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PROGRESS REPORT OF UNEP AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**Introduction**

1. This document presents the progress report of UNEP as at 31 December 2023.²
2. The progress report of UNEP includes the status of implementation of projects, including 79 HFC-related projects that have been funded under the additional voluntary contributions by 17 non-Article 5 Parties to provide fast-start support for implementation of the Kigali Amendment.
3. 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 2023, the potential impact of these delays on the phase-out of controlled substances and the rate of planned disbursements. The analysis contained in the present document is based on ODP tonnes for all controlled substances except for HFCs, which are measured in metric tonnes (mt) and CO₂-eq tonnes.³
4. This document consists of the following sections:
 - I. Projects approved for all controlled substances under the regular contributions to the Multilateral Fund. It presents a summary of progress in implementation of projects for 2023 and cumulative since 1991 addressing all controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol, including Annex F substances (HFCs). It also contains a review on the status of implementation of each ongoing⁴ project at the country level. It identifies projects with

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/1

² The progress report is attached to the present document. The data has been included in the Consolidated Progress Report database, which is provided on the 95th meeting portal on the Multilateral Fund's website, in the spreadsheet programme, Microsoft Excel.

³ In line with decision 84/12(a)(iv), the measurement for HFCs in CO₂-eq tonnes is included in the progress reports submitted to the 95th meeting.

⁴ Ongoing projects are all projects that were under implementation as at 31 December 2023. Key indicators of progress include percentage of funds disbursed and percentage of projects that have begun disbursing funds; funding expected

implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and projects with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee.

II. Projects approved for Annex F substances (HFCs) under the additional voluntary contributions for fast-start support for HFC phase-down.

III. Recommendation.

I. Projects approved for all controlled substances under the regular contributions to the Multilateral Fund

I.1 Progress in implementation of projects for 2023 and cumulative since 1991

5. As of 31 December 2023, the Executive Committee had approved US \$445.37 million in projects for UNEP, consisting of US \$411.83 million for the implementation of investment and non-investment projects, and US \$33.55 million for agency support costs, as shown in table 1.

Table 1. Approved funding by sector for UNEP as at 31 December 2023

Sector	Funding (US \$)
Aerosol	882,689
Destruction	950,040
Energy efficiency	1,292,000
Halon	767,640
HFC phase-down plan	7,498,715
Fumigants	2,614,366
Phase-out plan	79,498,943
Refrigeration	13,856,016
Several	304,266,763
Solvents	198,860
Sub-total	411,826,032
Agency support costs	33,545,445
Total	445,371,477

6. In 2023, 128 new projects and activities were approved. This level of funding is expected to result in the phase-out of 2,509 ODP tonnes of consumption of ODS and 348.2 mt (678,918 CO₂-eq tonnes) of consumption of HFCs. Annex I shows the status of project implementation per country in 2023.

7. Table 2 shows the status of project implementation including fund disbursement per project type as at 31 December 2023. Annex II presents analytical information per year since 1991.

Table 2. Status of project implementation by type as at 31 December 2023

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	5	3	60	778,845	542,845	236,000	70
Institutional strengthening (IS)	1,012	910	90	90,204,244	75,085,868	15,118,376	83
Investment	5	3	60	634,500	498,112	136,388	79
Project preparation	323	260	80	17,006,088	11,695,886	5,310,202	69
Technical assistance	1,212	1,049	87	285,963,223	253,244,455	32,718,768	89

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.

Type	Number of projects*			Funding (US \$)**			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
Training	196	196	100	14,292,557	14,292,557	0	100
Total	2,847	2,515	88	411,826,032	358,306,297	53,519,735	87

* Excludes closed and transferred projects.

** Excludes agency support costs.

8. Implementation of projects and activities by UNEP for 2023 and cumulative since 1991 up to 31 December 2023, is summarized as follows:

- (a) **Phase-out:**⁵ In 2023, zero ODP tonnes of ODS were phased out⁶ and an additional 95.3 ODP tonnes of consumption of ODS and 340.5 mt (659,025 CO₂-eq tonnes) of consumption of HFCs were approved for phase-out. Since 1991, 1,575 ODP tonnes of consumption of ODS had been phased out,⁷ of an expected total of 2,509 ODP tonnes of ODS from projects approved (excluding cancelled and transferred projects);
- (b) **Disbursements/approvals:** In 2023, US \$20.09 million was disbursed and US \$24.69 million was planned for disbursement based on the 2022 progress report, representing a rate of disbursement of 81 per cent of that planned. Cumulatively, US \$358.31 million had been disbursed out of the total US \$411.83 million approved for disbursement (excluding agency support costs), representing a rate of disbursement of 87 per cent. In 2023, US \$28.35 million was approved for implementation;
- (c) **Number of projects completed:** In 2023, 116 projects were completed. Since 1991, 2,515 projects of the 2,847 projects approved (excluding closed or transferred projects) were completed, representing a completion rate of 88 per cent;
- (d) **Speed of delivery – non-investment projects:** Projects that were completed in 2023 were completed on average 37 months after their approval. Since 1991, the average time for completion of non-investment projects has been 37 months after their approval. First disbursements under these projects occurred, on average, 12 months after they had been approved;
- (e) **Project preparation:** Of the 323 project preparation activities approved by the end of 2023, 260 have been completed, leaving 63 ongoing activities. In 2023, 24 project preparation activities have been completed;
- (f) **Implementation delays:** A total of 332 projects were under implementation at the end of 2023, experiencing, on average, a delay of seven months. Thirty-one of these projects are classified as “projects with implementation delays”⁸ that are subject to the procedures of project cancellation (as demonstration projects, project preparation and IS are not subject to those procedures); and
- (g) **Multi-year agreements (MYAs):** In 2023, 92 MYAs for HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) and 14 Kigali HFC implementation plans (KIPs) were under implementation. Since 1991, 270 MYAs have been approved and 164 MYAs have been completed, representing a completion rate of 61 per cent.

⁵ Phase-out of ODS is expressed in ODP tonnes and of HFCs in mt and CO₂-eq tonnes.

⁶ No phase-out for HFC-related projects in 2023.

⁷ No phase-out so far for HFC-related projects.

⁸ Projects approved over 18 months with disbursement less than 1 per cent, or projects that had not been completed 12 months after the proposed completion date in the progress report (decision 22/61).

9. Table 3 summarizes progress made by UNEP since 1991.

Table 3. Progress made by UNEP since 1991

Phase out achieved		Disbursement (US \$)	Number of projects		Speed of delivery for completion for non-investment projects (months)	Average project delays (months)	Number of MYAs	
ODP tonnes*	CO ₂ -eq tonnes		Approved	Completed			Approved	Completed
1,575	0	358,306,297	2,847	2,515	37	7	270	164

*Consumption of ODS.

HFC-related projects

10. As of 31 December 2023, the Executive Committee had approved 92 HFC-related projects (including two demonstration projects, 57 project preparation activities and 33 technical assistance projects) under regular contributions amounting to US \$10,354,991 (excluding agency support costs). A summary of the status of these projects is presented in table 4 and the respective data has already been included in paragraphs 5 to 9.

Table 4. HFC-related projects approved under regular contributions

Type	Number of projects			Funding (US \$)*			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
Demonstration	2	0	0	236,000	0	236,000	0
Project preparation	57	15	26	6,107,000	1,722,204	4,384,796	28
Technical assistance**	33	13	39	4,011,991	1,765,796	2,246,195	44
Total	92	28	30	10,354,991	3,488,000	6,866,992	34

* Excludes agency support costs.

** 348.2 mt (678,918 CO₂-eq tonnes) of HFCs was approved for phase-out.

11. As of the end of 2023, of the 92 projects, 15 project preparation activities and 13 technical assistance projects have been completed, leaving 64 ongoing. Fourteen of the 33 technical assistance projects are for enabling activities. Thirteen of the 14 enabling activities have been completed. Extension of the completion date was approved for the remaining enabling activity, which is expected to be completed in 2024. The remaining ongoing activities are at various stages of implementation.

12. Of the total cumulative funding approved of US \$10,354,991 (excluding agency support costs), US \$3,488,000 had been disbursed, representing a disbursement rate of 34 per cent.

I.2 Issues identified in project implementation in 2023

13. Further to the review process, several issues were discussed and satisfactorily addressed, except for issues on 31 projects classified as projects with implementation delays (including 27 projects related to components of MYAs that are subject to procedures for project cancellation, in line with decision 84/45(c); and four technical assistance projects). Annex III to the present document presents those projects classified with implementation delays, and the Secretariat's recommendations requesting the submission of a report to the 96th meeting.

14. In addition, issues have been identified regarding tranches of MYAs for the phase-out of HCFCs; renewal of IS projects; and preparation of HPMPs. These issues are also presented in annex III. 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.

15. Details of progress in implementation of projects associated with the HPMPs for Algeria,⁹ Bahrain,¹⁰ Bhutan,¹¹ Burundi,¹² Chile,¹³ China (refrigeration servicing sector),¹⁴ the Congo,¹⁵ Dominica,¹⁶ Ghana,¹⁷ Guinea-Bissau,¹⁸ India,¹⁹ Iraq,²⁰ Kuwait,²¹ Nepal,²² the Pacific Island countries,²³ Pakistan,²⁴ Peru,²⁵ Rwanda,²⁶ and Uganda,²⁷ and reports on projects with specific reporting requirements²⁸ associated with Maldives (additional activities to maintain energy efficiency for the servicing sector under decision 89/6(b)) and Mauritania (HPMP), have been submitted to the 95th meeting. Recommendations for outstanding issues for these projects, including approval of extension requests, if any, are addressed in the relevant sections of those documents. The issues relating to the HPMPs for Afghanistan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Guyana, Haiti, Senegal, South Sudan, and Syrian Arab Republic, tranches of which were due at the 95th meeting but were not submitted, and El Salvador,²⁹ a tranche of which was submitted to the 95th meeting but subsequently withdrawn, are addressed in the document on tranche submission delays.³⁰ Outstanding issues for the remaining ongoing projects not included in annex III to the present document, and requests for cancellation, are addressed below.

16. Of the 167 ongoing projects, excluding IS and project preparation, 48 projects have revised planned dates of completion since the 2022 progress report.

17. In line with decision 82/11(c)(ii), the Secretariat noted that renewal of IS projects had not been submitted for the last two years for eight Article 5 countries namely, Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Grenada, Namibia, Nauru, Myanmar, the Sudan, and Suriname. These projects have large remaining balances due to slow progress in implementation for various reasons including political situation. UNEP informed that it has been providing assistance to those countries and is planning to submit those renewal requests by 2025, except for the case of Myanmar, which will be subject to the political situation and the resumption of activities in the country.

18. Regarding the HPMP for Haiti, UNEP informed the Secretariat that there had not been any progress for more than two years in terms of submission of the tranche request; further, no extension of the project's completion date was approved. After consultations with UNEP, it was agreed that the request for the

⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/39

¹⁰ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/41

¹¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/43

¹² UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/44

¹³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/46

¹⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/47

¹⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/49

¹⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/51

¹⁷ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/54

¹⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/56

¹⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/58

²⁰ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/59

²¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/62

²² UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/69

²³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/71 (the Cook Islands, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu)

²⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/72

²⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/73

²⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/74

²⁷ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/80

²⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/20 or UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/21

²⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/52

³⁰ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/24

remaining third and fourth tranches of stage I of the HPMP would not be submitted and that the HPMP would be cancelled, noting that funds from the previous tranches had been fully disbursed.

Gender mainstreaming³¹

19. In order to help national ozone units implement the Multilateral Fund's operational policy on gender mainstreaming, several products and initiatives were delivered under the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) in 2023, such as the Guidebook on Mainstreaming Gender in the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol and the International Network of Women in Cooling. They are designed to support and complement gender mainstreaming activities organized as part of CAP regional activities and national project preparation and implementation.

20. In projects implemented by UNEP, gender mainstreaming activities and the use of indicators vary and depend upon the project type. In the case of IS projects, gender-related activities and indicators are systematically included in line with the revised IS renewal format, in accordance with decision 91/63. Coordination and stakeholder consultations on gender mainstreaming issues are conducted under the IS projects. Additionally, some countries use the IS funding to engage a gender expert for a deeper gender assessment and the preparation of a gender mainstreaming roadmap.

21. For tranches of HPMPs, UNEP continues to provide support and assist countries in systematically collecting and reporting on sex-disaggregated data about trainings and events. The implementation of, and reporting on, approved project activities include a gender aspect (i.e. training session exclusively for female technicians, scholarships for female technicians, technical training on flammable refrigerants for female technicians under Germany implementation, or adding gender-related sessions to workshops for importers, training of RAC technicians, among others). In the case of new stages of HPMPs, gender-related data and gender mainstreaming activities are more systematically included in their proposals. The increased variety of activities focusing on women in different groups of stakeholders is noticeable in the project documents. For new stages of KIPs, countries are conducting gender assessments as part of the KIP preparation activities. All KIP strategies include gender considerations in line with decision 92/40, which are complementary to any gender mainstreaming activities already planned under the HPMPs.

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

22. As of 31 December 2023, the Executive Committee had approved 79 HFC-related projects under the additional voluntary contributions amounting to US \$7,515,807 (excluding agency support costs). A summary of the status of these projects is presented in table 5.

Table 5. Status of approved HFC-related projects as of the end of 2023

Type	Number of projects			Funding (US \$)*			
	Approved	Completed	% completed	Approved	Disbursed	Balance	% disbursed
Technical assistance – Enabling activities	79	79	100	7,515,807	7,381,111	134,696	98

* Excludes agency support costs.

23. As of the end of 2023, all 79 enabling activities approved had been completed.

³¹ The Executive Committee requested bilateral and implementing agencies to provide a brief report on key gender mainstreaming results achieved as part of their annual progress reports, as of 2023, on the basis of the information available to them (decision 90/48(d)).

24. Of the total cumulative funding approved of US \$7,515,807, US \$7,381,111 had been disbursed, representing a disbursement rate of 98 per cent.

III. Recommendation

25. The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the progress report of UNEP as at 31 December 2023 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/17;
- (b) To cancel stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan for Haiti; and
- (c) To approve the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues contained in annex III to the present document.

Annex I

**OVERVIEW OF STATUS OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR UNEP
PER COUNTRY FOR 2023**

1. Table 1 of annex I presents the status of project implementation by country for 2023 in planned and achieved disbursements and project completion.

Table 1. Status of project implementation by UNEP for 2023

Country	Estimated funds disbursed in 2023 (US\$)	Funds disbursed in 2023 (US\$)	Percentage of funds disbursed over estimation in 2023	Percentage of planned projects completed in 2023*
Afghanistan	278,936	0	0	0
Albania	74,796	183,504	245	100
Algeria	115,315	0	0	
Angola	126,211	172,032	136	0
Antigua and Barbuda	36,000	25,000	69	0
Armenia	40,800	53,190	130	0
Bahamas (the)	115,575	111,504	96	100
Bahrain	106,575	259,378	243	
Bangladesh	229,535	128,485	56	0
Barbados	150,087	61,586	41	100
Belize	98,769	144,880	147	100
Benin	98,550	108,092	110	100
Bhutan	54,413	29,735	55	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	68,970	33,227	48	0
Botswana	297,563	80,216	27	80
Brunei Darussalam	156,018	80,663	52	0
Burkina Faso	40,611	47,684	117	100
Burundi	51,000	84,795	166	100
Cabo Verde	146,300	2,845	2	
Cambodia	137,848	211,784	154	100
Cameroon	107,161	178,601	167	100
Chad	97,100	149,796	154	
Chile	123,368	121,152	98	100
China	1,539,222	1,653,207	107	33
Colombia	45,000	47,978	107	100
Comoros (the)	73,089	7,438	10	50
Congo (the)	53,780	0	0	67
Cook Islands (the)	125,123	37,002	30	0
Cote d'Ivoire	221,654	216,592	98	100
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	49,000	6,509	13	
Djibouti	83,850	20,905	25	0
Dominica	171,814	105,895	62	0
Dominican Republic (the)	39,251	65,418	167	100
Egypt	91,000	104,200	115	
El Salvador	51,100	22,664	44	
Equatorial Guinea	91,404	0	0	33
Eritrea	50,000	45,000	90	100
Eswatini	114,000	130,000	114	100
Ethiopia	173,605	80,000	46	
Fiji	126,277	88,803	70	50
Gabon	75,841	42,596	56	100

Country	Estimated funds disbursed in 2023 (US\$)	Funds disbursed in 2023 (US\$)	Percentage of funds disbursed over estimation in 2023	Percentage of planned projects completed in 2023*
Gambia (the)	136,850	155,695	114	67
Ghana	75,399	171,700	228	100
Grenada	113,717	10,100	9	33
Guatemala	119,971	103,773	86	50
Guinea	81,028	31,395	39	100
Guinea-Bissau	73,922	28,398	38	33
Guyana	85,096	73,977	87	67
Honduras	44,438	24,240	55	100
India	357,568	67,216	19	0
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	180,560	141,669	78	0
Iraq	182,661	198,953	109	100
Jamaica	60,183	30,433	51	
Kenya	101,446	101,446	100	
Kiribati	181,084	35,091	19	50
Kuwait	349,680	120,432	34	100
Kyrgyzstan	87,491	110,948	127	100
Lao People's Democratic Republic (the)	227,628	172,412	76	20
Lesotho	84,350	105,253	125	0
Liberia	50,694	45,823	90	100
Madagascar	24,000	53,523	223	
Malawi	103,312	219,613	213	100
Maldives	85,124	46,476	55	0
Mali	10,728	15,150	141	0
Marshall Islands (the)	129,603	44,553	34	0
Mauritania	55,350	93,000	168	
Mauritius	51,000	85,000	167	100
Mexico	28,970	59,404	205	100
Micronesia (Federated States of)	145,008	55,471	38	0
Mongolia	146,983	140,545	96	33
Mozambique	109,604	77,083	70	100
Myanmar	127,170	33,256	26	0
Namibia	122,400	35,350	29	0
Nauru	90,270	2,660	3	0
Nepal	155,050	54,016	35	0
Nicaragua	68,983	103,587	150	100
Niger (the)	105,350	97,562	93	
Nigeria	34,800	57,570	165	100
Niue	51,585	0	0	50
Oman	64,002	70,000	109	
Pakistan	281,289	206,320	73	33
Palau	131,715	43,525	33	50
Paraguay	73,835	78,108	106	0
Peru	146,637	80,835	55	100
Philippines (the)	81,329	132,641	163	100
Qatar	88,697	50,000	56	
Republic of Moldova (the)	46,526	64,848	139	100
Rwanda	149,100	150,300	101	67
Saint Kitts and Nevis	88,084	28,887	33	33
Saint Lucia	127,891	113,796	89	100
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	158,264	80,484	51	33
Samoa	133,360	54,736	41	50

Country	Estimated funds disbursed in 2023 (US\$)	Funds disbursed in 2023 (US\$)	Percentage of funds disbursed over estimation in 2023	Percentage of planned projects completed in 2023*
Sao Tome and Principe	114,508	90,828	79	67
Saudi Arabia	229,020	113,567	50	100
Senegal	195,895	104,854	54	50
Serbia	27,283	20,100	74	100
Seychelles	70,350	56,200	80	
Sierra Leone	169,895	45,000	26	100
Solomon Islands	168,914	25,011	15	0
Somalia	68,850	95,100	138	100
South Sudan	75,675	127	0	100
Sri Lanka	127,349	42,876	34	0
Sudan (the)	112,021	0	0	0
Suriname	59,337	43,850	74	50
Syrian Arab Republic	280,206	11,082	4	0
Timor-Leste	66,634	76,260	114	100
Togo	77,150	78,536	102	
Tonga	123,206	0	0	50
Turkmenistan	58,368	73,697	126	100
Tuvalu	75,929	6,304	8	50
Uganda	106,250	119,795	113	100
United Republic of Tanzania (the)	118,850	29,795	25	
Vanuatu	159,361	61,022	38	0
Viet Nam	76,658	94,194	123	100
Yemen	101,999	169,985	167	100
Zambia	146,100	177,945	122	50
Zimbabwe	162,850	270,995	166	100
Region: ASP	410,992	207,152	50	
Global	9,568,417	8,975,030	94	100
Grand total	24,688,363	20,088,911	81	54

* For projects that were planned to be completed in 2023.

Annex II

OVERVIEW OF STATUS OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR UNEP PER YEAR AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Table 1 of annex II presents an overview of the status of project implementation by year.¹ All projects and activities approved between 1991 and 2009, and in 2011 and 2013 have now been completed.

Table 1. 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	14,611,111	14,611,111	0	100
2008	132	132	100	17,875,070	17,875,070	0	100
2009	115	115	100	17,250,876	17,250,876	0	100
2010	79	78	99	14,361,124	14,314,496	46,629	100
2011	100	100	100	16,782,433	16,782,434	-1	100
2012	80	79	99	16,137,634	16,086,261	51,373	100
2013	90	90	100	14,152,112	14,152,112	-1	100
2014	74	72	97	12,339,041	12,304,026	35,015	100
2015	180	179	99	21,169,099	21,119,898	49,201	100
2016	95	94	99	19,633,315	19,472,744	160,571	99
2017	57	55	96	12,576,768	12,520,963	55,805	100
2018	126	119	94	19,587,957	18,975,933	612,024	97
2019	109	97	89	14,880,868	14,207,816	673,052	95
2020	134	102	76	15,697,493	11,901,436	3,796,057	76
2021	127	69	54	22,451,633	16,104,742	6,346,892	72
2022	101	14	14	24,266,135	10,908,587	13,357,548	45
2023	128	0	0	28,350,427	14,855	28,335,572	0
Total	2,847	2,515	88	411,826,032	358,306,297	53,519,735	87

* Excludes closed and transferred projects.

** Excludes agency support costs.

¹ 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 tonnes/CO₂-eq tonnes phased out, and percentage of funds disbursed. There are three types of disbursements: during implementation, after implementation and for retroactively financed projects.

Annex III

ONGOING PROJECTS WITH OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE PROGRESS REPORT FOR UNEP

Country/project code	Project title	Disbursement (%)	Status/Issues	Recommendation
Antigua and Barbuda ANT/PHA/73/PRP/17	Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	100	Delay in project preparation	Noting decision 77/8(j), to request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on progress in the preparation of stage II
Antigua and Barbuda ANT/SEV/73/INS/16	Extension of institutional strengthening project (phase V: 1/2015-12/2016)	42	Delay in completion	To request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on implementation progress and planned date of operational completion
Antigua and Barbuda ANT/SEV/93/INS/20	Extension of institutional strengthening project (phase VI: 1/2024-12/2026)	0	Slow progress in implementation	To request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on implementation progress
Bahamas (the) BHA/PHA/90/TAS/33	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Bangladesh BGD/PHA/81/TAS/50	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector)	36	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) BOL/PHA/87/TAS/51	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Botswana BOT/PHA/86/TAS/26	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Burundi CBI/PHA/88/TAS/28	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Chile CHI/PHA/88/TAS/206	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III, first tranche)	13	Delay in project implementation	To request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on implementation progress and funds disbursement
China CPR/PHA/81/TAS/595	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component)	93	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
China CPR/PHA/84/TAS/597	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, third tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component)	90	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays

Country/project code	Project title	Disbursement (%)	Status/Issues	Recommendation
China CPR/PHA/91/TAS/615	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, fifth tranche) (servicing sector plan and enabling programme)	22	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Djibouti DJI/PHA/88/TAS/29	Verification report on the implementation of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Dominica DMI/PHA/62/TAS/19	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche)	43	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Dominica DMI/PHA/84/TAS/25	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	0	12 and 18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Dominica DMI/PHA/86/TAS/26	Verification report on the implementation of stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan	0	12 and 18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Ethiopia ETH/PHA/88/TAS/33	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Grenada GRN/PHA/90/TAS/32	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Guinea-Bissau GBS/PHA/88/TAS/29	Verification report on the implementation of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
India IND/PHA/82/TAS/476	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector plan)	61	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
India IND/PHA/91/TAS/502	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III, first tranche) (enabling activities)	0	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Iran (Islamic Republic of) IRA/PHA/84/TAS/234	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector)	71	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Liberia LIR/PHA/90/TAS/33	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Mongolia MON/PHA/86/TAS/31	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	61	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Myanmar MYA/SEV/84/INS/22	Extension of institutional strengthening project (phase V: 7/2020-6/2022)	47	Political situation resulting in lack of progress	To request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on implementation progress including any change in project implementation status

Country/project code	Project title	Disbursement (%)	Status/Issues	Recommendation
Nepal NEP/PHA/86/TAS/43	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	14	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Pakistan PAK/PHA/83/TAS/101	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector)	72	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Pakistan PAK/PHA/90/TAS/114	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Saint Kitts and Nevis STK/PHA/74/TAS/20	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	0	12 and 18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Saint Lucia STL/PHA/87/TAS/34	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines STV/PHA/86/TAS/26	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Sao Tome and Principe STP/PHA/88/TAS/33	Verification report on the implementation of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Sierra Leone SIL/PHA/87/TAS/41	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Sri Lanka SRL/PHA/86/TAS/56	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	26	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Suriname SUR/SEV/86/INS/30	Extension of the institutional strengthening project (phase VII: 1/2021-12/2022)	0	Delay in implementation and administrative challenges in the national ozone unit	To request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on implementation progress including an update on the resolution of the administrative challenges and funds disbursement
Suriname SUR/PHA/92/TAS/33	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche)	0	Delay in project implementation	To request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on implementation progress, including completion of stage I, and funds disbursement
Suriname SUR/PHA/93/TAS/34	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	Delay in project implementation	To request UNEP to submit a status report to the 96 th meeting on implementation progress and funds disbursement

Country/project code	Project title	Disbursement (%)	Status/Issues	Recommendation
United Republic of Tanzania (the) URT/PHA/87/TAS/41	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	0	18 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays
Vanuatu VAN/PHA/86/TAS/18	HCFC phase-out management plan for PIC countries through regional approach (stage II, first tranche)	11	12 months delays	To request UNEP to report to the 96 th meeting on this project with implementation delays



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INTRODUCTION

1. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is submitting this Annual Financial and Progress Report (APR) covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2023 for the consideration of the 95th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund.

2. UNEP followed the Multilateral Fund's *Revised Operational Guidelines for Progress and Financial Reporting*,¹ as well as guidance received from the Multilateral Fund Secretariat when developing this APR. This report details the 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 2024-2026 Business Plan, which was endorsed by the 93rd meeting of the Executive Committee.²

3. The focus and orientation of UNEP's work continues to be defined by the evolving needs of Article 5 countries as they progress in their implementation of the Montreal Protocol, and as they meet and sustain compliance with specific obligations. UNEP continues assisting the countries with implementing their hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) phase-out responsibilities including preparing for the 2025 target and subsequent total phase out, 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. UNEP continues providing assistance to Article 5 countries to ratify the Kigali Amendment and support activities that the countries need to meet their first obligations under the Amendment once they ratify. In relation to this, UNEP implements requests for the preparation of the Kigali HFC Implementation Plans (KIPs) to meet initial reduction obligations for the phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in accordance with the Executive Committee's decision taken at its 87th meeting (87/50).³ Moreover, UNEP supports all Article 5 countries requesting UNEP assistance to prepare and submit KIPs to upcoming ExComs. UNEP assists all Article 5 countries with KIP tranches approved for UNEP implementation to implement them in a timely and effective manner in accordance with the Executive Committee's decision taken at its 92nd meeting (92/37).

4. The COVID-19 pandemic that began in early 2020 and abated significantly by early 2023 was a significant factor during the implementation of the projects 2020-2022. During the previous three years, UNEP took successful measures to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on its work and the services it provided to Article 5 countries through a dynamic response that includes contingency planning, redesign of activities, and appropriate scheduling of work at the international, regional, and national levels. UNEP applies the lessons it learned during that period for activities in 2023, notably the option of using virtual meetings to supplement physical meetings, increased webinars, distance training, e-learning and digital platforms.

5. UNEP has previously presented to the 93rd meeting of the Executive Committee a partial CAP Progress Report for the period October 2022 - July 2023 as part of its 2024 Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) budget request.⁴ UNEP will present the details of the balance support provided by

¹ Multilateral Fund Secretariat, *Revised Operational Guidelines for Progress and Financial Reporting, Seventh Revision*, 16 March 2023.

² UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom 93/28.

³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/58.

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/93.

CAP in 2023 (i.e., August-December) to the 95th Meeting of the Executive Committee as part of UNEP's 205 CAP Workplan, Budget and Progress Report.

Gender Mainstreaming

6. UNEP continues to promote gender equality and empowerment of women through CAP activities in line with *UNEP's Policy and Strategy for Gender Equality and the Environment and the Multilateral Fund's Operational Policy on Gender Mainstreaming for Multilateral Fund-supported Projects*.⁵ OzonAction's Gender Core Team provides internal guidance to the CAP regional teams, monitors, and reports on gender mainstreaming in the Multilateral Fund supported projects. OzonAction operationalized its own internal plan which provides a comprehensive approach to gender mainstreaming in its work, including both institutional (internal) and programmatic (external) actions. As part of the latter, UNEP has included gender considerations in all projects approved since June 2020 as per Multilateral Fund requirements.

7. In order to help NOUs implement the Gender Policy of the Multilateral Fund, several products and initiatives were delivered under the CAP in 2023, such as *Guidebook on Mainstreaming Gender in the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol and the International Network of Women in Cooling (INWIC)*. They are designed to support and complement gender mainstreaming activities organized as part of CAP regional activities and national projects preparation and implementation.

8. In UNEP's projects, gender mainstreaming activities and use of indicators are varied and depend upon the project type:

- Institutional Strengthening: Gender-related activities and indicators are systematically included in line with the revised IS renewal format, in accordance with the ExCom decision 91/63. Coordination and stakeholder consultations on gender mainstreaming issues are done under the IS projects. Additionally, some countries are using the IS funding to engage a gender expert for a deeper gender assessment and preparation of a gender-mainstreaming road map.
- HCFC Phase out Management Plan (HPMP) tranches: Countries keep systematically collecting and reporting on sex-disaggregated data about trainings and events. Implementation and reporting on approved project activities include gender aspect (i.e. training session for only female technicians, scholarships for female technicians, technical GIZ training on flammable refrigerants for female technicians, or adding gender related sessions to workshops for importers, training of RAC technicians etc.)
- HPMP new stages: Gender-related data and gender mainstreaming activities are more systematically included in these project proposals. The increased variety of activities focusing on women in different groups of stakeholders is noticeable in the project documents.
- KIP new stages: More countries are conducting gender assessment as part of the KIP preparation projects. All KIP strategies include gender considerations in line with decision 92/40 that are complimentary to any gender mainstreaming activities already planned under HPMPs.

⁵ Decision 84/92; [UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/84/75](#) Annex XXX

I. PROJECT APPROVALS AND DISBURSEMENTS

A. Annual Summary Data

9. From June 1991 until the end of December 2023, the Executive Committee approved 2,953 projects for implementation by UNEP. The total funding approved for UNEP was US\$ 453,413,391 including programme support costs (PSC) (excl adjustments), which represents about 8% of the total funding allocation to date approved by the Multilateral Fund for all Implementing Agencies and bilateral agencies. Of these projects, 1,017 were time-sensitive IS projects and 1,936 were objective-sensitive projects.

10. During 2023, the Executive Committee approved 128 new projects for UNEP to implement, including the 2023 CAP budget. The total value of those approvals was US\$ 28,350,427 plus PSC of US\$ 1,900,084.

Type	Code	Number approved 1991-2022	Number approved 2023	Total
Country Programmes	CPG	95		95
Demonstration	DEM	4	2	6
Institutional Strengthening	INS	976	41	1,017
Investment project	INV	-	-	-
Project preparation	PRP	309	20	329
Technical assistance	TAS	1,245	65	1,310
Training	TRA	196	0	196
Total		2,825	128	2,953

See Annex 1, *Annual Summary*, for details.

B. Interest

11. The interest accrued from 1991-2023 was US 13,378,916 as follows:

Year	Interest (US\$)
1991-2022	13,374,125
2023	4,791
Total	13,378,916

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

12. The 128 projects that the Executive Committee approved in 2023 for UNEP implementation at the level of US\$ 28,350,427 plus PSC of US\$ 1,900,084. Of those, 41 were time-sensitive IS projects and 87 were objective-sensitive activities comprising:

Type	Code	Number
Institutional Strengthening	INS	41
Investment project	INV	0
Project preparation	PRP	20
Technical assistance	TAS	65
Demonstration	DEM	2
Total		128

See Annex 1, *Summary Data by Projects Type*, for details

D. Multi-year Agreements

13. From June 1991 until the end of December 2023, the Executive Committee has approved a cumulative 968 MYAs (PHA) for implementation by UNEP. The total funding approved for UNEP for MYAs during this period was US\$ 79,036,832 plus adjustments excluding PSC.

E. Sector Phase-Out by Country

Not applicable.

II. PROJECT COMPLETIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

A. ODP Phased Out Since Last Report

14. UNEP only implements non-investment projects (i.e., capacity building and technical assistance). Due to the nature of these projects, the directly associated ozone depletion potential (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 1,877.6 ODP tonnes.

Type	Amount phased out 1991-2022 (ODP tonnes)	Amount phased out 2023 (ODP tonnes)	Total
INS	144.1	0	144.1
TAS	836.8	145.2	982
TRA	747.8	0	747.8
INV	3.7	0	3.7
	1,732.4	145.2	1,877.6

B. Non-Investment Project Completions Since Last Report

15. During 2023, UNEP completed 117 projects as follows for a total value of US\$ 22,582,027 excluding PSC:

Type	Code	Number
Institutional Strengthening	INS	42
Technical assistance	TAS	51
Training	TRA	
Country Programmes	CPG	
Investment	INV	
Project preparation	PRP	24
Demonstration	DEM	
Total		117

The completion of projects by region was as follows:

Region	Number
Africa	53
Asia and the Pacific	25
Europe and Central Asia	6
Latin America and the Caribbean	32
West Asia	0
Global	1
Total	117

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

III. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

(a) Global Projects

16. During this APR reporting period, UNEP implemented three global projects:

- Compliance Assistance Programme: 2023 (GLO/SEV/91/TAS/361)
- Compliance Assistance Programme: 2024 (GLO/SEV/93/TAS/368)
- Twinning of national ozone officers and national energy efficiency policy makers to support Kigali Amendment objectives (GLO/SEV/91/TAS/365)

(b) Regional Projects

17. During this APR reporting period, UNEP implemented two regional projects:

- HCFC phase-out management plan for PIC countries through regional approach (stage II, first tranche ASP/PHA/86/TAS/63)
- Regional Kigali HFC implementation plan preparation for 12 Pacific Island Countries: Cook Islands (the), Kiribati, Marshall Islands (the), Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu (Overarching) (ASP/KIP/91/PRP/65)

IV. Performance Indicators

(a) Agency Business Plan Performance Goals

18. Through decision 91/34, the Executive Committee adopted the following performance indicators for UNEP for 2023:⁶

Type of indicator	Short title	Calculation	2023 target	UNEP assessment of 2023 results achieved**
Planning - Approval	Tranches approved	Number of tranches approved vs. those planned*	62	52
Planning - Approval	Projects/activities approved	Number of projects/activities approved vs. those planned (including project preparation activities)	89	74
Implementation	Funds disbursed	Based on estimated disbursement in progress report	US \$21,719,273	US\$22,017,414
Implementation	ODS phase-out	ODS phase-out for the tranche when the next tranche is approved vs. those planned per business plans*	138.1 ODP tonnes	145.2 ODP tonnes

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/91/72

Type of indicator	Short title	Calculation	2023 target	UNEP assessment of 2023 results achieved**
Implementation	Project completion for activities	Project completion vs. planned in progress reports for all activities (excluding project preparation)	105	117
Administrative	Speed of financial completion	The extent to which projects are financially completed 12 months after project completion	14 months	8.6
Administrative	Timely submission of project completion reports	Timely submission of project completion reports vs. those agreed	On time (28)	On time (28)
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.

** UNEP would like to present the list of tranches where various factors impact the submission process. These issues are beyond the control of the National Ozone Units and UNEP:

- Afghanistan – The political situation does not allow implementation of activities. The project was transferred to UNIDO.
- Central African Republic (the) – The political situation does not allow implementation of activities.
- Dominica – Natural disaster (hurricane).
- Myanmar - The political situation does not allow implementation of activities.
- The following tranches have not been submitted due to the delays from other agencies: Egypt HPMP stage 2 tranche 4; Iran HPMP stage 2 tranche 5; Iraq HPMP stage 2 tranche 2; and Sri Lanka HPMP stage 2 tranche 2.
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions and delays in the implementation, UNEP was not able to submit the projects from the following countries: Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe, and Senegal

(b) Cumulative Completed Investment Projects

Not applicable.

(c) Cumulated Completed Non-Investment Projects

19. UNEP has completed a total of 2,335 non-investment projects excluding project preparation assistance. Of the total amount of US\$ 348,049,257 approved plus adjustment (excluding PSC), 99 % has been disbursed. It took an average of 12 months from approval for the first disbursement and 36 months from approval to completion. The breakdown and details are provided in the Annexes.

(d) Cumulative Ongoing Investment Projects

Not applicable.

(e) Cumulative Ongoing Non-Investment Projects

20. UNEP has 262 ongoing non-investment projects excluding project preparation assistance. Of the total amount of US\$ 53,389,148 approved plus adjustment (excluding PSC), 16 % has been disbursed. It took an average of 16 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 39 months (as per agreements the duration of tranches). 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

21. In 2023, UNEP assisted the following 41 countries with the preparation and submission of their IS renewal requests, and then with the establishment of agreements for the project implementation:

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Cambodia	Dominican Republic (the)	Eritrea	Eswatini (the Kingdom of)	Gambia (the)	Kenya
Kiribati	Kuwait	Liberia	Mali	Mongolia	Nicaragua
Niue	Palau	Philippines (the)	Republic of Moldova (the)	Rwanda	Samoa
Tonga	Tuvalu	Zambia	Zimbabwe		

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Antigua and Barbuda	Benin	Bolivia	Burkina Faso	Cook Islands (the)	Dominica	Gabon
Guyana	Iraq	Madagascar	Mauritius	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Paraguay	Saint Lucia
Solomon Islands	Somalia	Timor-Leste	Togo	Yemen		

These renewals represent 40 % of all IS projects in UNEP's project portfolio:

Region	Total number of countries assisted by UNEP for IS	Number of IS renewals approved in 2023
Africa	48	16
Asia Pacific	26	13
West Asia	6	3
Europe & Central Asia	3	1
Latin America & Caribbean	20	8
Total	103	41

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

22. UNEP has completed 260 project preparation activities totaling US\$ 11,101,088, of which 97 % has been disbursed. It took an average of 31 months from approval to actual completion. As of 31 December 2023, UNEP also has 62 ongoing project preparation activities totaling US\$ 5,885,000 of which 16 % has been disbursed.

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

(a) Meetings Attended

23. UNEP used a combination of face-to-face meetings with online services such as video conferencing, telephones, and emails to deliver global activities. UNEP organized Regional Network meetings in all regions for all NOUs to address priority issues, e.g. data reporting, Kigali Amendment, HFCs consumption in the context of KIP preparation, customs codes, monitoring, reporting, verification and enforcement (MRVE), standards, licensing and quota systems, illegal trade, good servicing practices, safety for flammable refrigerants, policy developments, energy efficiency, etc.

(b) Implementing Agency and Other Co-operation

24. 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. Examples include:

- Regional Network, thematic and other meetings. During the period 1 January – 31 December 2023, UNEP organized 24 network/thematic meetings for NOUs and other national stakeholders. Documentation from many of the events listed below are available on the OzonAction Meeting Portal at www.ozonactionmeetings.org. Also, UNEP was co-organizer for a number of other meetings (for example: Technical and Coordination Meeting to discuss and finalize a roadmap for the Development and Adoption of Standards under the Kigali Amendment / Montreal Protocol for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 12-13 March 2023; Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Industry Roundtable and Future Gas Forum, Port Vila, Vanuatu, 10 May 2023; Green Customs Workshop for South Asia Customs Officers, Male, Maldives, 21-23 May 2023 etc).
- 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 2023 UNEP was the Lead Agency for the HPMP implementation for 77 Article 5 countries, and the Cooperating Agency for the HPMPs of 28 countries. UNEP cooperated with UNIDO in 55 countries, UNDP in 31 countries, Australia in 12 countries, and Japan in 1 country for HPMP implementation.
- Enabling Activities (EA) projects. In 2023, UNEP completed all of 93 EA projects approved at ExCom-80 (31 projects), ExCom-81 (49 projects), ExCom-82 (9 projects), ExCom-83 (1 project), ExCom-85 (2 projects) and ExCom-88 (1 project). Out of 93 EA projects, UNEP was a sole lead agency for 83 projects and collaborating with the Government of Italy (3) and UNIDO (1) in four projects. Also, UNEP implemented EA projects as a cooperating agency with UNDP (4) and UNIDO (2) in six projects.
- UNEP implements 58 KIP preparation projects including one regional KIP preparation for 12 PICs. UNEP leads 43 projects out of 58 and collaborates in 15 projects as a cooperating agency. UNEP was the sole lead agency for 7 projects including regional. UNEP cooperates with UNIDO in 32 countries, UNDP in 18 countries, World Bank in 1 country, and GIZ in 2 countries for KIP preparation.

Other Issues

No issues.

Annex I: Country Developments

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

25. Included in the PR tables under column Remarks 2023 and Remarks (Latest information up to June) 2024.

B. Institutional strengthening

26. UNEP assisted the following 103 countries with the implementation of their IS projects in 2023:

Afghanistan	Gabon	Palau
Albania	Gambia	Paraguay
Algeria	Grenada	Peru
Angola	Guatemala	Philippines
Antigua and Barbuda	Guinea	Qatar
Bahamas	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Moldova
Bahrain	Guyana	Rwanda
Barbados	Honduras	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belize	Iraq	Saint Lucia
Benin	Jamaica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bhutan	Kenya	Samoa
Bolivia	Kiribati	Sao Tome and Principe
Botswana	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia
Brunei Darussalam	Kyrgyzstan	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Seychelles
Burundi	Lesotho	Sierra Leone
Cambodia	Liberia	Solomon Islands
Cameroon	Madagascar	Somalia
Cape Verde	Malawi	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Maldives	Sudan
Chad	Mali	Suriname
Comoros	Marshall Islands	Swaziland
Congo	Mauritania	Tanzania
Cook Islands	Mauritius	Timor Leste
Cote d'Ivoire	Micronesia FS	Togo
DPR Korea	Mongolia	Tonga
DR Congo	Morocco	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Mozambique	Uganda
Dominica	Myanmar	Vanuatu
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Vietnam
El Salvador	Nauru	Yemen
Equatorial Guinea	Nepal	Zambia
Eritrea	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Ethiopia	Niger	
Fiji	Niue	

27. 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

Not applicable.

D. Activities conducted by UNEP to assist other agencies

28. 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.
- Non-investment support in Article 5 countries where UNEP is not the Lead Agency: Upon request of the NOU or Lead Implementing Agency, UNEP provided substantive non-investment services in countries even though it does not have a lead agency role in that country.
- UNEP provides project support to the bilateral agencies upon request.