension, to 30 June 2020, of the HPMP for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

<sup>18</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/25

<sup>19</sup> Any request for an extension would have to be submitted for approval by the Executive Committee in advance of the project completion date, noting that no new commitments were to be made before the extension had been approved.

**PART II: PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER THE ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FAST START SUPPORT FOR HFC PHASE-DOWN**

14. As of 31 December 2018, the Executive Committee had approved 78 HFC-related projects under the additional voluntary contributions amounting to US \$8,101,000 (excluding agency support costs). A summary of the status of these projects is presented in Table 2.

**Table 2. HFC-related projects approved in 2018**

Type	Number of projects			Funding (US \$)*			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
Technical assistance - Enabling activities	78	0	0	8,101,000	627,073	7,473,927	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,101,000</b>	<b>627,073</b>	<b>7,473,927</b>	<b>8</b>

\*Excludes agency support costs.

15. The 78 ongoing enabling activities, including five approved at the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting, are at various stages of implementation. Cumulatively, US \$627,073 had been disbursed out of the total US \$8,101,000 approved for disbursement (excluding support costs), representing a disbursement rate of 8 per cent. Issues related to enabling activities for HFC phase-down in three countries that could not be resolved are contained in Annex I to the present document.

**Recommendation**

16. The Executive Committee may wish:
- (a) To note the progress report of UNEP as at 31 December 2018 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/19;
  - (b) To approve the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues contained in Annex I to the present document; and
  - (c) To approve the extension, to 30 June 2020, of the HCFC phase-out management plan for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (stage I, third tranche) (DRC/PHA/80/TAS/44), to allow UNEP to complete remaining servicing sector activities, noting the difficult situation in the country.

## Annex I

## ONGOING PROJECTS WITH OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE PROGRESS REPORT FOR UNEP

Country/project code	Project title	Disbursement (%)	Status/Issues	Recommendation
Algeria ALG/SEV/73/INS/81	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase VI: 12/2014-11/2016)	0	No disbursement; slow progress in implementation of activities	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation
Antigua and Barbuda ANT/SEV/73/INS/16	Extension of institutional strengthening project (phase V: 1/2015-12/2016)	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the small-scale funding agreement (SSFA)	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and signing of the SSFA
Antigua and Barbuda ANT/PHA/73/PRP/17	Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	99	Submission of stage II delayed due to data verification challenges and additional consultations needed with the Government	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on submission of stage II
Botswana BOT/SEV/76/INS/19	Extension of institutional strengthening project (phase V: 6/2016-7/2018)	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and signing of the SSFA
Central African Republic (the) CAF/SEV/68/INS/23	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase VI: 1/2013-12/2014)	0	Delayed due to security situation in the country; difficulty in continuing implementation	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation
Chile CHI/PHA/76/TAS/191	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector)	17	Progress on disbursements delayed due to administrative approval delays	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on levels of funds disbursements
Dominica DMI/SEV/80/INS/23	Additional emergency assistance for institutional strengthening	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and signing of the SSFA
Dominica DMI/SEV/81/INS/24	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase VII: 6/2018-5/2020 )	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and signing of the SSFA
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the) DRC/PHA/79/PRP/43	Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	0	No disbursement; submission of stage II delayed due to challenges in completing national level stage II project preparation activities	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on the submission of stage II
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the) DRC/SEV/77/INS/41	Extension of institutional strengthening project (phase VIII: 1/2017-12/2018)	0	No disbursement; implementation affected by Ebola outbreak	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and progress in implementation noting the difficult situation in the country

Country/project code	Project title	Disbursement (%)	Status/Issues	Recommendation
Grenada GRN/PHA/62/TAS/18	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche)	50	Delays in submission of progress and financial reports, resulting in delays in not disbursing the last two payments under SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the submission of progress and financial reports and the release of remaining payments under SSFA
Grenada GRN/PHA/77/TAS/22	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and signing of the SSFA
Guatemala GUA/PHA/75/TAS/50	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche)	10	Slow progress in activities due to delays in development of regulatory framework for the servicing sector	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on progress in implementation
Guatemala GUA/PHA/81/TAS/52	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche)	0	No disbursement; slow progress in activities due to delays in finalisation of the work plan	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation
Guyana GUY/PHA/77/TAS/29	Verification report on the implementation of the HCFC phase-out management plan	0	No disbursement despite the fact that the verification report was submitted with the second tranche approved at the 83 <sup>rd</sup> meeting	To request a report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement
Haiti HAI/PHA/68/TAS/18	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche)	49	Slow progress in activities due to changes in NOU administration and delays in initiation of activities	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on progress in implementation
Haiti HAI/PHA/76/TAS/21	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	0	No disbursement; slow progress in activities due to changes in NOU administration and delays in initiation of activities	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation
Haiti HAI/SEV/75/INS/20	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase IV: 11/2015-10/2017)	20	Slow progress in project due to changes in NOU administration and delays in initiation of activities	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on progress in implementation
Nauru NAU/PHA/74/TAS/10	HCFC phase-out management plan for PIC countries through regional approach (stage I, second tranche, Nauru)	14	Slow progress in activities due to absence of national ozone officer (NOO)	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on progress in implementation
Nauru NAU/SEV/72/INS/09	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase V: 8/2014-7/2016)	0	No disbursement; slow progress in activities due to absence of NOO	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation
Peru PER/PHA/80/TAS/54	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	No disbursement; slow progress in activities due to changes in NOU administration and delay in hiring experts for project implementation	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation
Peru PER/SEV/80/INS/56	Renewal of institutional strengthening project (phase V: 1/2018-12/2019)	0		

Country/project code	Project title	Disbursement (%)	Status/Issues	Recommendation
Qatar QAT/PHA/65/TAS/17	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector)	4	Slow progress in activities; balances to be returned as per decision 82/34(f)	To request balances be returned to the 84 <sup>th</sup> meeting
Qatar QAT/PHA/73/PRP/20	Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	0	No disbursement; slow progress in preparation of stage II	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on the submission of stage II
Saudi Arabia SAU/SEV/67/INS/15	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase II: 7/2012-6/2014)	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and the signing of the SSFA
South Sudan SSD/PHA/77/TAS/04	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche)	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and the signing of the SSFA
South Sudan SSD/SEV/68/INS/01	Institutional strengthening project (start-up cost)	63	Return balances in line with decision 82/11(c)(i), given that the current IS phase V was approved at the 76 <sup>th</sup> meeting	To return the balances to the 84 <sup>th</sup> meeting in line with decision 82/11(c)(i)
South Sudan SSD/SEV/76/INS/03	Institutional strengthening project (phase I: 5/2016-4/2018)	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and the signing of the SSFA
Saint Kitts and Nevis STK/PHA/74/TAS/20	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	0	No disbursement; slow progress in activities due to delays at the national level on implementation and coordination of activities with agency	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation
Saint Kitts and Nevis STK/SEV/81/INS/21	Extension of institutional strengthening project (phase VII: 6/2018-5/2020)	0		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines STV/PHA/77/TAS/24	Verification report on the implementation of the HCFC phase-out management plan	0	12 and 18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on this project with implementation delays
Suriname SUR/PHA/81/TAS/26	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche)	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and the signing of the SSFA
Yemen YEM/SEV/73/INS/43	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase VIII: 1/2015-12/2016)	0	Delayed due to security situation in the country; difficulty in continuing implementation	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on progress in implementation
<b>HFC projects</b>				
Dominica DMI/SEV/80/TAS/01+	Enabling activities for HFC phase-down	0	No disbursement; slow progress in activities as the national ozone unit is still re-establishing office after the hurricane	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and on progress in implementation



<b>Country/project code</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Disbursement (%)</b>	<b>Status/Issues</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Myanmar MYA/SEV/81/TAS/01+	Enabling activities for HFC phase-down	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and the signing of the SSFA
Nauru NAU/SEV/81/TAS/01+	Enabling activities for HFC phase-down	0	No disbursement; delay in signing of the SSFA	To request a status report to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting on the level of funds disbursement and the signing of the SSFA

**Annex II**

**ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS REPORT OF UNEP AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

1. This Annex consists of the following two parts:

Part I: Projects approved under the regular contributions to the Multilateral Fund.

Part II: Projects approved under the additional voluntary contributions for fast start support for HFC phase-down.

**PART I: PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER THE REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MULTILATERAL FUND**

2. As of 31 December 2018, the Executive Committee had approved US \$341.67 million consisting of US \$315.35 million for the implementation of investment and non-investment projects and US \$26.32 million for agency support costs, as shown in Table 1. In 2018, 126 new projects and activities were approved. This level of funding is expected to result in the phase-out of 2,183 ODP tonnes of consumption of controlled substances.

**Table 1: Approved funding by sector for UNEP as at 31 December 2018**

Sector	Funding (US \$)
Aerosol	882,689
Destruction	190,040
Halon	767,640
Fumigants	2,614,366
Phase-out plan	54,152,307
Refrigeration	13,872,913
Several	242,675,275
Solvents	198,860
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>315,354,091</b>
Agency support costs	26,318,076
<b>Total</b>	<b>341,672,167</b>

3. A summary of the status of projects implemented by category is presented in Table 2.

**Table 2: Status of project implementation by category**

Type	Number of projects*			Funding (US \$)**			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
Country programme	94	94	100	2,946,574	2,946,574	0	100
Demonstration	3	2	67	559,198	221,321	337,877	40
Institutional strengthening (IS)	818	695	85	64,468,096	53,006,488	11,461,609	82
Investment	1	1	100	135,000	135,000	0	100
Project preparation	218	189	87	9,519,600	8,337,322	1,182,278	88
Technical assistance	923	752	81	223,433,065	189,384,297	34,048,768	85
Training	196	196	100	14,292,557	14,292,557	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>1,929</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>315,354,091</b>	<b>268,323,558</b>	<b>47,030,533</b>	<b>85</b>

\*Excludes closed and transferred projects.

\*\*Excludes agency support costs.

4. Table 3 presents an overview of the status of project implementation by year<sup>1</sup>. All projects and activities approved between 1991 and 2009, have now been completed.

**Table 3: Status of project implementation by year**

Year	Number of projects*			Funding (US \$)**			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
1991	11	11	100	1,372,335	1,372,335	0	100
1992	15	15	100	1,711,000	1,711,000	0	100
1993	49	49	100	4,194,343	4,194,343	0	100
1994	58	58	100	4,231,169	4,231,169	0	100
1995	50	50	100	4,047,683	4,047,683	0	100
1996	47	47	100	3,366,039	3,366,039	0	100
1997	87	87	100	7,962,291	7,962,291	0	100
1998	64	64	100	4,669,124	4,669,124	0	100
1999	87	87	100	6,368,983	6,368,983	0	100
2000	85	85	100	6,300,398	6,300,398	0	100
2001	59	59	100	7,411,159	7,411,159	0	100
2002	72	72	100	9,469,401	9,469,401	0	100
2003	78	78	100	11,165,394	11,165,394	0	100
2004	99	99	100	12,362,652	12,362,652	0	100
2005	72	72	100	12,339,483	12,339,483	0	100
2006	108	108	100	12,731,484	12,731,484	0	100
2007	79	79	100	14,697,515	14,566,111	131,404	99
2008	132	132	100	17,863,078	17,875,070	(11,993)	100
2009	115	115	100	17,263,209	17,240,376	22,833	100
2010	79	76	96	14,361,829	14,224,676	137,154	99
2011	100	97	97	16,847,287	16,433,772	413,515	98
2012	81	72	89	16,566,273	14,969,487	1,596,786	90
2013	91	86	95	14,212,034	13,916,359	295,675	98
2014	76	63	83	14,789,425	11,400,573	3,388,853	77
2015	180	142	79	22,118,610	17,948,871	4,169,738	81
2016	96	24	25	20,096,791	11,978,950	8,117,841	60
2017	57	2	4	14,884,529	8,066,376	6,818,153	54
2018	126	0	0	21,950,573	0	21,950,573	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>1,929</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>315,354,091</b>	<b>268,323,558</b>	<b>47,030,533</b>	<b>85</b>

\*Excludes closed and transferred projects.

\*\*Excludes agency support costs.

5. Table 4 presents project implementation by country for 2018.

**Table 4. Summary of project implementation by UNEP for 2018**

Country	Estimated funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Percentage of funds disbursed over estimation in 2018	Percentage of planned projects completed in 2018
Afghanistan	213,849	153,737	72	100
Albania	75,839	36,303	48	100
Algeria	152,960	25,740	17	0

<sup>1</sup> The data is presented according to the year when a project was approved by the Executive Committee. It treats all approvals (investment and non-investment projects) equally (i.e., an investment project or a funding tranche of an MYA of US \$1 million is considered one project, same as a country programme preparation of US \$30,000). Key indicators from the annual summary are: the percentage of projects completed, ODP phased out, and percentage of funds disbursed. There are three types of disbursements: during implementation, after implementation and for retroactively-financed projects.

Country	Estimated funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Percentage of funds disbursed over estimation in 2018	Percentage of planned projects completed in 2018
Angola	71,026	64,720	91	100
Antigua and Barbuda	50,141	17,500	35	100
Armenia	10,469	0	0	0
Bahamas (the)	69,565	25,702	37	0
Bahrain	137,739	257,392	187	67
Bangladesh	25,256	59,010	234	100
Barbados	78,529	95,877	122	100
Belize	45,900	39,270	86	100
Benin	80,496	117,823	146	100
Bhutan	50,963	44,960	88	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	37,710	29,707	79	
Botswana	90,812	201,560	222	67
Brunei Darussalam	118,434	113,079	95	67
Burkina Faso	53,905	87,127	162	100
Burundi	21,750	72,500	333	100
Cambodia	69,564	113,500	163	
Cameroon	53,580	0	0	
Cabo Verde	75,762	144,582	191	100
Central African Republic (the)	36,000	0	0	67
Chad	38,104	35,040	92	100
Chile	110,859	65,742	59	
China	1,545,759	718,369	46	100
Colombia	11,891	35,536	299	
Comoros (the)	45,002	45,355	101	0
Congo (the)	39,666	57,569	145	50
Cook Islands	78,520	47,437	60	
Cote d'Ivoire	176,160	45,417	26	0
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	41,317	0	0	100
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	58,378	32,478	56	0
Djibouti	80,571	87,376	108	67
Dominica	44,880	0	0	0
Dominican Republic (the)	92,766	142,625	154	50
Ecuador	69,077	170,919	247	50
Egypt	77,167	117,223	152	100
El Salvador	82,215	46,501	57	0
Equatorial Guinea	10,000	0	0	100
Eritrea	63,339	135,000	213	67
Eswatini	84,133	123,824	147	67
Ethiopia	96,000	87,000	91	100
Fiji	41,715	80,748	194	100
Gabon	54,105	105,615	195	67
Gambia (the)	86,822	70,000	81	50
Grenada	64,078	105,000	164	50
Guatemala	28,331	70,447	249	33
Guinea	72,002	117,167	163	100
Guinea-Bissau	101,750	82,500	81	0
Guyana	82,413	30,000	36	0
Haiti	67,230	45,376	67	33
Honduras	61,804	73,024	118	0
India	561,571	559,197	100	67
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	63,544	43,403	68	

Country	Estimated funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Percentage of funds disbursed over estimation in 2018	Percentage of planned projects completed in 2018
Iraq	287,568	178,558	62	50
Jamaica	107,563	47,027	44	0
Kenya	93,420	74,767	80	100
Kiribati	35,432	44,225	125	
Kuwait	510,808	313,839	61	67
Kyrgyzstan	51,778	135,400	262	50
Lao People's Democratic Republic (the)	36,567	73,485	201	100
Lesotho	96,078	115,106	120	100
Liberia	57,263	81,804	143	100
Madagascar	43,500	102,383	235	67
Malawi	37,626	125,413	333	100
Maldives	70,698	109,100	154	0
Mali	47,574	99,177	208	67
Marshall Islands (the)	48,297	0	0	
Mauritania	75,000	30,000	40	
Mauritius	56,996	25,000	44	0
Mexico	1,212		0	0
Micronesia (Federated States of)	90,334	57,039	63	
Mongolia	39,000	60,506	155	
Mozambique	130,637	75,008	57	67
Myanmar	62,304	17,414	28	0
Namibia	39,000	45,000	115	100
Nauru	41,109	0	0	
Nepal	60,620	131,025	216	100
Nicaragua	21,217	42,222	199	0
Niger (the)	25,500	0	0	
Niue	29,658	0	0	
Oman	28,777	42,461	148	100
Pakistan	60,000	24,593	41	
Palau	33,038	33,900	103	
Panama	5,086	13,074	257	100
Paraguay	66,431	39,780	60	
Peru	149,532	27,099	18	100
Philippines (the)	127,669	157,785	124	
Qatar	36,314	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova (the)	44,504	104,194	234	0
Rwanda	68,625	115,630	168	100
Saint Kitts and Nevis	68,760	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	100,755	31,155	31	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	85,500	30,000	35	33
Samoa	35,421	67,500	191	
Sao Tome and Principe	41,626	62,671	151	0
Saudi Arabia	408,143	24,988	6	0
Senegal	171,208	173,739	101	50
Serbia	12,574	0	0	100
Seychelles	19,125	63,750	333	100
Sierra Leone	58,898	114,318	194	67
Solomon Islands	53,955	72,300	134	100
Somalia	25,500	45,000	176	0
South Sudan	45,991	20,090	44	0
Sri Lanka	13,625	9,894	73	
Sudan (the)	88,381	86,598	98	100

Country	Estimated funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Funds disbursed in 2018 (US\$)	Percentage of funds disbursed over estimation in 2018	Percentage of planned projects completed in 2018
Suriname	86,025	17,372	20	50
Timor-Leste	87,836	78,972	90	100
Togo	59,835	92,176	154	33
Tonga	46,328	67,415	146	100
Trinidad and Tobago	85,659	20,000	23	
Tunisia	16,454	0	0	0
Turkey	7,693	18,226	237	100
Turkmenistan	35,039	33,636	96	
Tuvalu	23,181	13,703	59	
Uganda	43,718	37,226	85	100
United Republic of Tanzania (the)	59,400	41,990	71	33
Vanuatu	53,465	40,986	77	50
Viet Nam	28,012	53,890	192	
Yemen	190,248	0	0	75
Zambia	64,982	60,000	92	33
Zimbabwe	56,925	97,779	172	
Global	11,727,382	8,737,022	75	50
Region: ASP	101,302	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,571,098</b>	<b>17,830,385</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>56</b>

6. Table 5 presents a summary of HFC-related projects approved under regular contributions.

**Table 5. HFC-related projects approved under regular contributions**

Type	Number of projects			Funding (US \$)*			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
Technical assistance - Enabling activities	11	0	0	1,706,000	0	1,706,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,706,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,706,000</b>	<b>0</b>

\*Excludes agency support costs.

7. There are currently 11 enabling activities approved under regular contributions at a total value of US \$1,706,000. Funds have not been disbursed for these projects. These projects are progressing at various stages of implementation and are expected to be completed on time in 2020.

## **PART II: PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER THE ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FAST START SUPPORT FOR HFC PHASE-DOWN**

8. As of 31 December 2018, the Executive Committee had approved 78 HFC-related projects under the additional voluntary contributions amounting to US \$8,101,000 (excluding agency support costs). A summary of the status of these projects is presented in Table 6.

**Table 6. HFC-related projects approved in 2018**

Type	Number of projects			Funding (US \$)*			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
Technical assistance - Enabling activities	78	0	0	8,101,000	627,073	7,473,927	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,101,000</b>	<b>627,073</b>	<b>7,473,927</b>	<b>8</b>

\*Excludes agency support costs.

9. The 78 ongoing enabling activities, including five approved at the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting, are at various stages of implementation. Cumulatively, US \$627,073 had been disbursed out of the total US \$8,101,000 approved for disbursement (excluding support costs), representing a disbursement rate of 8 per cent.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

UN Environment (UNEP) is submitting this Annual Financial and Progress Report (APR) covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2018 for the consideration of the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund.

UNEP followed the Multilateral Fund's *Revised Operational Guidelines for Progress and Financial Reporting*,<sup>1</sup> as well as guidance received during the first Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting of 2019 (5-7 March) when developing this APR.

This APR details project implementation assistance provided by UNEP to developing countries operating under Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol ("Article 5 countries") in accordance with UNEP's 2018 - 2020 Business Plan, which was endorsed by the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee.<sup>2</sup>

The focus and orientation of UN Environment's work under this Business Plan continues to be defined by the evolving needs of countries operating under Article 5 of the Protocol ("Article 5 countries") as they progress in their implementation of the Montreal Protocol, and as they meet and sustain compliance with specific obligations. Through the activities identified in this Business Plan, UN Environment will assist the countries with implementing their HCFC phase-out responsibilities including preparing for the 2020 target and subsequent reduction steps, strengthening the government institutions in Article 5 countries responsible for implementing and reporting on their national strategies to comply with the Montreal Protocol, and sustaining Article 5 countries' compliance with ozone depleting substance (ODS) phase out targets already met. This Business Plan also assisted Article 5 countries to ratify the Kigali Amendment as soon as possible and to support activities that the countries need to meet the first obligations of the Kigali Amendment after ratification.

UN Environment achieved its Business Plan objectives by a combination of compliance assistance services delivered through the 2018 Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP), as well as the ongoing and planned national, regional and global projects. The project services included preparation and implementation of HCFC Phase out Management Plans (HPMPs) for both Stages I and II, Institutional Strengthening projects, Enabling Activity projects, and technical assistance. In addition to the anticipated Business Plan activities, UN Environment implemented HPMP verification projects as and when requested by the Executive Committee during the course of 2018-2020.

In 2018, UNEP in cooperation with the other Implementing and Bilateral Agencies provided significant advisory and project implementation support to Article 5 countries that resulted in an overall high note of compliance with the Montreal Protocol and its Amendments by those countries.

UNEP has previously presented to the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee a partial CAP Progress Report for the period October 2017 - July 2018 as part of its 2019 Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) budget request.<sup>3</sup> UNEP will present the details of the balance support provided by CAP in 2019 (i.e. August-December) to the 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee as part of UNEP's 2020 CAP Work Programme and Budget request.

## **I. PROJECT APPROVALS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

### **A. Annual Summary Data**

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<sup>1</sup> MLF "REVISED OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL REPORTING" Fifth Revision, 20 March 2019.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/19.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/82/37.

From June 1991 until the end of December 2018, the Executive Committee approved 2,349 projects for implementation by UNEP. The total funding approved for UNEP was US\$ 350,340,237.22 including programme support costs (PSC), which represents about 8.3 % of the total funding allocation to date approved by the Multilateral Fund for all Implementing Agencies and bilateral agencies. Of these projects, 821 were time-sensitive Institutional Strengthening (IS) projects and 1,528 were objective-sensitive projects.

During 2018, the Executive Committee approved 173 new projects for UNEP to implement, including the 2018 CAP budget. The total value of those approvals was US\$ 26,795,573 plus PSC of US\$ 1,990,750.

Type	Code	Number approved 1991-2017	Number approved 2018	Total
Country Programmes	CPG	95	0	95
Demonstration	DEM	4	0	4
Institutional Strengthening	INS	781	40	821
Investment project	INV	1	0	1
Project preparation	PRP	197	25	222
Technical assistance	TAS	902	108	1,010
Training	TRA	196	0	196
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,176</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>2,349</b>

Annex 1: Annual Summary provides details.

## B. Interest

The interest accrued from 1991-2018 was US\$ 10,844,905 as follows:

Year	Interest (US\$)
1991-2017	10,199,583
2018	645,322
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,844,905</b>

## C. Summary Data by Type (CPG, DEM, INS, INV, PRP, TAS, TRA)

The 173 projects that the Executive Committee approved in 2018 for UNEP implementation at the level of US\$ 26,795,573 plus PSC of US\$ 1,990,750. Of those, 40 were time-sensitive IS projects and 133 were objective-sensitive activities comprising:

Type	Code	Number
Institutional Strengthening	INS	40
Investment project	INV	0
Project preparation	PRP	25
Technical assistance	TAS	108
<b>Total</b>		<b>173</b>

See Annex 1: Summary Data by Projects Type.

## D. Multi-year Agreements

From June 1991 until the end of December 2018, the Executive Committee has approved a cumulative 434 MYAs (PHA) for implementation by UNEP. The total funding approved for UNEP for MYAs during this period was US\$ 44,651,839 plus adjustments excluding programme support costs (PSC).

## E. Sector Phase-Out by Country

N/A

## II. PROJECT COMPLETIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

### A. ODP Phased Out Since Last Report

UNEP only implements non-investment projects (i.e. capacity building and technical assistance). Due to the nature of these projects, the directly associated ODP phase out is either zero or small according to the approved projects. The cumulative ODP phase-out achieved as a result of all completed UNEP projects to date is 1,586.10 ODP tonnes.

Type	Amount phased out 1991-2017 (ODP tonnes)	Amount phased out 2018 (ODP tonnes)	Total
INS	145	0.5	145.5
TAS	658.1	34.7	692.8
TRA	747.8	0	747.8
	1,550.9	35.2	1,586.10

### B. Non-Investment Project Completions Since Last Report

During 2018, UNEP completed 108 projects as follows for a total value of US\$ 24,680,128 excluding PSC:

Type	Code	Number
Institutional Strengthening	INS	46
Technical assistance	TAS	59
Training	TRA	0
Country Programmes	CPG	0
Investment	INV	1
Project preparation	PRP	2
Demonstration	DEM	0
Total		108

The completion of projects by region was as follows:

Region	Number
Africa	58
Asia and the Pacific	17
Europe and Central Asia	5
Latin America and the Caribbean	15
West Asia	11
Global	2
Total	108

See Annex II, Completed Non-Investment Projects for details.

## III. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### (a) Global Projects

During this APR reporting period, UNEP implemented two global projects:

- Compliance Assistance Programme: 2018 (GLO/SEV/80/TAS/341)
- Compliance Assistance Programme: 2019 (GLO/SEV/82/TAS/347)

#### (b) Regional Projects

During this APR reporting period, UNEP implemented three regional projects:

- HCFC phase-out management plan for PIC countries through regional approach (stage I, second tranche)
- Development of stage II of HCFC phase-out management plans for PIC countries through regional approach
- Promoting alternative refrigerants in air-conditioning for high ambient countries in West Asia (PRAHA-II)

### IV. Performance Indicators

#### (a) Agency Business Plan Performance Goals

Through decision 80/37, the Executive Committee adopted the following performance indicators for UNEP for 2018:<sup>4</sup>

Type of indicator	Short title	Calculation	2018 target	UNEP assessment of 2018 results achieved
Planning--Approval	Tranches approved	Number of tranches approved vs. those planned*	65	29
Planning--Approval	Projects/activities approved	Number of projects/activities approved vs. those planned (including project preparation activities) **	179	145
Implementation	Funds disbursed	Based on estimated disbursement in progress report	US \$14,909,366	US \$17,756,026
Implementation	ODS phase-out	ODS phase-out for the tranche when the next tranche is approved vs. those planned per business plans	172.9 ODP tonnes	122.09 ODP tonnes
Implementation	Project completion for activities	Project completion vs. planned in progress reports for all activities (excluding project preparation)	130	108
Administrative	Speed of financial completion	The extent to which projects are financially completed 12 months after project completion	14	14

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/30, Annex VI.

Type of indicator	Short title	Calculation	2018 target	UNEP assessment of 2018 results achieved
Administrative	Timely submission of project completion reports	Timely submission of project completion reports vs. those agreed	On time	Individual PCRs (8 PCR submitted out of 15 PCRs due) and MYA PCRs (1 PCRs submitted out of 5 PCRs due)
Administrative	Timely submission of progress reports	Timely submission of progress reports and business plans and responses unless otherwise agreed	On time	On time

\* The target of an agency would be reduced if it could not submit a tranche owing to another cooperating or lead agency, if agreed by that agency.

\*\* Project preparation should not be assessed if the Executive Committee has not taken a decision on its funding.

#### **(b) Cumulative Completed Investment Projects**

Not applicable to UNEP.

#### **(c) Cumulated Completed Non-Investment Projects**

UNEP has completed a total of 106 non-investment projects excluding project preparation assistance. Of the total amount of US\$ 27,209,515 approved 90.5% has been disbursed. It took an average 8 months from first approval and 36 months from approval to completion. The breakdown and details are provided in the Annexes.

#### **(d) Cumulative Ongoing Investment Projects**

Not applicable to UNEP.

#### **(e) Cumulative Ongoing Non-Investment Projects**

UNEP has 293 ongoing non-investment projects excluding project preparation assistance & Compliance Assistance Programme. Of the total amount of US\$ 31,348,978 approved 14.5 % has been disbursed. It took an average of 17 months from approval for the first disbursement (i.e. when expenditure report is submitted by the partner country and recorded in UMOJA). The average number of months from approval to planned completion is 38 months (as per agreements the duration of tranches, especially in LVCs, is 36 or more months). The breakdown and details are provided in the Annexes.

### **V. STATUS OF AGREEMENTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION (WHERE APPLICABLE), BY COUNTRY**

#### **(a) Agreements to be signed/executed/finalized and when they will be ready for disbursing**

In 2018, UNEP assisted the following 40 countries with the preparation and submission of their IS renewal requests, and then with the establishment of agreements for the project implementation:

ExCom-81

Bahrain	Congo	Gabon	Kyrgyzstan	Mauritania	Seychelles
Belize	Djibouti	Grenada	Lao, PDR	Nepal	Sudan
Burundi	Dominica	Guatemala	Maldives	Nicaragua	
Cape Verde	Equatorial Guinea	Kuwait	Mali	Saint Kitts and Nevis	

ExCom-82

Barbados	Iraq	Mozambique	Sao Tome and Principe	Uganda
Brunei Darussalam	Lesotho	Niue	Sierra Leone	Vietnam
Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Paraguay	Togo	
Fiji	Malawi	Republic of Moldova	Tuvalu	

These renewals represent 38% of all of the IS projects in UNEP's project portfolio:

Region	Total number of countries assisted by UNEP for IS	Number of IS renewals approved in 2018
Africa	48	18
Asia Pacific	26	8
West Asia	5	3
Europe & Central Asia	3	2
Latin America & Caribbean	22*	9
Total	104	40

\*IS project for El Salvador is incorporated into HPMP until 2020.

**(b) Project Preparation by country, approved amount, and amount disbursed**

UNEP has completed 2 project preparation activities totaling US\$ 80,000, of which 28.5 % has been disbursed. It took an average 26 months from approval to planned completion. As of 31 December 2018, UNEP also has 29 ongoing project preparation activities totaling US\$ 1,106,857, of which 2.97% has been disbursed.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES (OPERATIONAL, POLICY, FINANCIAL, AND OTHER ISSUES)**

**(a) Meetings Attended**

UNEP participated in the following global Montreal Protocol meetings in 2018:

Meeting	Date and venue
1 <sup>st</sup> Inter-Agency Coordination meeting	6-8 March Montreal, Canada
81 <sup>st</sup> Executive Committee meeting	18-22 June Montreal, Canada
60 <sup>th</sup> Implementation Committee meeting	8 July Vienna, Austria
40 <sup>th</sup> Open-Ended Working Group meeting	11-14 July Vienna, Austria
2 <sup>nd</sup> Inter-Agency Coordination meeting	4-6 September Montreal, Canada
61 <sup>st</sup> Implementation Committee meeting	3 November Quito, Ecuador
30 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol	5-9 November Quito, Ecuador
82 <sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee meeting	3-7 December Montreal, Canada

UNEP will provide an update of the regional/national meetings in which it participated in 2018, as well as meetings organized by CAP itself, in the 2020 CAP Work Programme and Budget which is being submitted to the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee.

**(b) Implementing Agency and Other Co-operation**

UNEP’s work under the Multilateral Fund is performed in close cooperation and coordination with the Multilateral Fund Secretariat, Ozone Secretariat, the other Implementing Agencies (UNDP, UNIDO, World Bank), bilateral agencies, and other partners at the international, regional and national levels.

Regional Network meetings. UNEP invited the Multilateral Fund Secretariat, Ozone Secretariat, and other Implementing Agencies to all of the main meetings of the Regional Networks of Ozone Officers. This action facilitated the work of the Secretariats and agencies by providing a convenient platform for conveying their key messages to Article 5 countries in a given region, easy access to Ozone Officers and partners for bilateral discussions on compliance issues, and opportunities to discuss and advance their agency’s project preparation and implementation activities.

HPMP implementation. UNEP implements many of its projects on the ground in countries jointly with other Implementing Agencies, where each agency co-implements complementary parts of a single project. For example, in 2018 UNEP was the Lead Agency for the HPMP implementation for 72 Article 5 countries, and the Cooperating Agency for the HPMPs of 30 countries. UNEP cooperated with UNIDO 53 countries, UNDP 27 countries, Germany 1 country, and Japan 1 country for HPMP implementation.

Enabling Activities projects. UNEP implements 89 EA projects approved at ExCom-80 (31 projects), ExCom-81 (49 projects) and ExCom-82 (9 projects). Out of 89 EA projects, UNEP is a sole lead agency for 79 projects and collaborating with the Government of Italy (3) and UNIDO (1) in four projects. Also, UNEP implements EA projects as a cooperating agency with UNDP (4) and UNIDO (2) in six projects.

**Other Issues**

No issues.

**Annex I: Country Developments**

**A. Highlights of projects and activities (other than IS)**

Included in the PR tables under column Remarks 2018 and Remarks (Latest information) 2019 (UP TO THE END OF JUNE)

**B. Institutional strengthening**

UNEP assisted the following 104 countries with the implementation of their IS projects in 2018:

Afghanistan	Fiji	Niger
Albania	Gabon	Niue
Algeria	Gambia	Palau
Angola	Grenada	Paraguay
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Peru
Bahamas	Guinea	Philippines
Bahrain	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Moldova
Barbados	Guyana	Rwanda



Belize	Haiti	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Benin	Honduras	Saint Lucia
Bhutan	Iraq	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia	Jamaica	Samoa
Botswana	Kenya	Sao Tome and Principe
Brunei Darussalam	Kiribati	Saudi Arabia
Burkina Faso	Kuwait	Senegal
Burundi	Kyrgyzstan	Seychelles
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Sierra Leone
Cameroon	Lesotho	Solomon Islands
Cape Verde	Liberia	Somalia
Central African Republic	Madagascar	South Sudan
Chad	Malawi	Sudan
Comoros	Maldives	Suriname
Congo	Mali	Swaziland
Cook Islands	Marshall Islands	Tanzania
Cote d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Timor Leste
DPR Korea	Mauritius	Togo
DR Congo	Micronesia FS	Tonga
Djibouti	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Dominica	Morocco	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Ecuador	Myanmar	Vietnam
El Salvador*	Namibia	Yemen
Equatorial Guinea	Nauru	Zambia
Eritrea	Nepal	Zimbabwe
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	

\*Included in HPMP stage 1

There has been turnover of Ozone Officers in some countries and some political instability in other countries which impacted the progress of implementation.

### C. Activities that were provided by UNEP from its administrative costs

As per the approved 2018 CAP Work Programme and Budget, UNEP funded one post from programme support costs in 2018 to provide administrative and financial support for the programme:

- 1 (one) post from programme support costs in 2018 to provide administrative and financial support for the programme:

### D. Activities conducted by UNEP to assist other agencies

Implementing joint activities with partner implementing agencies proved to be cost effective and strategic in meeting country and regional needs. Several examples are highlighted below:

- HPMP Lead Agency. In its role as Lead Agency for HPMPs, UNEP coordinated with and supported the activities of the Cooperating Agencies for project preparation, reporting and liaison with the National Ozone Unit and Multilateral Fund Secretariat.
- Joint missions to Article 5 countries. UNEP undertook a number of joint field missions with sister agencies UNDP and UNIDO for HPMPs implementation activities and addressing specific compliance issues. Such missions resulted in enhanced and coordinated delivery of services at the national level.

- Non-investment support in Article 5 countries where UNEP is not the Lead Agency: Upon request of the NOU or Implementing Agency, UNEP provided substantive non-investment services in several countries even though it does not have a project or Lead Agency role in that country.