



# Progress Update on South-South Cooperation

Committee of Permanent Representatives Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2018,  
Nairobi , Kenya

# UN mandates

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- The **Sustainable Development Goals** (2015)
  - The **Paris Agreement on Climate Change** (2015)
  - General Assembly (A/62/295) 2008
  - UNGA RES/64/222 (2009)
  - Rio+20 Conference outcome document, 'The Future We Want'
  - UNGA RES/69/239 (2014)
  - The **2005 Bali Strategic Plan** (BSP) on Technology Support and Capacity Building UNEP/**GC.23/6/Add.**)
  - UNEP **Governing Council** decisions GC24/12 (2007) and GC25/9 (2009)
  - **UNEA 3** Ministerial Declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly (2018)
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# Regional mandates

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## Regional environment ministerial forums

- 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the **African Ministerial Conference on the Environment** (AMCEN), Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania in September 2012
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the **Forum of Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean**, Los Cabos, Mexico, in March 2014
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# Programme Guidance on South-South Cooperation

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- 2011 – “Integrating South-South Cooperation in the UNEP Programmes of Work: Policy Guidance”
  - 2015 – CPR briefing on criteria for UN Environment SSC projects
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## Key Areas of work of the South-South Unit

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1. Coordination and support to projects.
  2. Development and facilitation of innovative partnerships.
  3. Coordination of SSC Community of Practice.
  4. Interagency coordination and engagement.
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## SSC Projects and Funding Sources

Funding Source	No. of Projects
Environment Fund (2015 – 2017)	7
Brazil Trust Fund for SSC (2015 – 2017)	
China Trust Fund for SSC (2013 – 2016)	18
Global Environment Facility	14
China Trust Fund for SSC (2017 – 2020)	3
China South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund	1 (+2)

# GEF Trust Fund: Ongoing Projects

Project Title	Amount (US\$ m)	GEF Focal Area
Strengthening of the Enabling Environment, Eco-system-based Management and Governance to Support Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme of the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem	18	International Waters
Reversing Ecosystem and Water Degradation in the Volta River Basin (REWarDVolta River Basin)	29	International Waters
Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme to Ensure Integrated and Sustainable Management of the Transboundary Water Resources of the Amazon River Basin Considering Climate Variability and Change	120	Biodiversity, International Waters, Land Degradation, Climate Change.
Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security	750	International Waters, Biodiversity, Chemicals and Waste.
CRew+: An Integrated Approach to Water and Wastewater Management Using Innovative Solutions and Promoting Financing Mechanisms in the Wider Caribbean Region	163	International Waters, Land Degradation
Strengthening National and Regional Capacities to Reduce the Impact of Invasive Alien Species on Globally Significant Biodiversity in the Pacific	19	Biodiversity
Integrated Health and Environment Observatories and Legal and Institutional Strengthening for the Sound Management of Chemicals in Africa (African ChemObs)	31	Chemicals and Waste

# GEF Trust Fund: Ongoing Projects

Project Title	Amount (US\$ m)	GEF Focal Area
Knowledge for Action: Promoting Innovation Among Environmental Funds	5	Biodiversity
Sharing Knowledge on the Use of Biochar for Sustainable Land Management	3	Land Degradation
Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea	99	International Waters
Disposal of PCB Oils Contained in Transformers and Disposal of Capacitors Containing PCB in Southern Africa	42	Persistent Organic Pollutants
Building National and Regional Capacity to Implement MEAs by Strengthening Planning, and State of Environment Assessment and Reporting	11	Multi Focal Area
Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Protection of the Western Indian Ocean from Land-based Sources and Activities (WIO-SAP)	89	International Waters
Chile, Brazil and Madagascar Cooperation: Alliance for Zero Extinction: Conserving Earth's Most Irreplaceable Sites for Endangered Biodiversity	7	Biodiversity

**Total = US\$ 1,392m**



# UNEP-China Trust Fund for SSC

**2017-2020 – funding envelope = US\$ 6m**

Project Title	Amount (US\$ m)	Sub-programme
Sharing Experience and Knowledge for a Sustainable Belt and Road	<b>1.0</b>	Resource efficiency
Implementing Chemicals and Waste Multilateral Environmental Agreements in Asia Through Sustainable Chemistry	<b>1.0</b>	Chemicals and waste
China-Africa Environmental Cooperation Center	<b>1.0</b>	Multiple

# China South-South Co-operation Assistance Fund

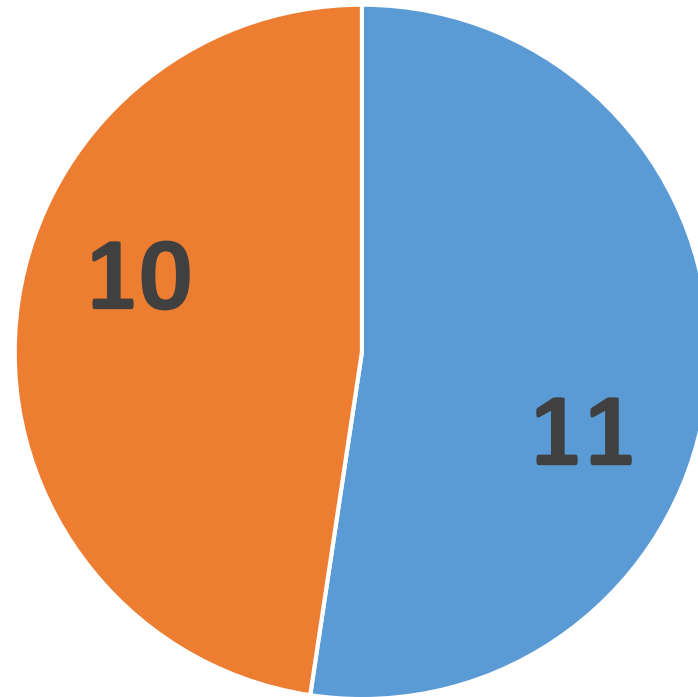
## Open pool – each project +/- US\$2m

Project Title	Amount (US\$ m)	Sub-programme
South-South Cooperation on Green Global Value Chains	<b>1.3</b>	Resource Efficiency
East African Vehicle Exhaust Emissions Monitoring and Environmental Management Project	<b>1.5</b>	Resource Efficiency
The Belt and Road Environmental Outlook	<b>2.0</b>	Environment Under Review

# Regional Scope of Current and Planned Projects

(As of October 2018)

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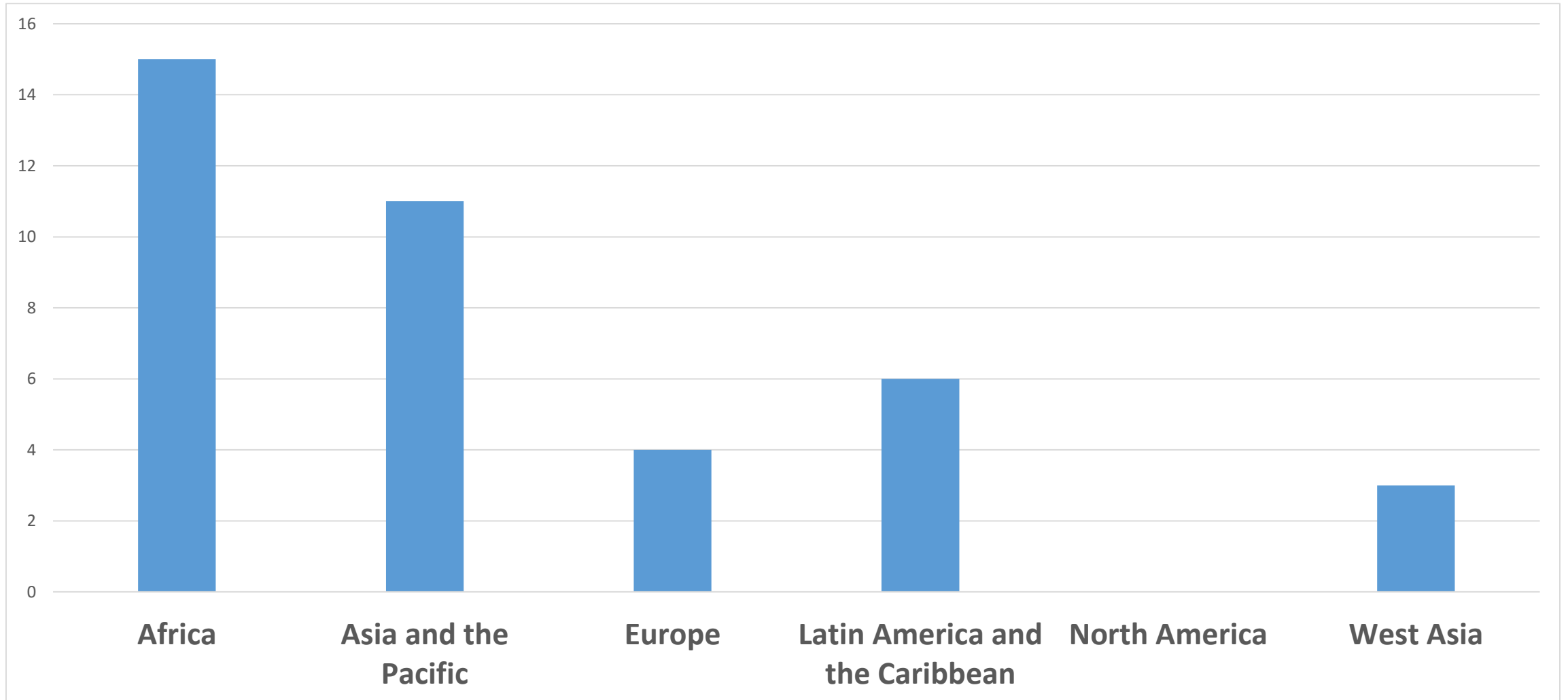
■ Intraregional   ■ Interregional

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# Number of projects touching each region

(Upcoming or Under Implementation, as of October 2018)

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## Innovative new SSC partnerships

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- 1. International Solar Alliance** (Joint Declaration, Oct 2018)
  - 2. Global Peatlands Initiative** (Interim Secretariat in Indonesia – Oct 2018)
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# Inter-agency Coordination and Engagement

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## **Expo**

- 2013 – Global SS Development Expo hosted by UNEP.
- 10<sup>th</sup> GSSD Expo – organized by UN Office of SSC in New York (28-30 Nov 2018).
- Hosting Solution Forum and organizing Poster Exhibition (New York, Nov 2018).

## **UN Inter-Agency System wide processes**

- SS collaboration with the Environmental Management Group.
  - UN Environment is member of the Inter-Agency Mechanism for South-South and Triangular Cooperation.
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# SSC Unit Staff and Costs

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- 1 D1 (100%)
  - 1 P3 staff (80%)
  - 1 JPO fully funded by Chinese government (100%)
  - 2 Consultants (100% + 50%)
  - 2 Interns (100%)
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## Suggested next steps

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1. Continue to report to Member States on progress.
  2. Consult more with Member States on new partnerships and alliances.
  3. Enhance SSC reporting.
  4. Attempt to *“Revive the SSC Community”* (focus on SDG 17). E.g., via SSC Community of Practice workshop (Dec 2018)
  5. Engage more in UN system-wide strategy and mechanisms on SSTC.
  6. Develop a new United Nations Environment Programme SSTC Strategy.
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