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**Administration of the Convention
and budget for the trust funds**

Decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 6 December 2024

16/28. Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision [15/34](#) of 19 December 2022,

Recognizing the cumulative increase in the magnitude of the programme of work of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ over many bienniums, and noting that the budget of the Convention has not kept pace with the increase,

Recognizing also, in particular, the recent increase in the number, frequency and size of intersessional meetings and the increased pressure placed on secretariat services, including the provision of conference facilities, registration, travel and other administrative work, editorial work and translation, as well as oversight and management functions,

Recognizing the changed scope of work represented by the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,² which has led to increased demands from Parties on the Secretariat,

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the Secretariat related to the agenda item on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust fund,³

Noting with concern that the external in-depth functional review of the structure of the Secretariat, as requested in decision [15/34](#), planned and budgeted for 2023, has not been undertaken,

Welcoming with appreciation the financial contributions from developed country Parties to the voluntary trust funds of the Convention and its Protocols to facilitate the participation of developing country Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities in the processes of the Convention and its Protocols,

Recognizing the fiscal constraints on Parties,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision 15/4, annex.

³ [CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1](#), [CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1/Add.1](#), [CBD/COP/16/4](#), [CBD/COP/16/4/Add.1](#) and [CBD/COP/16/4/Add.2](#).

Noting with concern that the participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition in meetings held under the Convention and its Protocols has been adversely affected by the lack of predictable and sustainable funding,

1. *Decides* to adopt an integrated programme of work and budget for the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety⁴ and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization;⁵

2. *Also decides* to share all costs for secretariat services among the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol on a ratio of 72 to 15 to 13 for the biennium 2025–2026;

3. *Approves* a core (General Trust Fund for the Convention) programme budget for the Convention of 15,611,078 United States dollars for 2025 and 16,382,433 dollars for 2026, representing 72 per cent of the integrated budget of 21,682,052 dollars for 2025 and 22,753,379 dollars for 2026 for the Convention and its Protocols, for the purposes listed in tables 1 and 2 below;

4. *Also approves*, in the circumstance that no availability at International Civil Aviation Organization headquarters can be identified to convene the meetings of the subsidiary bodies during the biennium 2025–2026, an additional programme budget not exceeding 139,081 dollars for 2025 and 139,081 dollars for 2026, representing 72 per cent of the additional integrated budget of 193,168 dollars for 2025 and 193,168 dollars for 2026 for the Convention and its Protocols, with the additional programme budget being drawn from the unspent balance of the General Trust Fund for the Convention;

5. *Further approves* the use of the unspent balance of the General Trust Fund for the Convention, the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Cartagena Protocol and the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Nagoya Protocol (the core trust funds) for the biennium 2023–2024 of 668,836 dollars to offset contributions from the Parties to the Convention, the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol for the biennium 2025–2026;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Canada as the host country of the Secretariat of the Convention for its renewed support for the Secretariat, and welcomes the contribution of 2,234,451 Canadian dollars for 2025 and 2,255,959 Canadian dollars for 2026 from the host country and the Province of Quebec to the rental and associated costs of the Secretariat, which will be allocated on a ratio of 72 to 15 to 13 to offset contributions from the Parties to the Convention, the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, respectively, for the biennium 2025–2026;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to minimize conference expenses by reserving conference facilities for all meetings of the subsidiary bodies held in Montreal, Canada, during the biennium 2025–2026 and onward, through the preferential arrangement for the use of space with the International Civil Aviation Organization, or in Nairobi, or in any other available United Nations facility available on the basis of their capacity to hold such meetings, and also taking into consideration the budgetary implications and savings of travelling and subsistence allowance for Party participation, and any other services at any available dates that are suitable to the Parties, and authorizes the use of unspent balances for the additional conference rental and associated expenses of the most economical alternative conference space option for an amount not exceeding 386,336 United States dollars in the exceptional circumstance that no availability at the aforementioned venues can be identified;

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

8. *Adopts* the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2025 and 2026, in accordance with the scale of assessments of the United Nations,⁶ as contained in the annex to the present decision;

9. *Also adopts* the staffing table of the Secretariat for the biennium 2025–2026, as contained in table 3 below, used for costing purposes to set the overall budget;

10. *Recalls* that the staffing arrangement of the Secretariat should ensure that the legal obligations under the Convention and its Protocols are met;

11. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to complete the functional review requested in decision [15/34](#), taking into consideration the scoping report contained in document CBD/COP/16/4/Add.2-CBD/CP/MOP/11/5/Add.2-CBD/NP/MOP/5/5/Add.2, and submit the results for review at the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and consideration at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, noting that the functional review should be focused on assessing whether the Secretariat is properly structured and well resourced to undertake its functions effectively,⁷ in particular for servicing meetings held under the Convention and its Protocols and supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and, if not, what changes are needed to do so;

12. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, on an exceptional basis, to draw upon available unspent balances of the general trust funds from prior financial periods to complete the functional review requested in decision [15/34](#), for an amount not exceeding 250,000 dollars;

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to finalize the implementation of the outstanding audit recommendations expeditiously and to submit a report thereon at the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

14. *Reiterates* its request to the Executive Secretary, as a means to further enhance transparency and accountability, to maintain the section on the website of the Convention that provides links to up-to-date information relevant to the governance of the Convention, including completed and accepted audit reports, audit recommendations and audit responses, applicable financial regulations and rules and any other relevant budgetary and financial information, to facilitate due diligence and financing decisions by Parties and other potential donors;

15. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Bureau and provide it with all necessary information, including with regard to the application of the administrative arrangements between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretariat, in order to ensure that the Bureau may play a guiding role with regard to preparations for and the conduct of meetings of the Conference of the Parties and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols;

16. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to enter into commitments up to the level of the approved budget, drawing upon available cash resources, including reserves within authorized or permissible thresholds, being contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income, in accordance with the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,⁸ and requests the Executive Secretary to disclose those commitments in a timely manner;

⁶ As contained in General Assembly resolution 76/238. Once adopted by the General Assembly, the revised scale of assessments for the triennium 2025–2027 will be applied to calculate assessed contributions for the biennium 2025–2026.

⁷ As provided in Article [24](#) of the Convention.

⁸ ST/SGB/2013/4 and ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1.

17. *Also authorizes* the Executive Secretary to transfer resources among the programmes between each of the main appropriation lines set out in table 2 below, up to an aggregate of 15 per cent of the total programme budget, provided that a further limitation of up to a maximum of 25 per cent of each such appropriation line is applied;

18. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to further reduce the environmental impact of the operations of the Secretariat and to report on the actions taken in that regard to the Conference of the Parties;

19. *Reminds* all Parties to the Convention and its Protocols that contributions to the core trust funds are due on 1 January of the year for which those contributions have been budgeted, urges all Parties to pay them promptly, and requests that the Executive Secretary notify Parties of the amount of their contributions as early as possible in the year preceding the year in which the contributions are due;

20. *Recognizes with concern* that some Parties are unable to pay their contributions to the Convention and its Protocols easily, owing to technical challenges, including information technology issues related to the submission of invoices, despite their intention to do so, and requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme, to work with those Parties that have brought up such technical challenges to explore other options to pay their contributions;

21. *Notes with concern* that a number of Parties to the Convention and its Protocols have not paid their contributions to the core trust funds for 2023 and prior years, that some Parties have never paid their contributions and that, in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards adopted by the United Nations,⁹ credit loss allowances of 2,741,256 dollars for the Convention, 583,172 dollars for the Cartagena Protocol and 337,966 dollars for the Nagoya Protocol were estimated at the end of 2023 and deducted from the fund balance, and can therefore not be used for the benefit of all the respective Parties, and requests the United Nations Environment Programme to accept contributions from all Parties to the Convention and its Protocols in a timely manner;

22. *Urges* Parties to the Convention and its Protocols that have still not paid their contributions to the core trust funds for 2023 and previous years to do so without delay or conditionalities, and requests the Executive Secretary to publish and keep up to date the information on the status of contributions to the trust funds of the Convention and its Protocols (the three core trust funds, the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Approved Activities under the Convention and its Protocols, the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process and the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities) and to keep the members of the Bureaux of the Convention and its Protocols regularly apprised of the situation so that they may provide information on unpaid contributions and their consequences to the respective regions, as indicated in paragraph 24;

23. *Requests* the United Nations Environment Programme, in its capacity as trustee, to use all available diplomatic channels to communicate to the relevant Parties the arrears in their contributions to the core trust funds from 2024 and previous years, with a view to the payment of such arrears in full for the benefit of all Parties to the Convention and its Protocols, and requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Bureau and the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting on the status of those arrears;

24. *Confirms* that, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2005 onward, Parties that have been in arrears with their contributions for two or more years are not eligible to become a member of the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to its Protocols or the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or to nominate a member of a compliance committee, and

⁹ See General Assembly resolution 60/283, sect. IV.

decides that this limitation only applies to Parties that are not least developed countries or small island developing States;

25. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to enter into arrangements with any Party that has been in arrears with its contributions for two or more years, whereby the Party agrees to a schedule of payments to clear all outstanding arrears within six years, depending on its financial circumstances, and pay future contributions by the due date, and to report on the implementation of any such arrangement to the Bureau concerned at its following meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting;

26. *Decides* that a Party that has entered into an agreed arrangement in accordance with paragraph 25 above and that is fully respecting the provisions thereof will not be subject to the provisions of paragraph 24 above;

27. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, and invites the President of the Conference of the Parties, through a jointly signed letter, to notify Parties with outstanding contributions that they are in arrears and invite them to take timely action to remedy the situation, and to thank those Parties that have responded in a positive manner by paying their outstanding contributions;

28. *Notes* that the extension of trust funds is an administrative matter that falls under the delegation of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, that they will, as of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, no longer require a decision by member States and that, to facilitate the transition between the sixth and seventh sessions of the Environment Assembly, all existing trust funds under the United Nations Environment Programme, including those managed by the Secretariat for the Convention and its Protocols, have been extended to 31 December 2030, unless the Conference of the Parties requests otherwise;

29. *Acknowledges* the funding estimates for:

(a) The Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Approved Activities under the Convention and its Protocols for the period 2025–2026 (see tables 4 and 5);

(b) The Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process for the period 2025–2026 (see table 6);

(c) The Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for the period 2025–2026 (see table 7);

30. *Recalls* rule 30 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties,¹⁰ and stresses the need for a wide range of Parties to attend meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, in particular to reach the level of two thirds of Parties present needed to provide a quorum for the meeting that allows decisions to be taken;

31. *Reaffirms* the importance of the full and effective participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, and in this regard requests the Executive Secretary to take into consideration the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols on holding meetings concurrently and on improving the efficiencies of the structures and processes of the Convention and its Protocols;

32. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme and in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, to use interests accrued in the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process and the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the

¹⁰ Decision [I/1](#), annex, as amended in decision [V/20](#).

Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the event of funding shortfalls and of delays in receiving contributions from donors;

33. *Reaffirms* the importance of the full and effective participation of at least two delegates from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, as well as the subsidiary bodies, to be funded from the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process, invites developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so, including in the context of South-South cooperation, to make contributions to that Fund in a timely manner and at a level that will allow for full and effective participation, and in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, and authorizes the Executive Secretary, to draw, in consultation with the Bureau, a total amount of up to 500,000 dollars across the biennium from the available reserves in the three core trust funds, to be used in respect of temporary shortfalls in the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process, for which written pledges have been made but resources have not yet been received, to support the participation of delegates from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition in the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, providing that reimbursements are made to the three core trust funds as soon as pledges materialize;

34. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of decision [IX/34](#) of 23 May 2008, and requests the Executive Secretary, when allocating funding from the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process, to continue to accord first priority to least developed countries and small island developing States;

35. *Encourages* developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so to facilitate engagement by the Secretariat with potential alternative donors to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process, including private and philanthropic bodies, to assist in funding the participation of eligible countries in meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols and the subsidiary bodies;

36. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to remind Parties in January of each year of the need to contribute to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process at least six months before the ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, to issue requests in December of each year for covering the needs of all relevant meetings in the subsequent year and to issue early invitations to other donors to make contributions;

37. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, to continue to monitor the availability of voluntary contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process, with a view to allowing members of the Bureau to bring any shortfalls in contributions to the attention of Parties and, as appropriate, of potential donors in their regions;

38. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary, in preparation for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, to compile and distribute to the Parties a list of the work requested of the Executive Secretary, including the administrative and financial implications of each draft decision, as applicable, requiring funding from the core or voluntary budgets, as outlined in draft recommendations and decisions, in order to inform Parties, without prejudice to decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to

the Protocols, and to provide information on the administrative and financial implications for each draft decision, as relevant, under the respective agenda items;

39. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare and submit an updated, detailed and integrated programme of work for the period 2027–2028 that sets out objectives, tasks to be completed by the Secretariat and results expected with regard to each budget item, for the Convention and its Protocols, for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation ahead of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, and a corresponding programme budget following the format of the proposed programme budget for the United Nations Environment Programme, including the supplementary information statement, for the biennium with the three following scenarios, taking the list mentioned in paragraph 38 into account:

(a) The programme budget (three core trust funds) required to deliver the programme of work of the Convention and its Protocols, in the light of the functional review, minus the amount of the unspent balances used for the biennium 2025–2026;

(b) The programme budget (three core trust funds) set at the total 2025–2026 level in real terms, minus the amount of the unspent balances used for the biennium 2025–2026;

(c) The programme budget (three core trust funds) set at the total 2025–2026 level in nominal terms, minus the amount of the unspent balances used for the biennium 2025–2026;

40. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to introduce all possible measures to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Secretariat, taking into account decision 16/25 of 1 November 2024 on options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols and its ensuing intersessional work ahead of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to reflect those measures in the three scenarios above;

41. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation ahead of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, on income and budget performance, unspent balances and the status of surplus and carry-overs, as well as any adjustments made to the budget for the biennium 2025–2026;

42. *Notes with concern* the late delivery of budget documents in advance of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, and urges the Executive Secretary to take the measures necessary to ensure that budget documents for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol are circulated in full respect of the 90-day deadline set in paragraph 7 (a) of annex I to decision [I/6](#) of 9 December 1994, and to keep the Bureau informed of progress on budget preparation;

43. *Notes* the information provided by the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2023–2024,¹¹ in particular the 2023–2024 integrated budget performance, and requests the Executive Secretary to submit at all future meetings of the Conference of the Parties information on the performance of both the core and the voluntary trust fund budgets, so that Parties have a complete report on expenditure incurred under the Convention.

¹¹ [CBD/COP/16/3](#).

Table 1
**Integrated biennial budget for the core trust funds of the Convention and its Protocols,
 2025–2026 (by object of expenditure)**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
Staff costs	13 301.0	13 862.7	27 163.7
General temporary assistance	100.0	100.0	200.0
Meetings of the Bureaux	161.5	176.8	338.3
Expert meetings	175.0	205.0	380.0
Meetings of intergovernmental bodies ^a	2 274.6	2 700.9	4 975.5
Consultants	75.0	75.0	150.0
Functional review	250.0	–	250.0
Official travel	400.0	450.0	850.0
Rent and associated costs	1 462.6	1 476.6	2 939.2
Training	5.0	5.0	10.0
Information technology	65.0	65.0	130.0
General operating expenses	726.6	726.6	1 453.2
Public awareness material	100.0	100.0	200.0
Translation of the clearing-house websites	65.0	65.0	130.0
Subtotal	19 161.3	20 008.6	39 169.9
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	2 491.0	2 601.1	5 092.1
Subtotal	21 652.3	22 609.8	44 262.1
Working capital reserve	29.8	143.6	173.4
Total	21 682.1	22 753.4	44 435.5
Convention share of the integrated budget (72 per cent)	15 611.1	16 382.4	31 993.5
Contributions from host country	(1 189.9)	(1 201.4)	(2 391.3)
Use of reserves	(342.5)	(139.1)	(481.6)
Net total to be shared by Parties	14 078.7	15 042.0	29 120.6

^a First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities; twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation; and, held concurrently, seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Table 2
Integrated biennial budget for the core trust funds of the Convention and its Protocols, 2025–2026 (by component)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
A. Governing and subsidiary bodies	2 611.2	3 082.7	5 693.9
B. Executive direction and management	2 946.8	3 098.4	6 045.1
C. Programme of work	10 013.3	10 384.3	20 397.6
D. Administrative support	3 590.2	3 443.2	7 033.4
Subtotal	19 161.3	20 008.6	39 170.0
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	2 491.0	2 601.1	5 092.1
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Table 3
Secretariat staffing requirements from the core budgets of the Convention and its Protocols, 2025–2026

<i>Category and level</i>	<i>Approved for 2023–2024</i>	<i>Approved for 2025–2026^a</i>
Professional and higher		
ASG	1	1
D-1	3	3
P-5	10	10
P-4	14	16
P-3	15	16
P-2/1	10	10
Subtotal	53	56
General Service	29	31
Total	82	87

Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; D, Director; P, Professional.

^a New posts approved by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting: one Programme Management Officer – Digital Sequence Information (P-4); one Programme Management Officer – Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and Traditional Knowledge (P-4); one Editor (P-3); and two Meetings Assistants (G-6).

Table 4

Resource requirements for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Approved Activities under the Convention and its Protocols, 2025–2026: funding requirements by thematic area and expenditure component

(United States dollars)

<i>Thematic area</i>	<i>Meeting costs</i>	<i>Staff travel</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
A. Convention on Biological Diversity				
Digital sequence information on genetic resources	317 600	66 500	450 000	834 100
Capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer	608 050	185 750	486 000	1 279 800
Programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030	431 950	149 000	216 000	796 950
Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management	1 778 950	210 500	1 296 000	3 285 450
Communication, education and public awareness	311 300	59 750	522 500	893 550
Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	23 300	27 250	–	50 550
Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	449 400	49 000	234 000	732 400
Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors	–	28 500	31 500	60 000
Sustainable wildlife management	616 250	98 500	220 500	935 250
Further work on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas	536 000	63 000	270 000	869 000
Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity and of island biodiversity	674 000	150 250	306 000	1 130 250
Invasive alien species	131 200	55 000	315 000	501 200
Biodiversity and health	316 800	103 000	162 000	581 800
Synthetic biology	267 000	30 500	108 000	405 500
Biodiversity and climate change	1 399 000	118 750	18 000	1 535 750
Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols	159 100	42 500	36 000	237 600
Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups	226 600	25 500	9 000	261 100
Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	699 500	68 500	198 000	966 000
Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties	1 101 800	269 750	129 000	1 500 550
Financial mechanism	240 000	86 000	54 000	380 000
Resource mobilization	68 300	36 000	181 500	285 800
Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations	20 000	80 000	–	100 000
Subtotal	10 376 100	2 003 500	5 243 000	17 622 600
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	1 348 893	260 455	681 590	2 290 938
Total	11 724 993	2 263 955	5 924 590	19 913 538

<i>Thematic area</i>	<i>Meeting costs</i>	<i>Staff travel</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
B. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety				
Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources	–	–	31 500	31 500
Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House	186 400	20 000	432 000	638 400
Risk assessment and risk management	200 450	31 500	54 000	285 950
Detection and identification of living modified organisms	69 000	10 500	–	79 500
Socioeconomic considerations	–	–	31 500	31 500
Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress	–	–	31 500	31 500
Subtotal	455 850	62 000	580 500	1 098 350
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	59 261	8 060	75 465	142 786
Total	515 111	70 060	655 965	1 241 136
C. Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing				
Capacity-building and development and awareness-raising	270 400	15 000	27 000	312 400
Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing	45 150	77 750	216 000	338 900
Methodology for the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol	–	–	45 000	45 000
Subtotal	315 550	92 750	288 000	696 300
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	41 022	12 058	37 440	90 519
Total	356 572	104 808	325 440	786 819
Grand total for the Convention and its Protocols (including programme support costs)	12 596 675	2 438 823	6 905 995	21 941 493

Table 5

Resource requirements for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Approved Activities under the Convention and its Protocols, 2025–2026: staff resource requirements

<i>Thematic area</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Cost (US dollars)</i>
Digital sequence information on genetic resources		
Programme Officer	P-3	318 000
Associate Programme Officer	P-2	261 000
Programme Assistant (2 posts)	GS	231 000
Capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management		
Programme Officer	P-5	421 500
Programme Officer	P-3	318 000
Programme Assistant	GS	115 500
Communications, education and public awareness		
Programme Officer	P-2	261 000
Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors		
Programme Officer	P-4	375 000
Sustainable wildlife management		
Programme Officer	P-3	318 000

<i>Thematic area</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Cost (US dollars)</i>
Invasive alien species		
Programme Assistant	GS	115 500
Biodiversity and health		
Programme Officer	P-3	318 000
Synthetic biology		
Programme Officer	P-2	261 000
Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties		
Programme Officer	P-4	375 000
Programme Officer	P-3	318 000
Associate Programme Officer	P-2	261 000
Programme Assistant	GS	115 500
Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations		
Programme Officer	P-3	318 000
Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties		
Programme Officer (4 posts)	P-3	1 272 000
Subtotal		5 973 000
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		776 490
Total		6 749 490

Abbreviations: GS, General Service; P, Professional.

Table 6

Resource requirements for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process, 2025–2026

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Meetings</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol ^a	2 925.9
Twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities ^b	1 811.1
Twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation ^b	2 249.1
Subtotal	6 986.1
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	908.2
Total	7 894.3

^a Three delegates funded from each eligible Party.

^b Two delegates funded from each eligible Party (meetings to be held back-to-back).

Table 7

Resource requirements for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, 2025–2026

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Description</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
Meetings	
Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol ^a	91.0
Twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities ^a	84.5
Twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation ^a	105.0
Subtotal	280.5
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	36.5
Total costs	317.0

^a Two participants funded from each region.

Annex

Contribution table for the General Trust Fund for the Convention, 2025–2026

Party	Scale of assessments (percentage)		Contributions (United States dollars)		
	2022–2024	Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent	2025	2026	2025–2026
Afghanistan	0.006	0.008	1 056	1 128	2 184
Albania	0.008	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Algeria	0.109	0.136	19 183	20 496	39 679
Andorra	0.005	0.006	880	940	1 820
Angola	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Argentina	0.719	0.899	126 540	135 198	261 738
Armenia	0.007	0.009	1 232	1 316	2 548
Australia	2.111	2.639	371 524	396 945	768 469
Austria	0.679	0.849	119 500	127 677	247 177
Azerbaijan	0.030	0.038	5 280	5 641	10 921
Bahamas	0.019	0.024	3 344	3 573	6 917
Bahrain	0.054	0.068	9 504	10 154	19 658
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Barbados	0.008	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Belarus	0.041	0.051	7 216	7 709	14 925
Belgium	0.828	1.035	145 723	155 694	301 418
Belize	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Benin	0.005	0.006	880	940	1 820
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.019	0.024	3 344	3 573	6 917
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.015	2 112	2 256	4 368
Botswana	0.015	0.019	2 640	2 821	5 460
Brazil	2.013	2.516	354 277	378 517	732 794
Brunei Darussalam	0.021	0.026	3 696	3 949	7 645
Bulgaria	0.056	0.070	9 856	10 530	20 386
Burkina Faso	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Burundi	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Cambodia	0.007	0.009	1 232	1 316	2 548
Cameroon	0.013	0.016	2 288	2 444	4 732
Canada	2.628	3.285	462 513	494 160	956 673
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Chad	0.003	0.004	528	564	1 092
Chile	0.420	0.525	73 918	78 975	152 893
China	15.254	19.069	2 684 619	2 868 309	5 552 928
Colombia	0.246	0.308	43 295	46 257	89 552
Comoros	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Congo	0.005	0.006	880	940	1 820
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Costa Rica	0.069	0.086	12 144	12 975	25 118
Côte d'Ivoire	0.022	0.028	3 872	4 137	8 009
Croatia	0.091	0.114	16 015	17 111	33 127
Cuba	0.095	0.119	16 719	17 863	34 583
Cyprus	0.036	0.045	6 336	6 769	13 105
Czechia	0.340	0.425	59 838	63 932	123 771
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	0.006	880	940	1 820
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912

<i>Party</i>	<i>Scale of assessments (percentage)</i>		<i>Contributions (United States dollars)</i>		
	<i>2022–2024</i>	<i>Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
Denmark	0.553	0.691	97 325	103 984	201 309
Djibouti	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Dominica	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Dominican Republic	0.067	0.084	11 792	12 598	24 390
Ecuador	0.077	0.096	13 552	14 479	28 030
Egypt	0.139	0.174	24 463	26 137	50 600
El Salvador	0.013	0.016	2 288	2 444	4 732
Equatorial Guinea	0.012	0.015	2 112	2 256	4 368
Eritrea	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Estonia	0.044	0.055	7 744	8 274	16 017
Eswatini	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
European Union	–	2.500	351 966	376 049	728 015
Fiji	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Finland	0.417	0.521	73 390	78 411	151 801
France	4.318	5.398	759 944	811 942	1 571 886
Gabon	0.013	0.016	2 288	2 444	4 732
Gambia	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Georgia	0.008	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Germany	6.111	7.639	1 075 502	1 149 091	2 224 593
Ghana	0.024	0.030	4 224	4 513	8 737
Greece	0.325	0.406	57 198	61 112	118 310
Grenada	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Guatemala	0.041	0.051	7 216	7 709	14 925
Guinea	0.003	0.004	528	564	1 092
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Guyana	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Haiti	0.006	0.008	1 056	1 128	2 184
Honduras	0.009	0.011	1 584	1 692	3 276
Hungary	0.228	0.285	40 127	42 872	82 999
Iceland	0.036	0.045	6 336	6 769	13 105
India	1.044	1.305	183 738	196 310	380 048
Indonesia	0.549	0.686	96 621	103 232	199 853
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.371	0.464	65 294	69 762	135 055
Iraq	0.128	0.160	22 527	24 069	46 596
Ireland	0.439	0.549	77 262	82 548	159 810
Israel	0.561	0.701	98 733	105 488	204 221
Italy	3.189	3.987	561 246	599 648	1 160 895
Jamaica	0.008	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Japan	8.033	10.042	1 413 763	1 510 497	2 924 260
Jordan	0.022	0.028	3 872	4 137	8 009
Kazakhstan	0.133	0.166	23 407	25 009	48 416
Kenya	0.030	0.038	5 280	5 641	10 921
Kiribati	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Kuwait	0.234	0.293	41 183	44 001	85 183
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.007	0.009	1 232	1 316	2 548
Latvia	0.050	0.063	8 800	9 402	18 202
Lebanon	0.036	0.045	6 336	6 769	13 105
Lesotho	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Liberia	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Libya	0.018	0.023	3 168	3 385	6 553
Liechtenstein	0.010	0.013	1 760	1 880	3 640

<i>Party</i>	<i>Scale of assessments (percentage)</i>		<i>Contributions (United States dollars)</i>		
	<i>2022–2024</i>	<i>Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
Lithuania	0.077	0.096	13 552	14 479	28 030
Luxembourg	0.068	0.085	11 968	12 786	24 754
Madagascar	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Malawi	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Malaysia	0.348	0.435	61 246	65 437	126 683
Maldives	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Mali	0.005	0.006	880	940	1 820
Malta	0.019	0.024	3 344	3 573	6 917
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Mauritania	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Mauritius	0.019	0.024	3 344	3 573	6 917
Mexico	1.221	1.526	214 889	229 593	444 482
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Monaco	0.011	0.014	1 936	2 068	4 004
Mongolia	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Montenegro	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Morocco	0.055	0.069	9 680	10 342	20 022
Mozambique	0.004	0.005	704	752	1 456
Myanmar	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Namibia	0.009	0.011	1 584	1 692	3 276
Nauru	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Nepal	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	1.377	1.721	242 344	258 926	501 271
New Zealand	0.309	0.386	54 382	58 103	112 486
Nicaragua	0.005	0.006	880	940	1 820
Niger	0.003	0.004	528	564	1 092
Nigeria	0.182	0.228	32 031	34 223	66 254
Niue	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
North Macedonia	0.007	0.009	1 232	1 316	2 548
Norway	0.679	0.849	119 500	127 677	247 177
Oman	0.111	0.139	19 535	20 872	40 407
Pakistan	0.114	0.143	20 063	21 436	41 500
Palau	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Panama	0.090	0.113	15 839	16 923	32 763
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.013	1 760	1 880	3 640
Paraguay	0.026	0.033	4 576	4 889	9 465
Peru	0.163	0.204	28 687	30 650	59 337
Philippines	0.212	0.265	37 311	39 864	77 175
Poland	0.837	1.046	147 307	157 387	304 694
Portugal	0.353	0.441	62 126	66 377	128 503
Qatar	0.269	0.336	47 343	50 582	97 924
Republic of Korea	2.574	3.218	453 010	484 006	937 016
Republic of Moldova	0.005	0.006	880	940	1 820
Romania	0.312	0.390	54 910	58 667	113 578
Russian Federation	1.866	2.333	328 406	350 876	679 282
Rwanda	0.003	0.004	528	564	1 092
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Saint Lucia	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Samoa	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
San Marino	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001	176	188	364

<i>Party</i>	<i>Scale of assessments (percentage)</i>		<i>Contributions (United States dollars)</i>		
	<i>2022–2024</i>	<i>Scale with a 22 per cent ceiling and no least developed countries paying more than 0.01 per cent</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2025–2026</i>
Saudi Arabia	1.184	1.480	208 377	222 635	431 013
Senegal	0.007	0.009	1 232	1 316	2 548
Serbia	0.032	0.040	5 632	6 017	11 649
Seychelles	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Singapore	0.504	0.630	88 701	94 770	183 472
Slovakia	0.155	0.194	27 279	29 146	56 425
Slovenia	0.079	0.099	13 904	14 855	28 758
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Somalia	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
South Africa	0.244	0.305	42 943	45 881	88 824
South Sudan	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Spain	2.134	2.668	375 572	401 270	776 842
Sri Lanka	0.045	0.056	7 920	8 462	16 381
State of Palestine	0.011	0.014	1 936	2 068	4 004
Sudan	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Suriname	0.003	0.004	528	564	1 092
Sweden	0.871	1.089	153 291	163 780	317 071
Switzerland	1.134	1.418	199 578	213 233	412 811
Syrian Arab Republic	0.009	0.011	1 584	1 692	3 276
Tajikistan	0.003	0.004	528	564	1 092
Thailand	0.368	0.460	64 766	69 197	133 963
Timor-Leste	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Togo	0.002	0.003	352	376	728
Tonga	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Trinidad and Tobago	0.037	0.046	6 512	6 957	13 469
Tunisia	0.019	0.024	3 344	3 573	6 917
Türkiye	0.845	1.056	148 715	158 891	307 606
Turkmenistan	0.034	0.043	5 984	6 393	12 377
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Uganda	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Ukraine	0.056	0.070	9 856	10 530	20 386
United Arab Emirates	0.635	0.794	111 756	119 403	231 160
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.375	5.469	769 976	822 660	1 592 635
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Uruguay	0.092	0.115	16 191	17 299	33 491
Uzbekistan	0.027	0.034	4 752	5 077	9 829
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001	176	188	364
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.175	0.219	30 799	32 906	63 705
Viet Nam	0.093	0.116	16 367	17 487	33 855
Yemen	0.008	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Zambia	0.008	0.010	1 408	1 504	2 912
Zimbabwe	0.007	0.009	1 232	1 316	2 548
Total	78.013	100	14 078 652	15 041 954	29 120 606