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Postponed to 8-12 March 2021¹

BILATERAL COOPERATION

1. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies, and whether these are eligible in light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2020 or 2018-2020 triennium. It cross-references relevant meeting documents that include a discussion on the bilateral requests, and contains the recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation.

Overview

2. Ten projects with a value of US \$4,919,882 have been submitted by four bilateral agencies as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Projects for bilateral cooperation submitted to the 86th meeting

Agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs (US \$)	Amount recommended (US \$)	Document
Australia	Region: Asia and the Pacific	HCFC phase-out management plan for Pacific Island countries through regional approach (stage II, first tranche)	375,000	48,603	423,603	(1)
Subtotal			375,000	48,603	423,603	
France	Kenya	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche)	616,500	71,310	687,810	(2)
Subtotal			616,500	71,310	687,810	
Germany	Brazil	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, fourth tranche)	1,004,545	111,800	1,116,345	(3)
Germany	Burkina Faso	Preparation of an HFC phase-down plan	150,000	19,500	169,500*	Present document

¹ Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

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Agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs (US \$)	Amount recommended (US \$)	Document
Germany	India	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, third tranche)	1,500,000	167,941	1,667,941	(4)
Germany	Islamic Republic of Iran	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, third tranche)	285,009	32,417	317,426	(5)
Germany	Mauritius	Preparation of an HFC phase-down plan	150,000	19,500	169,500*	Present document
Germany	Mauritius	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fifth tranche)	161,300	19,458	180,758	(6)
Germany	Zimbabwe	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fifth tranche)	56,000	6,699	62,699	(7)
Subtotal			3,306,854	377,315	3,684,169	
Japan	Mongolia	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	110,000	14,300	124,300	(8)
Subtotal			110,000	14,300	124,300	
Total			4,408,354	511,528	4,919,882	

*Individual consideration

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/67

(2) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/57

(3) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/41

(4) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/54

(5) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/55

(6) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/60

(7) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/82

(8) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/61

Allowable level of bilateral cooperation

3. The amount of funding being requested by the Governments of Australia, France, and Japan at the 86th meeting, together with the funding amount that have been approved during the year 2020, does not exceed the 20 per cent allowable level of bilateral cooperation for 2020; however, the amount requested by the Government of Germany at the 86th meeting if added to the amount approved so far during the 2018-2020 triennium would exceed its 20 per cent allowable level by US \$597,680 for the triennium as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Funding levels as bilateral cooperation during the 2018-2020 triennium (US \$)

Agency	Funding			Allowable level	Year of assignment
	Approved	86 th meeting	Total		
Australia	0	423,603	423,603	3,533,800	2020
France	139,555	687,810	827,365	7,347,300	2020
Germany	6,574,311	3,684,169	10,258,480	9,660,800	2018-2020
Japan	275,697	124,300	399,997	14,637,100	2020

4. Taking into account balances returned by the Government of Germany during the triennium and that the funding requests for preparation of HFC phase-down plans will only be considered at the postponed 86th meeting in March 2021, and assuming that the Executive Committee approves all other projects submitted by the Government, there remains an amount of about US \$115,000 above the allowable level. The Government of Germany has been informed of this issue and has been requested to consider shifting

tranches of approved multi-year agreements in order to stay within the 20 per cent of the pledge, in accordance with its previous practice, without any implication on the implementation of the tranches.

Burkina Faso and Mauritius: Project preparation for HFC phase-down management plans

Project description

5. The Government of Germany submitted a request for the preparation of the HFC phase-down management plans for two countries (Burkina Faso and Mauritius) as the designated implementing agency at the funding level of US \$150,000, plus agency support costs of US \$19,500 for each country.

Secretariat's comments

6. As the designated implementing agency, the Government of Germany submitted a description of the activities required for the preparation of an overarching strategy for both countries, information related to estimated imports of HFCs and HFC blends; activities to be implemented during project preparation including the analysis of sectoral distribution and consumption of HFCs; stakeholder meetings and consultations; HFC phase-down strategy development, and technical support to finalize the phase-down plan. The amount requested for funding the project preparation was based on the HCFC baseline consumption (i.e., Burkina Faso, 28.9 ODP tonnes and Mauritius, 8.0 ODP tonnes) and used the eligible funding level for countries with that baseline for enabling activities.²

7. While noting that the Executive Committee is yet to agree on guidelines for funding the project preparation of HFC phase-down management plans, the Secretariat nevertheless reviewed the submission based on past experience analyzing similar project preparation requests for HPMPs, and taking into account guidance and policies provided by the Executive Committee for such projects.

8. Based on this review, it was noted that Burkina Faso and Mauritius had ratified the Kigali Amendment on 26 July 2018 and 1 October 2019, respectively, and that the activities described in the proposals are similar to those required to prepare HPMPs. Some activities also resembled those included under the enabling activities for HFC phase-down for which funding had already been provided. The Government of Germany clarified that the request for project preparation would draw on the activities implemented under the enabling activities, as these were the first actions associated with the phase-down of HFCs and had contributed to the ratification of the Kigali Amendment in each country, and emphasized that duplication of activities already implemented will be avoided.

9. The Secretariat informed the Government of Germany that it will be unable to make a recommendation on this request as guidelines on funding these requests will be discussed at the 86th meeting.

Secretariat's recommendations

10. The Executive Committee may wish to consider, in line with discussions under agenda item 9(a), Overview of issues identified during project review, and agenda item 13(c), Draft guidelines for the preparation of HFC phase-down plans for Article 5 countries (decision 84/54(a)), the requests for project preparation of HFC phase-down management plan for Burkina Faso and Mauritius listed in Table 1.

General recommendation

11. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 86th meeting as follows:

² Decision 79/46(c)

- (a) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Australia for 2020;
 - (b) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of France for 2020;
 - (c) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Germany for 2018-2020; and
 - (d) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Japan for 2020.
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