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# Overview of possible funding sources for the sound management of chemicals and waste

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## The process

- ICCM-4 (2015) → ICCM-5 (2020)



- Intersessional Process: IP 1- 4 → ICCM-5 (2023)
- IP-4: recommendations to forward to the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, with a view for ICCM-5 to adopt several resolutions.
- Virtual Working Group on financial considerations advanced on various aspects, among others: tracking development aid, identifying and accessing new potential sources of funding, mapping funding resources, mainstreaming national chemicals and waste priorities in the development planning processes of developing countries, integration of SMCW in bilateral and multilateral aid, importance of private sector involvement, etc.

# The study

## Background, Objective, Methodology

- Background:
  - Broad nature of the full life cycle world of chemicals calls for a comprehensive study;
  - Look, beyond the sector of environment, into other sustainability fields - health, labour, biodiversity, climate change, agriculture and food, sustainable consumption and production and human rights - if they are also relevant for funding
  
- Objective: identify and describe the entities that may provide financial support to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in order to address their challenges with the sound management of chemicals and waste
  
- Methodology:
  - Internet search of entities that are operating in the fields above, development and finance;
  - Verification of unclear or incomplete information occasionally through phone calls, email communications and interviews;
  - General form per entity;
  - Excel file

# The study

## Individual forms

- General description of the organisation
- What can be funded
- Overall budget of the funding source and
- Specific budget line related to SMCW?
- Type of funding
- Maximum amount of funding
- Maximum funding period
- Who can be funded
- Selection criteria
- Application process
- Special requirements
- Where can the information be found

**UNEP SPECIAL PROGRAMME**

Special Programme on Institutional Strengthening for the Chemicals Cluster

Description

The Special Programme, also known as the Chemicals and Waste Management Programme, provides support to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to enhance their sustainable institutional capacity to develop, adopt, monitor and enforce policy, legislation and regulation for effective frameworks for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention and SAICM.

The Trust Fund for the Special Programme is open to receive voluntary contributions for seven years from the date it was established, in September 2015.

Topics/activities/ measures funded

Institutional strengthening at the national level, in the context of an integrated approach to address the sustainable financing of sound management of chemicals and wastes. Activities that fall outside the mandate of the Global Environment Facility.

Overall budget and specifics

Approved budget (24 May 2022): 18,11 million USD.

Type of funding

Grants:

Maximum funding amount for individual activities

50,000-250,000 USD per project proposal, including possible administration fees and monitoring and evaluation and financial audit. In certain circumstances, an applicant country may request up to a maximum of 500,000 USD. Projects requesting more than US\$ 250,000 should fulfil specific criteria (see Scope of Special Programme).

Maximum funding period

Projects should be fully completed within three years.

Who can be funded

Developing countries that are Parties to any one of the relevant conventions or have demonstrated that they are in the process of preparing for ratification of any one of the

conventions, taking into account the special needs of least developed countries and small island developing States, and for countries with economies in transition, with priority given to those with least capacity. Countries should also be on the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list of Official Development Assistance (ODA) at the time of application.

Selection criteria

See Scope of Special Programme.

Application process

The sixth round of applications is now open to receive applications through to 12 August 2022. Applications must include:

- The duly signed [Project application form](#)
- A [project budget form](#)
- Endorsement letter from the Official focal point
- Letters of support from the project partners confirming its/their role(s)
- Projects with an implementing organization/institution, a letter from the organization/institution confirming its role (if relevant)
- Annexes providing any relevant additional information regarding the measures and activities to be funded

Required information

Identification of the associated domestic measures to be taken to ensure that the national institutional capacity supported by the Special Programme is sustainable in the long term.

References

General Information: <https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/special-programme>  
 Scope of the Special Programme: <https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/39717/GSSP6.pdf>  
 Applying for funding: <https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/special-programme/applying-funding-through-special>  
 Special Programme Application Guidelines: <https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/39714/SPAG6.pdf>

# The study Excel File

- Partial view of general sheet (with selected organisations):
- Name of organisation
- Type of organisation
- Target countries/region
- Topics funded
- Overall budget
- Specific budget
- Maximum funding amount
- Maximum funding period
- Who can be funded
- Selection criteria
- Application procedure

Type	OSB	ADB	DBS	ADB	UNEP	OSB	OSB	OSB	OSB	OSB	OSB	OSB
<b>Sustainability field</b>	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance	Development finance
<b>Target country/region</b>	Asia	Asia	Latin America	Latin America	Green economy	Global	Global	Global	Global	Global	Global	Global
<b>Specific/sectorial measures funded</b>	Waste management Waste water management Plastics	Waste management Waste water management Plastics	Circular economy Waste management	Waste management	Green economy	Health Water Food security Employment and ecosystem services	Health Waste Food security Employment and ecosystem services	Health Waste Food security Employment and ecosystem services	Health Waste Food security Employment and ecosystem services	Health Waste Food security Employment and ecosystem services	Health Waste Food security Employment and ecosystem services	Health Waste Food security Employment and ecosystem services
<b>Overall budget</b>	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD	2023-2024: 19 billion USD
<b>Specific budget</b>	Spain Finance Framework 2019-2024: 3 billion USD	African Development Fund: 2021: 2,000 billion USD 2022: 1,517 billion USD 2023: 1,596 billion USD										
<b>Type of funding</b>	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants	Loans Grants
<b>Maximum funding amount for individual activities?</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Who can be funded?</b>	ADB developing member countries	Regional member countries for general operations, ACP2 and ACP4										
<b>Application process</b>	Website	Contact person via website	See GEF Management Policies									

## The study

### Preliminary conclusions

Based on reviewing websites of 46 entities:

- information shows mandate and work, but is rarely conceived as a tool to access resources;
- lack of detail and clarity doesn't allow to estimate funding available for SMCW;
- types of funding are usually indicated, but can vary a lot in the details, especially for the non-grant funding;
- geographical destination of the funding is normally fairly obvious;
- while it is clear which countries can access the funding, there is no uniform way of designating those countries, and the detail of the in-country recipients is often little specified;
- application procedures for accessing the funding are entity-specific and vary considerably;
- sustainability fields used are relevant for obtaining financial information, with the exception of sustainable consumption and production and human rights, for which there is no direct evidence so far. Fields for development and development finance have been added.

## Possible action by IP-4

Should IP-4 find the objective of the present study useful, it may consider preparing guidance for the consideration of the Fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management on:

- developing an inventory of possible funding sources for the sound management of chemicals and waste, based on the present study;
- identifying and inviting an entity to develop the inventory and be its custodian;
- inviting the different categories of stakeholders to cooperate in expanding, improving and fine-tuning the information to be contained in the inventory;
- making the inventory publicly available as a practical tool for countries to access the possible funding sources for the sound management of chemicals and waste.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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