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BILATERAL COOPERATION

Introduction

1. This document provides an overview of requests from three bilateral agencies and whether these are eligible considering the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2024 or the triennium 2024-2026. It cross-references the relevant meeting documents which include the discussion on the bilateral requests and contains the recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation.

Overview

2. Eleven projects at a total cost of US \$4,501,291 have been submitted to the 95th meeting as shown in table 1.

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Table 1. Projects for bilateral cooperation submitted to the 95th meeting

Bilateral agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs requested (US \$)	Amount recommended* (US \$)	Considered under
Australia	Pacific Island Countries	Regional HCFC phase-out management plan for Pacific Island Countries (stage II, second tranche)	135,000	17,497	152,497	95/71
Australia	Pacific Island Countries	Regional HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II): Additional activities to maintain energy efficiency in the refrigeration servicing sector (decision 89/6)	247,000	27,170	274,170	95/71
Australia	Pacific Island Countries	Regional Kigali HFC implementation plan for Pacific Island Countries (stage I, first tranche)	295,000	38,350	333,350	95/71**
Subtotal			677,000	83,017	760,017	
Germany	Nigeria	Preparation of an HCFC phase-out management plan (stage IV) (Overarching)	20,000	2,600	22,600	95/35
Germany	Senegal	Preparation of national inventory of banks of waste-controlled substances and development of a national plan for management of these substances (decision 91/66)	90,000	11,700	101,700	Present document
Germany	India	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III, second tranche)	2,140,772	238,564	2,379,336	95/58**
Germany	Mauritius	Kigali HFC implementation plan (stage I, first tranche)	169,000	21,970	116,390	95/65**
Germany	Mexico	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III, first tranche) (PMU)	30,000	2,100	0	95/66**
Germany	Mexico	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III, first tranche)	520,000	36,400	337,000	95/66**
Germany	Colombia	Kigali HFC implementation plan (stage I, first tranche)	264,870	18,541	292,472	95/48**
Subtotal			3,234,642	331,875	3,249,498	
United Kingdom	Uganda	Demonstration of energy-efficient ultra-low-GWP technology in a supermarket (decision 91/65)	498,200	64,766	491,776	95/80**
Subtotal			498,200	64,766	491,776	
Total			4,409,842	479,658	4,501,291	

*Including support costs

** For individual consideration

Allowable level of bilateral cooperation

3. The amount of funding being requested by the Governments of Australia, Germany, and the United Kingdom, together with the funding approved for their requests in 2024, do not exceed the 20 per cent allowable level of bilateral cooperation as shown in table 2.

Table 2. Funding levels as bilateral cooperation for 2024-2026 (US \$)

Agency	Funding			Allowable level 2024-2026 triennium
	Approved 2024-2026	Requested 95 th meeting	Total	
Australia	0	760,017	760,017	3,759,769
Germany	6,870,648	3,249,498	10,120,146	10,883,917
United Kingdom	67,800	491,776	559,576	7,792,037

Bilateral requests

Preparation of an HCFC phase-out management plan

Project description

4. The Government of Germany submitted a request for the preparation of stage IV of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for Nigeria as the cooperating implementing agency, with UNDP as the lead implementing agency, as shown in table 1.

5. UNDP, as the lead implementing agency for stage IV of the HPMP for Nigeria, has requested US \$50,000, plus agency support costs of US \$3,500 and has provided a description of the activities required for the project preparation and the corresponding costs of each activity in its work programme amendments for 2024;² the Secretariat's comments are also included therein.

Secretariat's recommendation

6. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval for project preparation for stage IV of the HCFC phase-out management plan for Nigeria at the level of funding shown in table 1.

Preparation of a national inventory of banks of used or unwanted controlled substances and a plan for the collection, transport, and disposal of such substances³

Project description

7. The Government of Germany submitted a request for the preparation of a national inventory of banks of used or unwanted controlled substances and plan for Senegal as the designated implementing agency, as shown in table 1.

Secretariat's comments

8. In reviewing the request, the Secretariat took into account the criteria for the preparation of a national inventory of banks of used or unwanted controlled substances and plan in decision 91/66; the activities proposed for project preparation and their connection with national phase-out/phase-down plans (i.e., HPMP or KIP) in the country. The Secretariat noted that the funding request is in line with decision 91/66, and that as designated implementing agency, the Government of Germany provided a

² Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/35

³ Herein referred to as preparation of a national inventory of banks of used or unwanted controlled substances and plan.

description of the activities required for the preparation of a national inventory of banks of used or unwanted controlled substances and plan for Senegal and the corresponding costs for each activity, using the relevant submission form for the project proposal.

9. The preparation activities included the preparation of the national inventory, action plan and final report; consultations with relevant stakeholders; data collection and analysis on quantities of used or unwanted refrigerants from the identified types and sources of equipment; and gender mainstreaming considerations. The ODS bank inventory will complement the ongoing efforts of green cities, a concept currently being implemented by the Government of Senegal that includes activities on energy efficiency and waste management. The Government of Germany confirmed that the final report, highlighting the lessons learned, the results of the inventories, and the national action plan will be submitted no later than six months after the completion of the project.

Secretariat's recommendation

10. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval for the preparation of a national inventory of banks of used or unwanted controlled substances and a plan for the collection, transport, and disposal of such substances for Senegal at the level of funding shown in table 1.

Recommendation

11. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 95th meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Australia for 2024-2026;
- (b) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Germany for 2024-2026; and
- (c) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for 2024-2026.