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Partnership for Action on Green Economy

for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023

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DEFINITIONS

Allocation/Total Approved Budget

Amount approved by the Steering Committee for a project/programme. The total approved budget represents the cumulative amount of allocations approved by the Steering Committee.

Approved Project/Programme

A project/programme including budget, etc., that is approved by the Steering Committee for fund allocation purposes.

Contributor Commitment

Amount(s) committed by a contributor to a Fund in a signed donor agreement with the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office), in its capacity as the Administrative Agent. A commitment may be paid or pending payment.

Contributor Deposit

Cash deposit received by the MPTF Office for the Fund from a contributor in accordance with a signed donor agreement.

Delivery Rate

The percentage of funds that have been utilized, calculated by comparing expenditures reported by a Participating Organization and Non-UN Organization against the 'net funded amount'. This does not include expense commitments by Participating Organizations.

Donor Agreement

Standard Administrative Arrangement and/or European Commission contribution agreement between contributor/donor and MPTF Office.

Net Funded Amount

Amount transferred to a Participating Organization less any refunds transferred back to the MPTF Office by a Participating Organization.

Participating Organization

A UN Organization or other inter-governmental Organization that is a partner in a Fund, as represented by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MPTF Office for a particular Fund.

Project Expenditure

The sum of expenses and/or expenditure reported by all Participating Organizations for a Fund irrespective of which basis of accounting each Participating Organization follows for donor reporting.

Project Financial Closure

A project or programme is considered financially closed when all financial obligations of an operationally completed project or programme have been settled, and no further financial charges may be incurred. MPTF Office will report a project financially closed once the financial report(s) has been received and any balance of funds refunded.

Project Operational Closure

A project or programme is deemed operationally closed once all activities funded for Participating Organization(s) have been concluded, and the Steering Committee has approved the final narrative report.

Project Start Date

Project/ Joint programme start date as per the programmatic document.

US Dollar Amount

The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars.

Transferred Funds

Funds transferred to Participating Organizations by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the Steering Committee's request.



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INTRODUCTION

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the **Partnership for Action on Green Economy** is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) in fulfillment of its obligations as Administrative Agent, as per the terms of Reference (TOR), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the UNDP MPTF Office and the Participating Organizations, and the donor agreement signed with contributors/donors.

The MPTF Office, as Administrative Agent, is responsible for concluding an MOU with Participating Organizations and donor agreements with contributors/donors. It receives, administers and manages contributions,

and disburses these funds to the Participating Organizations. The Administrative Agent prepares and submits annual consolidated financial reports, as well as regular financial statements, for transmission to stakeholders.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2023 and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **Partnership for Action on Green Economy**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/pge00>).



2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **Partnership for Action on Green Economy** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2023**. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/page00>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2023**, **8** contributors deposited US\$ **62,276,138** and US\$ **1,617,927** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **63,894,065**.

Of this amount, US\$ **43,289,147** has been net funded to **5** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **35,032,902** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **485,676**. Other Expenditures on EU contributions amount to US\$137,085. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **Partnership for Action on Green Economy** as of 31 December 2023.

Table 1 Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

	Prior Years up to 31 Dec 2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec 2023	Total
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	53,322,835	8,953,303	62,276,138
Sub-total Contributions	53,322,835	8,953,303	62,276,138
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	1,064,254	459,481	1,523,735
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	49,997	44,195	94,192
Total: Sources of Funds	54,437,086	9,456,979	63,894,065
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	37,528,216	2,156,853	39,685,069
Transfers to Participating Organizations for Direct Cost - Fund Secretariat etc	2,802,437	873,655	3,676,092
Sub-Total Transfers	40,330,653	3,030,508	43,361,161
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	(72,014)	-	(72,014)
Sub-Total Refunds	(72,014)	-	(72,014)
Administrative Agent Fees	443,228	42,448	485,676
Bank Charges	2,655	633	3,287
Other Expenditures	90,000	47,085	137,085
Total: Uses of Funds	40,794,522	3,120,674	43,915,195
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	13,642,564	6,336,306	19,978,870
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	17,244,978	13,642,564	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	13,642,564	19,978,870	19,978,870
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	40,258,639	3,030,508	43,289,147
Participating Organizations Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	27,917,246	7,115,657	35,032,902
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations	12,341,393	(4,085,149)	8,256,245



2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this fund as of 31 December 2023.

The **Partnership for Action on Green Economy** is currently being financed by **8** contributors, as listed in the table below.

The table includes financial commitments made by the contributors through signed Standard Administrative Agreements with an anticipated deposit date as per the schedule of payments by 31 December 2023 and deposits received by the same date. It does not include commitments that were made to the fund beyond 2023.

Table 2. Contributions, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Total Deposits
European Union	13,995,400	13,708,540
Government of Finland	2,323,256	2,323,256
Government of Germany	27,229,613	27,229,613
Government of Norway	5,693,155	5,693,155
Government of Republic of Korea	5,509,061	5,509,061
Government of Switzerland	1,555,998	1,555,998
Government Offices of Sweden	757,781	757,781
Government of Sweden (Sida)	5,498,735	5,498,735
Grand Total	62,562,999	62,276,138



3. INTEREST EARNED

Interest income is earned in two ways: 1) on the balance of funds held by the Administrative Agent (Fund earned interest), and 2) on the balance of funds held by the Participating Organizations (Agency earned interest) where their Financial Regulations and Rules allow return of interest to the AA.

As of 31 December **2023**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **1,523,735**.

Interest received from Participating Organizations amounts to US\$ **94,192**, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ **1,617,927**. Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	1,064,254	459,481	1,523,735
Total: Fund Interest Earned	1,064,254	459,481	1,523,735
Participating Organization			
UNIDO	49,997	44,195	94,192
Total: Agency Interest Earned	49,997	44,195	94,192
Grand Total	1,114,250	503,676	1,617,927



4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Steering Committee and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December 2023, the AA has transferred US\$ 43,361,161 to 5 Participating Organizations (see list below).

Table 4 provides additional information on the refunds received by the MPTF Office, and the net funded amount for each of the Participating Organizations.

Table 4. Transfer, Refund, and Net Funded Amount by Participating Organization (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022			Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023			Total		
	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded	Transfers	Refunds	Net Funded
ILO	7,855,072	(72,014)	7,783,058	519,485	-	519,485	8,374,557	(72,014)	8,302,543
UNDP	10,472,176	-	10,472,176	525,905	-	525,905	10,998,081	-	10,998,081
UNEP	8,146,018	-	8,146,018	1,145,168	-	1,145,168	9,291,186	-	9,291,186
UNIDO	6,847,189	-	6,847,189	478,290	-	478,290	7,325,479	-	7,325,479
UNITAR	7,010,198	-	7,010,198	361,660	-	361,660	7,371,858	-	7,371,858
Grand Total	40,330,653	(72,014)	40,258,639	3,030,508	-	3,030,508	43,361,161	(72,014)	43,289,147

5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported are submitted as certified financial information by the Headquarters of the Participating Organizations. These were consolidated by the MPTF Office.

Joint programme/ project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization, and are reported to the Administrative Agent as per the agreed upon categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. The expenditures are reported via the MPTF Office's online expenditure reporting tool. The **2023** expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/pge00>.

5.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTED BY PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

In **2023**, US\$ **3,030,508** was net funded to Participating Organizations, and US\$ **7,115,657** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **43,289,147** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to **US\$ 35,032,902**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **80.93** percent.

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount and Reported Expenditures by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Cumulative	
ILO	8,302,543	8,302,543	5,615,211	1,307,370	6,922,581	83.38
UNDP	10,998,081	10,998,081	7,687,260	1,570,376	9,257,636	84.18
UNEP	9,291,186	9,291,186	5,086,674	1,725,568	6,812,242	73.32
UNIDO	7,325,479	7,325,479	3,967,549	1,150,507	5,118,056	69.87
UNITAR	7,371,858	7,371,858	5,560,552	1,361,836	6,922,388	93.90
Grand Total	43,289,147	43,289,147	27,917,246	7,115,657	35,032,902	80.93

*The expenditures reported represent payments made against obligations made by PUNOs prior to the operational closure of projects

5.2. Expenditures Reported by Category

Project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization and are reported as per the agreed categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. In 2006 the UN Development Group (UNDG) established six categories against which UN entities must report inter-agency project expenditures. Effective 1 January 2012, the UN Chief Executives Board (CEB) modified these categories as a result of IPSAS adoption to comprise eight categories.

Table 5.2. Expenditure by UNSDG Budget Category, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditures			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	8,188,486	2,371,107	10,559,593	32.25
Supplies, commodities and materials	6,204	5,625	11,829	0.04
Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation	81,484	8,065	89,550	0.27
Contractual Services Expenses	12,449,921	3,166,958	15,616,879	47.70
Travel	1,067,864	230,374	1,298,239	3.96
Transfers and Grants	1,534,369	365,911	1,900,279	5.80
General Operating	2,769,287	497,249	3,266,535	9.98
Programme Costs Total	26,097,616	6,645,288	32,742,904	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	1,819,630	470,368	2,289,998	6.99
Grand Total	27,917,246	7,115,657	35,032,902	-

1 Indirect Support Costs charged by Participating Organization, based on their financial regulations, can be deducted upfront or at a later stage during implementation. The percentage may therefore appear to exceed the 7% agreed-upon for on-going projects. Once projects are financially closed, this number is not to exceed 7%.

6. COST RECOVERY

Cost recovery policies for the Fund are guided by the applicable provisions of the Terms of Reference, the MOU concluded between the Administrative Agent and Participating Organizations, and the SAAs concluded between the Administrative Agent and Contributors, based on rates approved by UNDG.

The policies in place, as of 31 December 2023, were as follows:

- **The Administrative Agent (AA) fee:** 1% is charged at the time of Non-EC contributor deposit and covers services provided on that contribution for the entire duration of the Fund. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2023, US\$ **485,676** has been charged in AA-fees. AA cost related to EC contributions are charged as Other Expenditures.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** A general cost that cannot be directly related to any particular programme or activity of the Participating Organizations. Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs based on UNSDG policy, establishing an indirect cost rate as a percentage of the programmable costs for interagency pass-through pool funds. In the current reporting period US\$ **470,368** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **2,289,998** as of 31 December **2023**.

8. DIRECT COSTS

The Fund governance mechanism may approve an allocation to a Participating Organization to cover costs associated with Fund coordination covering overall coordination, and fund level reviews and evaluations. These allocations are referred to as 'direct costs'. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2023, US\$ 3,676,092 has been charged as Direct Costs.

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Cumulative	
UNEP (PAGE Secretariat)	3,676,092	3,676,092	1,672,969	1,146,600	2,819,569	76.70
Grand Total	3,676,092	3,676,092	1,672,969	1,146,600	2,819,569	76.70

7. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

In order to effectively provide fund administration services and facilitate monitoring and reporting to the UN system and its partners, the MPTF Office has developed a public website, the MPTF Office Gateway (<https://mptf.undp.org>). Refreshed daily from an internal enterprise resource planning system, the MPTF Office Gateway has become a standard setter for providing transparent and accountable trust fund administration services.

The Gateway provides financial information including: contributor commitments and deposits, approved programme budgets, transfers to and expenditures reported by Participating Organizations, interest income and other expenses. In addition, the Gateway provides an overview of the MPTF Office portfolio and extensive information on individual Funds, including their purpose, governance structure and key documents. By providing easy access to the growing number of narrative and financial reports, as well as related project documents, the Gateway collects and preserves important institutional knowledge and facilitates knowledge sharing and management among UN Organizations and their development partners, thereby contributing to UN coherence and development effectiveness.



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Annex. EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT

Annex displays the net funded amounts, expenditures reported and the financial delivery rates by project/joint programme and Participating Organization.

Annex Expenditure by Project

Theme/Outcome / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Project Status	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %	
Direct Cost Budget							
00112015	PAGE Secretariat DCB	UNEP	On Going	3,676,092	3,676,092	2,819,569	76.70
Direct Cost Budget: Total				3,676,092	3,676,092	2,819,569	76.70
UN Agency Workplans							
00105826	ILO - PAGE Workplan (ODA)	ILO	On Going	7,719,714	7,719,714	6,461,717	83.70
00105851	UNITAR- PAGE Workplan (ODA)	UNITAR	On Going	7,011,696	7,011,696	6,557,615	93.52
00105892	UNDP - PAGE Workplan (ODA)	UNDP	On Going	7,769,122	7,769,122	6,253,088	80.49
00105893	UNIDO - PAGE Workplan (ODA)	UNIDO	On Going	6,389,657	6,389,657	4,270,988	66.84
00125488	UNEP - PAGE Workplan (ODA)	UNEP	On Going	3,175,494	3,175,494	1,665,868	52.46
00107669	ILO PAGE Workplan (NON-ODA)	ILO	On Going	582,829	582,829	460,864	79.07
00107674	UNITAR-PAGE Workplan (NON-ODA)	UNITAR	On Going	360,162	360,162	364,773	101.28
00107850	UNDP PAGE Workplan (NON-ODA)	UNDP	On Going	882,857	882,857	737,150	83.50
00108027	UNIDO -PAGE Workplan (NON-ODA)	UNIDO	On Going	935,822	935,822	847,068	90.52
00126089	UNEP PAGE Workplan (NON-ODA)	UNEP	On Going	247,170	247,170	184,203	74.52
Special Projects*							
00106751	UNEP- GGKP	UNEP	Operationally Closed	2,192,430	2,192,430	2,142,602	97.73
00110737	UNDP Special Project	UNDP	On Going	2,346,102	2,346,102	2,267,397	96.65
UN Agency Workplans/Projects: Total				39,613,055	39,613,055	32,213,334	81.32
Grand Total				43,289,147	43,289,147	35,032,902	80.93

*Projects with a multi-year programme.



Contributors



European Union



Government of
Finland



Government of
Germany



Government of
Norway



Government of
Republic of Korea



Government of
Switzerland



Government of
Sweden (SIDA)

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