

10th annual subcommittee of the CPR
22nd November 2023

Agenda item 5:

Widening the Funding Base of UNEP



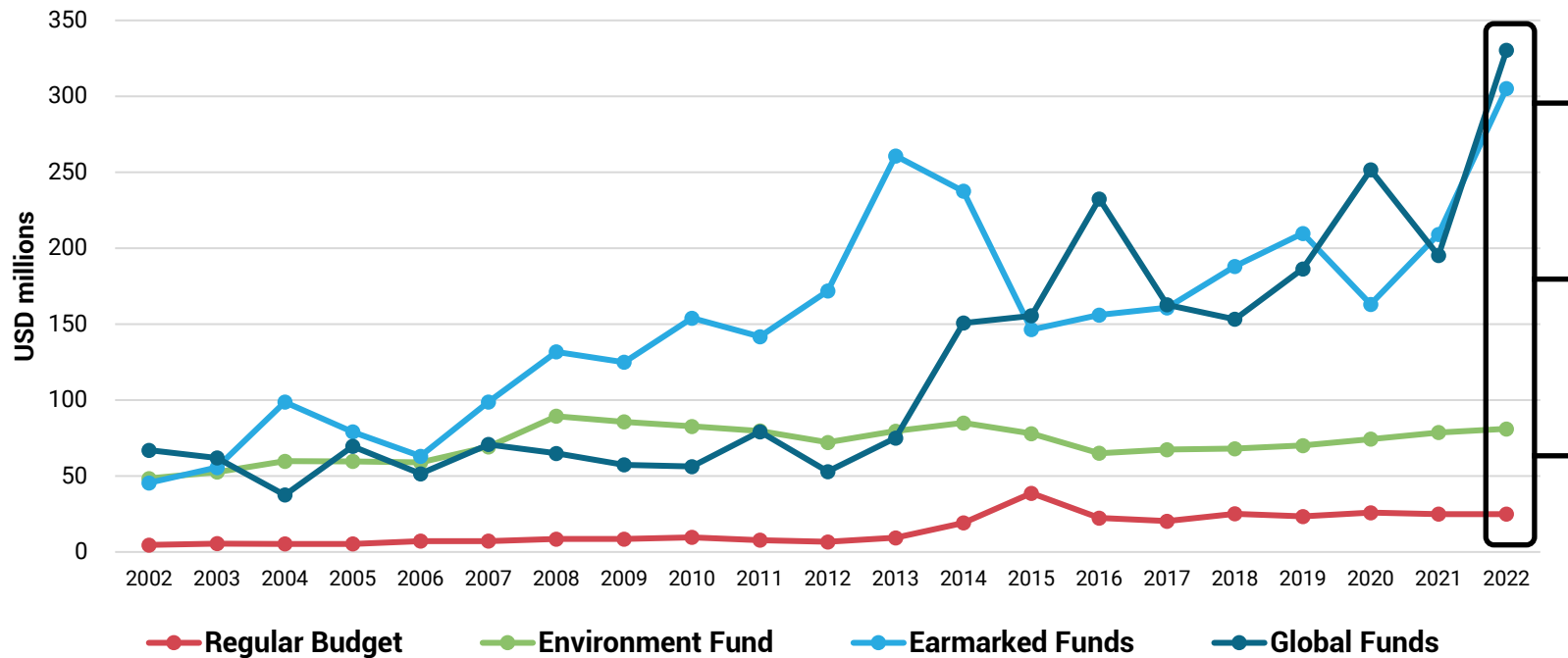


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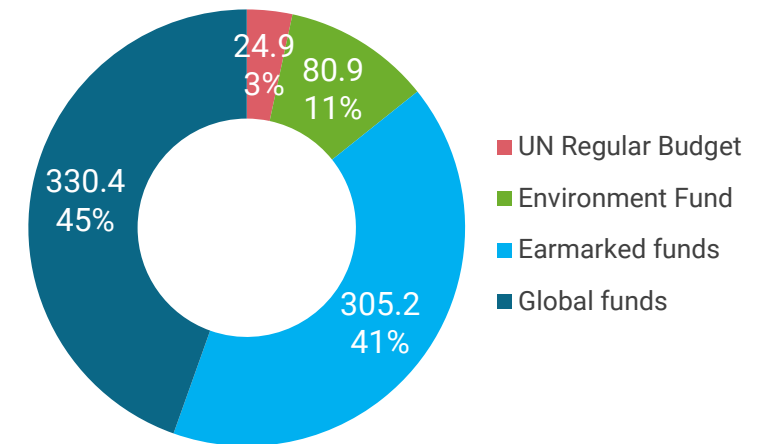
Funding trends and current status

UNEP income trend 2002-2022

UNEP 2002 - 2022 Funding Trend

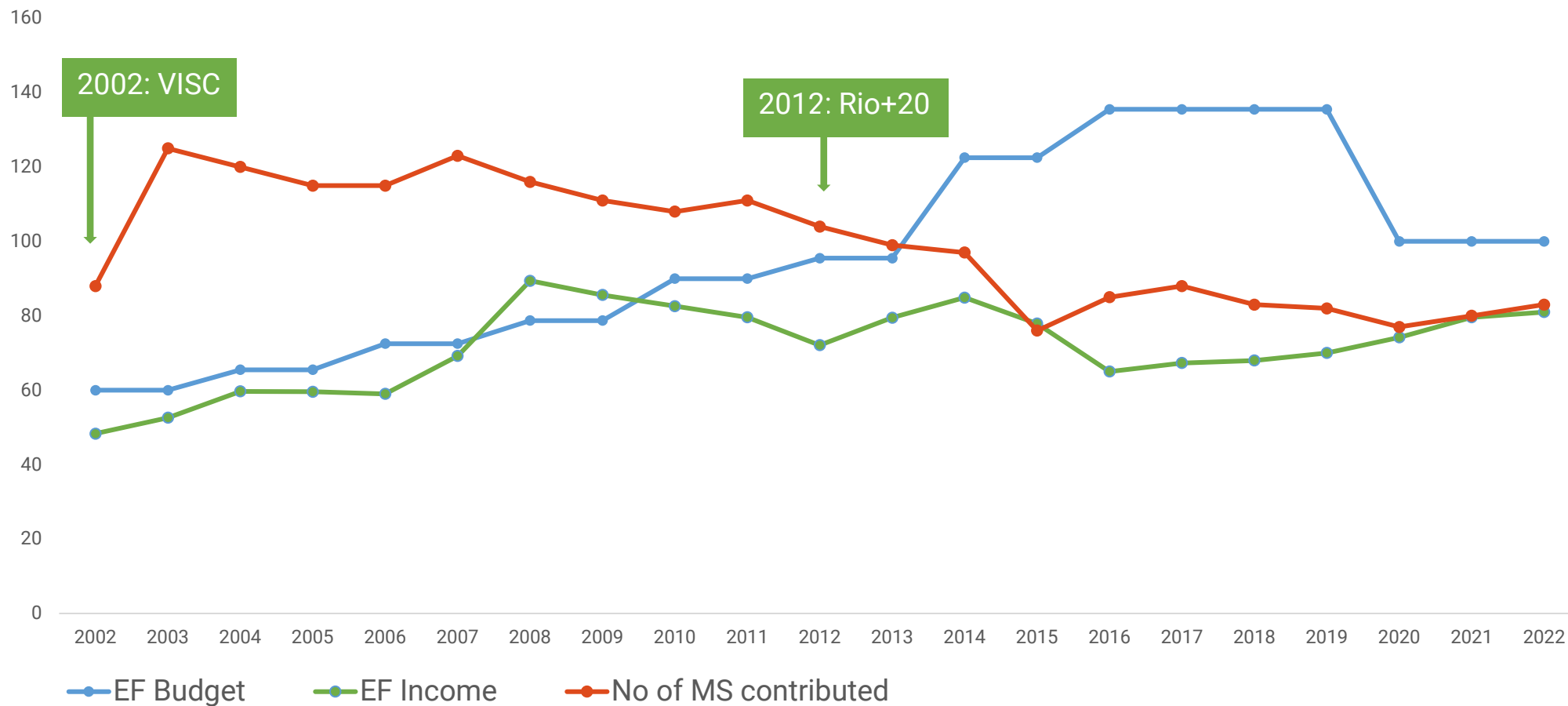


2022 Income by source of funds in USD millions

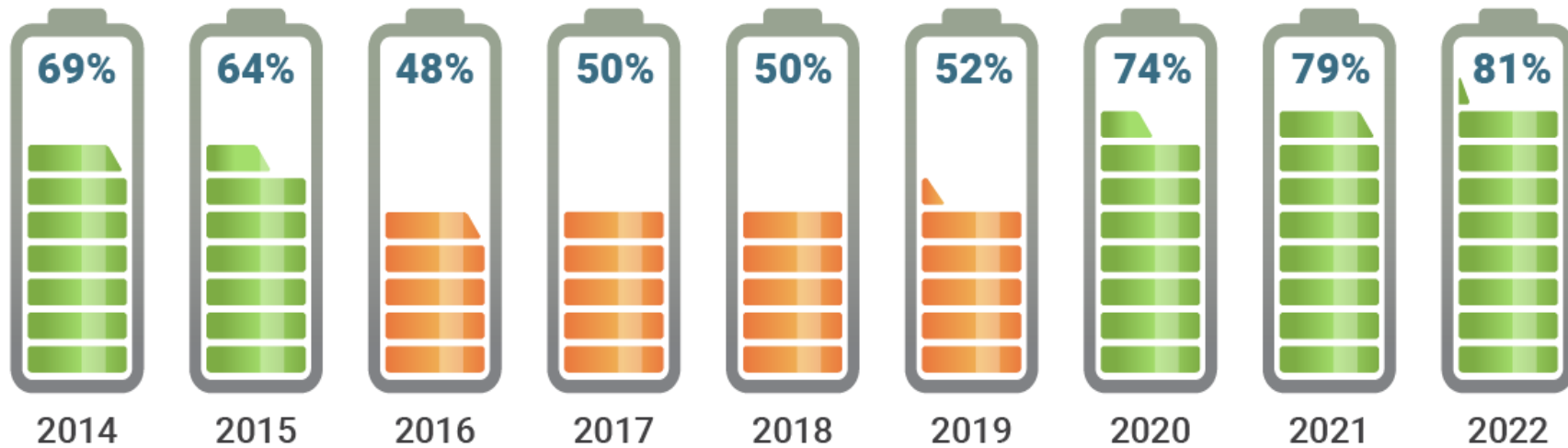


Environment Fund trends (2002-2022)

Environment Fund (EF) budget, income, Member States (MS) contributors (2002-2022)

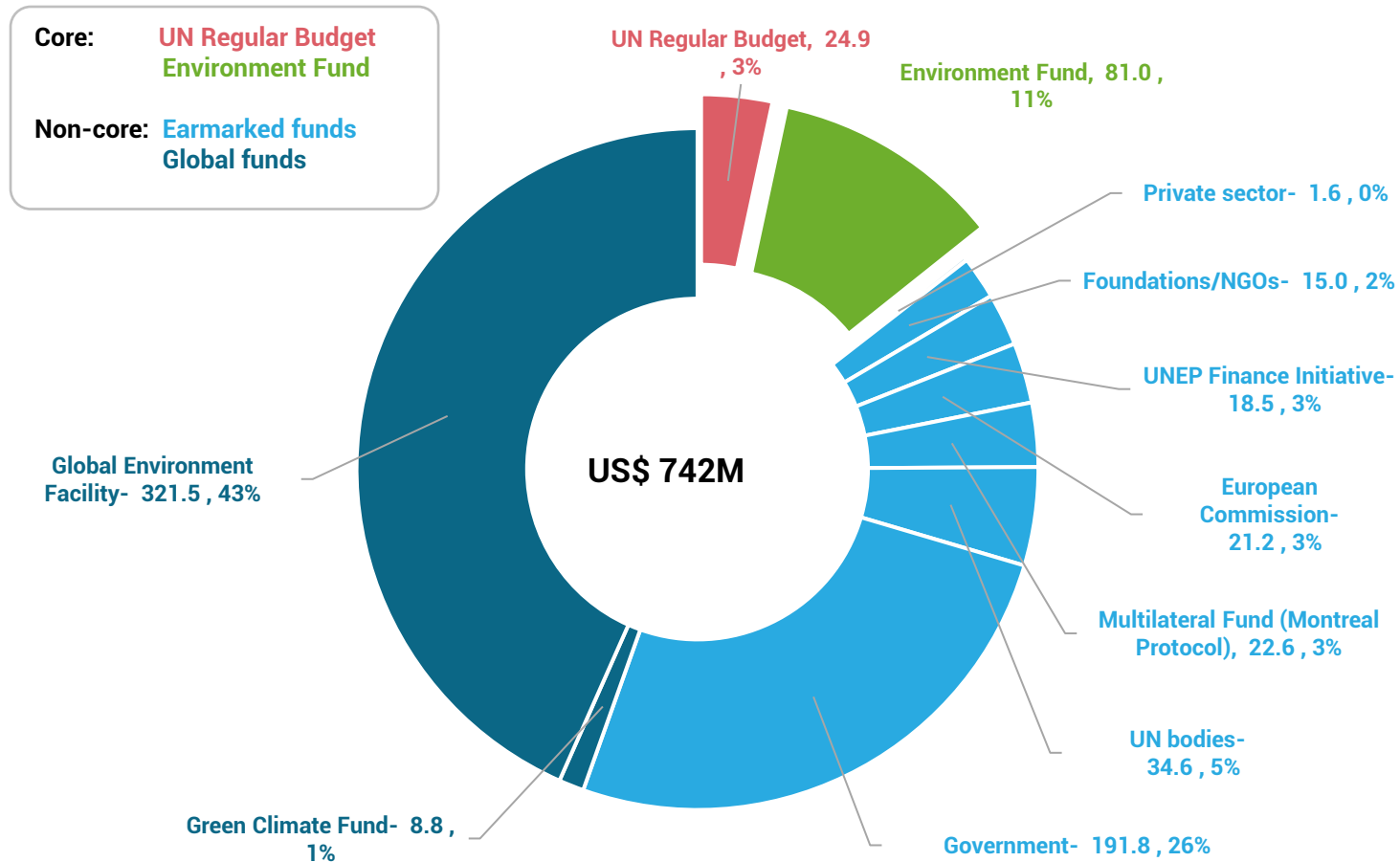


Budget vs income of Environment Fund



Breakdown sources of funds for earmarked contributions

2022 core vs non-core funding
(in US\$ million)



Snapshot of results achieved with partners

eliminating lead in petrol

Global Framework on Chemicals

climate adaptation & mitigation

ending plastic pollution

Climate and Clean Air Coalition

addressing climate change

monitoring and protecting coral reefs

celebrating world environment day

CITES

assessing peatlands

eliminating lead in petrol

building capacity

fighting hazardous chemicals

environmental policy

UN-REDD

providing un-biased science

supporting multilateral environmental agreements

CTCN

protecting forests and promoting reforestation

IRP

combatting air pollution

regional seas programme

UNEP Finance Initiative

publishing GEO

promoting green economy

producing GAP reports

Global Biodiversity Framework

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protecting world seas

IPCC

methane emissions observatory

preventing zoonotic diseases

Montevideo programme

healing ozone layer

addressing desertification

IPBES

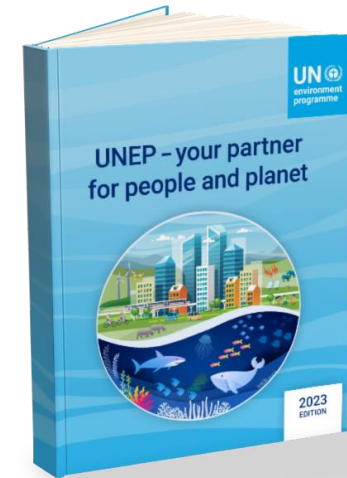
Minamata & mercury

protecting endangered species

addressing marine litter

working on links of poverty and environment

environmental law





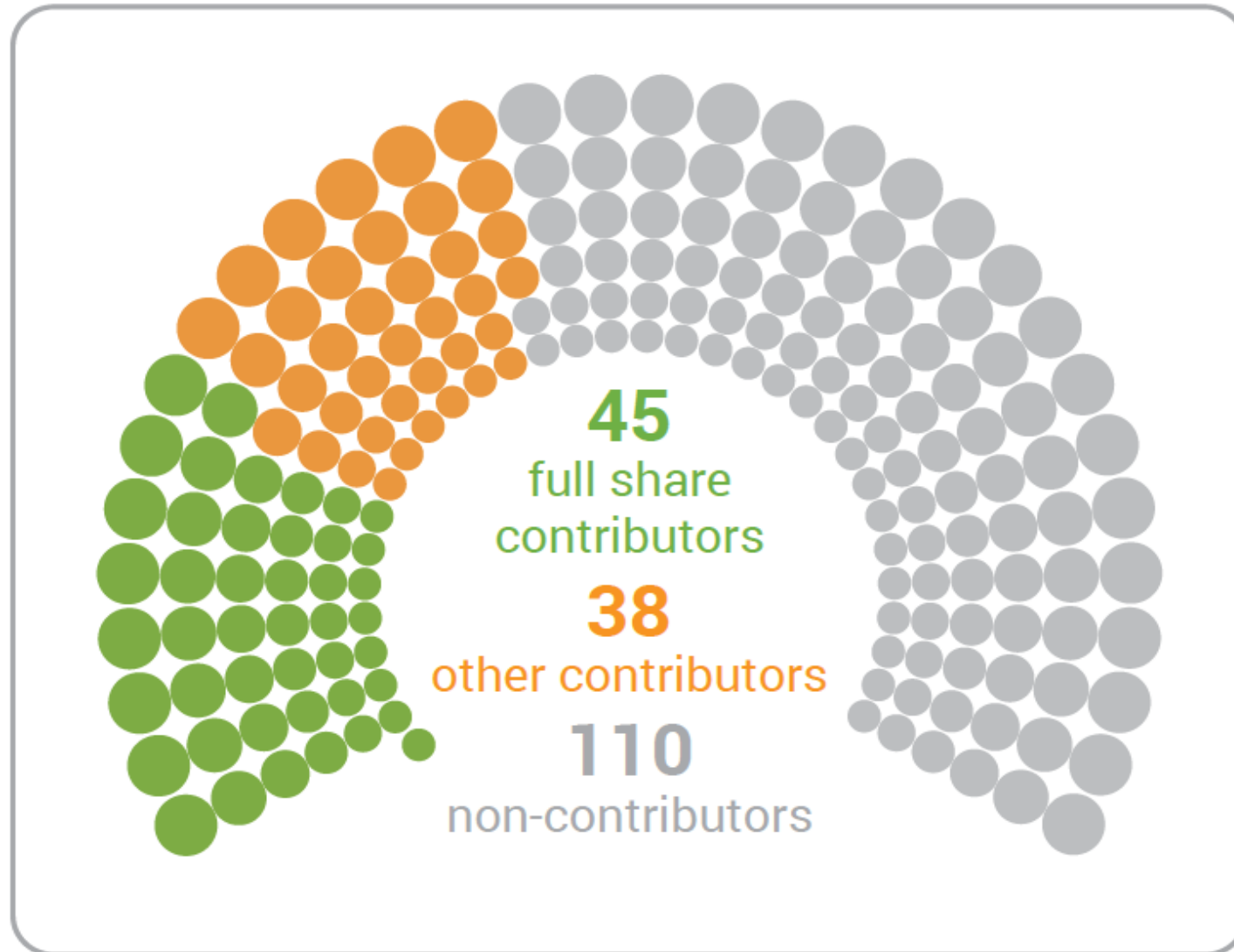
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Funding challenges - recap

Funding challenge 1: imbalance between core and non-core funding



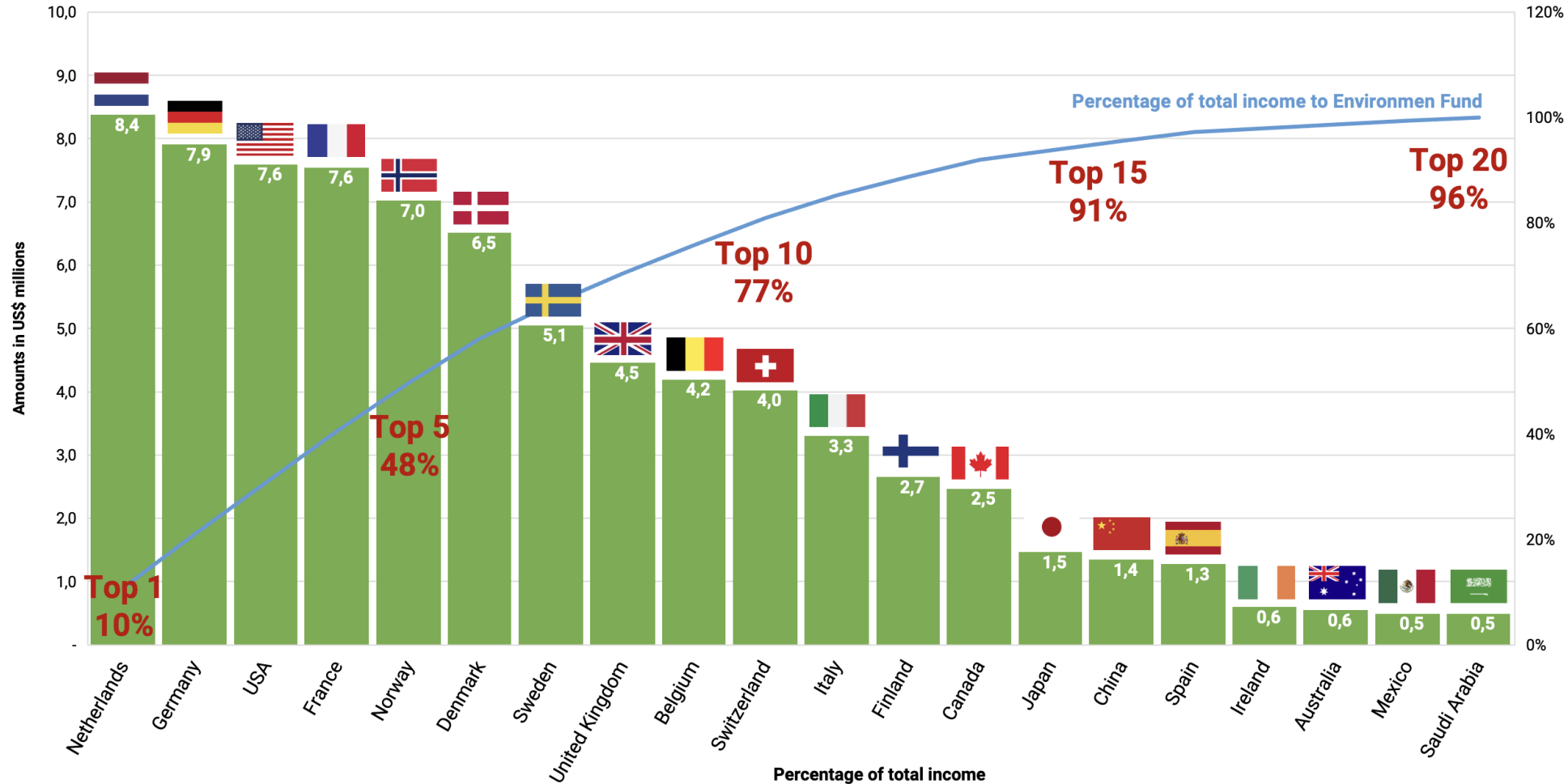
Funding challenge 2: narrow funding base



Environment Fund
contributors in 2022

Top contributors provide bulk of income to the Environment Fund

Top 20 contributors to the Environment Fund 2022





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Action taken on recommendations since last ASC

Increase core funding

Continue promoting the **Environment Fund (EF)** as the principal fund; advocate for the **VISC** as the main tool; *and* promote full share narrative according to VISC.

Narrative on EF developed and shared, stressing the importance of **'widening the funding base to realise the full potential of universal membership of UNEA'**.

Updates on the latest status of contributions to the EF & contributions according to VISC on a monthly & quarterly basis and on unep.org/contributions

Reminders to Member States to contribute to the EF in letters from ED, in bilateral meetings



Encourage shift 'tightly' to 'softly' earmarked funding

Thematic Funds: \$20M+ from Belgium, Finland and Norway
*Climate: USD 6.3M. * Nature: USD 8.4M. * Pollution: USD 5.8M

Funds allocated to 7 subprogrammes in alignment with MTS:

- **Programme Coordination Projects:**
 - **Climate;** Decarbonisation, Adaptations and Resilience, Science and Transparency,
 - **Nature;** Conservation, Restoration, Governance and Accountability for Biodiversity, Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Ecosystems,
 - **Pollution;** Pollution and Health
- **Strategic programmes** Foresight Process, GEO, Faith for Earth, Science-Policy Panel
- **Emerging Priorities;** INC, Critical Minerals, One Plastics, Air Quality

Also:

- ✓ **Governance Structure established**
- ✓ **Communication toolkit prepared**



Increase communication on UNEP as 'partner of choice', its mandate and role

Narrative and **key messages on the role of UNEP as 'partner of choice'** in addressing planetary crises refined and increasingly used.

Developed messages on **value of core funding** and on **leveraging power of the Environment Fund**

Leveraging power of UNEP-GEF partnership as a case study: Presented at A&P and LAC Regional Forums, and to African Diplomatic Corps



Visibility and appreciation of funding partners

Since 9th ASC (Oct 2022):

- 10 articles published
- 34 countries appreciated through social media
- 52 countries' partnership with UNEP appreciated on social media after ED's engagements
- Contributors of core and flexible funds highlighted (presentations and reports to MS)

The collage features several social media posts and news articles. The posts include:

- UN Environment Programme West Asia:** "شكرًا لبلادي على مساهمته الكريمة في الصندوق الأخضر... معززة دعم برنامج الأمم المتحدة للبيئة... بنية متينة... معًا نخلق تقدمًا نحو مستقبل تعيش فيه البشرية في وئام مع الطبيعة." @UNEPWestAsia
- UN Environment Programme Africa:** "Thank you, Kenya for your contribution to the #EnvironmentFund. Your support is a testament that every contribution matters, every effort counts when it comes to preserving our environment and ensuring @UNEP creates a lasting impact and delivers the results partners expect." @UNEPAfrica
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Europe:** "A huge thanks to #Norway for unwavering support to @UNEP and our #EnvironmentFund since 1973. You help us provide sustainable solutions for people & planet, based on sound data & science, including addressing marine litter, protecting our nature and tackling the climate crisis." @UNEPEurope
- UN Environment Programme LatAm & the Caribbean:** "¡Gracias, Perú! Your commitment to the @UNEP #EnvironmentFund is a beacon of hope. Your dedication to reducing deforestation, preserving ecosystems, and adapting to climate change is an inspiration. Together, we're forging a more sustainable future." @UNEPLatAm
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Europe:** "Gratitude to the United Kingdom for your unwavering support to the @UNEP #EnvironmentFund which fuels UNEP's mission to address pressing global environmental challenges - instrumental in protecting our planet and the well-being of humanity." @UNEPEurope
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Europe:** "A heartfelt thank you to Switzerland for your vital contribution to the @UNEP #EnvironmentFund. Your commitment to global environmental efforts is outstanding. Let's continue working together for a healthier environment for current & future generations." @UNEPEurope
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Europe:** "Merci #France for being a steadfast partner to @UNEP and a reliable top contributor to our #EnvironmentFund since 1973! Your support helps us find solutions and advance on tackling the triple planetary crisis of climate, nature & pollution." @UNEPEurope
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Europe:** "By sharing the journey, we can build a more sustainable future for all." @TheFutureWeWant
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Europe:** "Heartfelt gratitude to Eritrea for their contribution to the @UNEP #EnvironmentFund. No contribution is too small when it comes to protecting our planet." @TheFutureWeWant
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Europe:** "By sharing the journey, we can build a more sustainable future for all." @TheFutureWeWant

The news articles include:

- UNEP and China strengthen cooperation to tackle triple planetary crisis** (November 2023)
- Sida renews its collaboration with UNEP to help tackle the triple planetary crisis** (November 2023)
- Armenia steps up adaptation to the climate crisis** (November 2023)
- Countering biodiversity loss, plastic pollution a priority for Nordic countries** (November 2023)
- Belgian grant supports UNEP's work on climate crisis** (November 2023)
- UNEP, Benelux countries partner to address triple planetary crisis** (November 2023)
- Canada commits to advancing global environmental action** (November 2023)
- UNEP and Republic of Korea step up collaboration to improve air quality** (November 2023)

Muchas Gracias, Thank you, Merci, Asante, شكرا, 谢谢

Continue dialogue with Member States on funding (1/2)

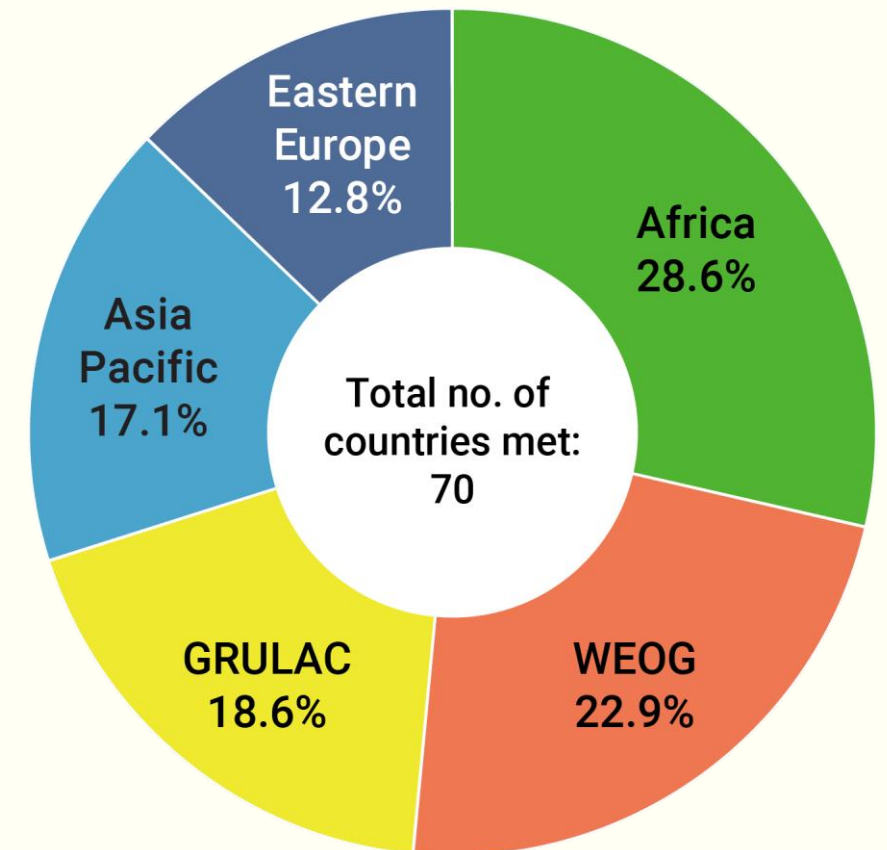
At Global level, funding discussed or mentioned:

- 9th and 10th annual subcommittee of CPR, as a standing agenda item
- All regular CPR meetings, through regular briefings on the ED report, presentations or speeches

At National level, ED and DED met with:

- 70 Member States, representing all regions
- 27 of which do not currently provide funding

UNEP ED/DED meetings with individual MS
(Jan to Oct 2023)



Continue dialogue with Member States on funding (2/2)

At Regional Ministerial Meetings, value of UNEP and importance of the Environment Fund discussed:

- **Africa:** part of main agenda of **AMCEN** (Aug 2023) and **African Diplomatic Corps** (Nov 2023)
- **Latin America & Caribbean:** part of main agenda of **23rd Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of LAC** (Oct 2023)
- **Asia-Pacific:** side event at the **5th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities** (Oct 2023)

Highlights:

Importance of contributing to the **Environment Fund** according to **VISC** included in **Ministerial Declarations** of AMCEN and Forum of Ministers in LAC.

Strengthened **collaboration** between Regional Offices and UNEP HQ on resource mobilization.

Secretariat action going forward, priorities 2024

**Continue implementing
recommendations
from 9th ASC**

- Promote UNEP as 'partner of choice'
- Reach more MS – increase regional collaboration
- Funding of UNEP on agenda (UNEA, CPR, ASC...)
- Discuss quality of funding with (select) MS to increase softly earmarked funds
- Analyse funding gap / consequences of not enough core
- Results achieved with core funding + leveraging factor of EF
- New funding partners





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Analysing the Funding Base

Environment Fund current funding base, contributors 2022 and 2023 (as at mid-Nov 2023)

Albania	Croatia	Jamaica	Norway	Sweden
Andorra	Cyprus	Japan	Oman	Switzerland
Angola	Denmark	Jordan	Pakistan	Thailand
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Kazakhstan	Panama	Tanzania (TURO)
Armenia	Eritrea	Kenya	Peru	Timor-Leste
Australia	Estonia	Kuwait	Philippines	Trinidad and Tobago
Austria	Fiji	Latvia	Poland	United Kingdom
Azerbaijan	Finland	Lithuania	Portugal	United States of America
Bangladesh	France	Luxembourg	Republic of Korea	Uruguay
Barbados	Georgia	Malaysia	Saint Lucia	Viet Nam
Belarus	Germany	Mauritius	San Marino	
Belgium	Guinea	Mexico	Saudi Arabia	
Belize	Guyana	Micronesia	Serbia	
Bhutan	Honduras	Monaco	Seychelles	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Hungary	Mongolia	Singapore	
Botswana	Iceland	Morocco	Slovakia	
Bulgaria	India	Mozambique	Slovenia	
Canada	Indonesia	Myanmar	South Africa	
Chile	Ireland	Netherlands	Spain	
China	Italy	New Zealand	Sri Lanka	

Top 15 Contributors 2023 (so far)

- Norway
- Netherlands (KOT)
- Germany
- United States of America
- France
- Denmark
- United Kingdom
- Belgium
- Switzerland
- Sweden
- Canada
- Italy
- Finland
- Spain
- China

Total USD to EF in 2023 (so far)

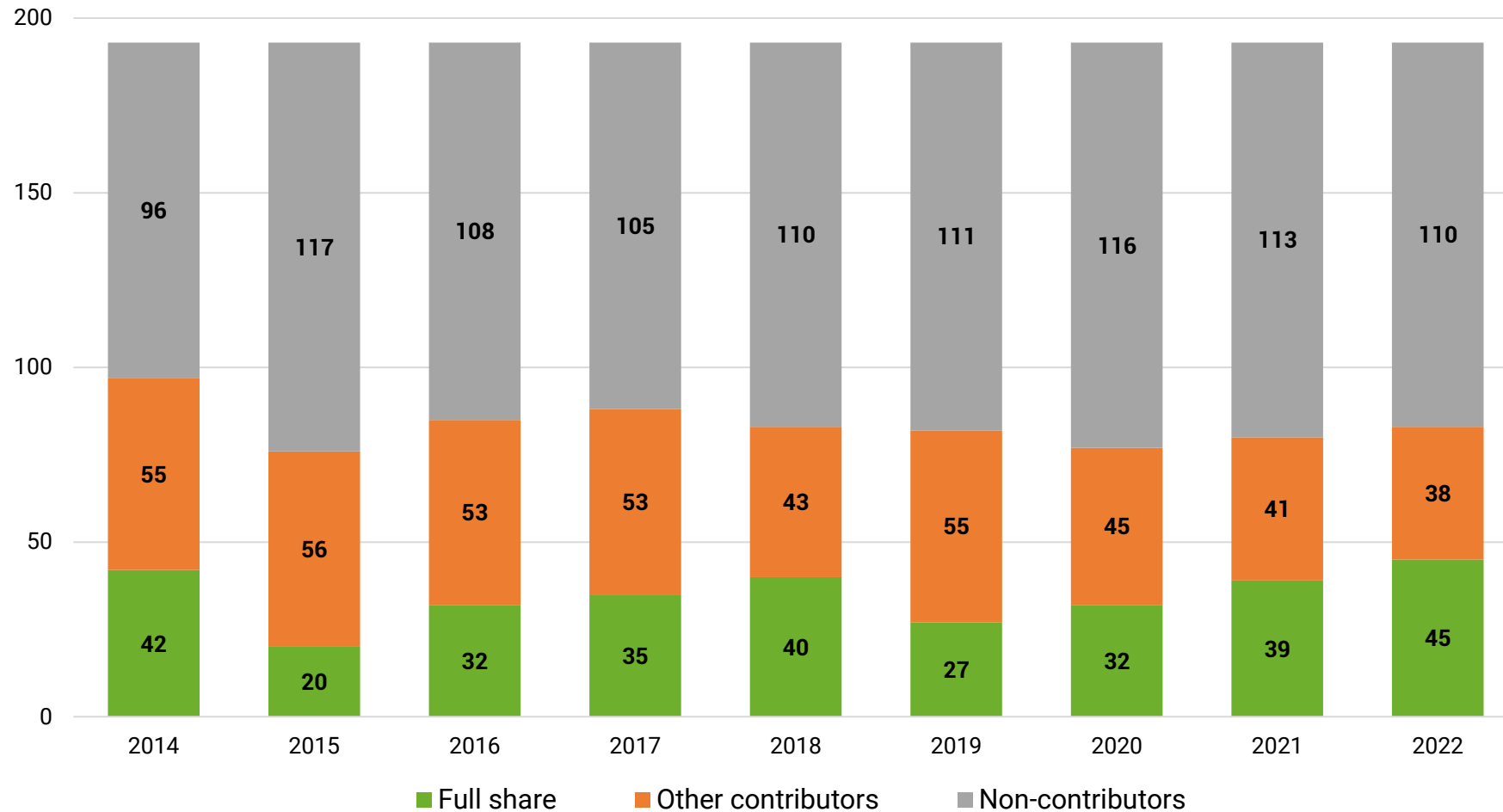
85 M

Number of MS contributed in 2023 (so far)

64

Total number of contributors constant, increase in full share

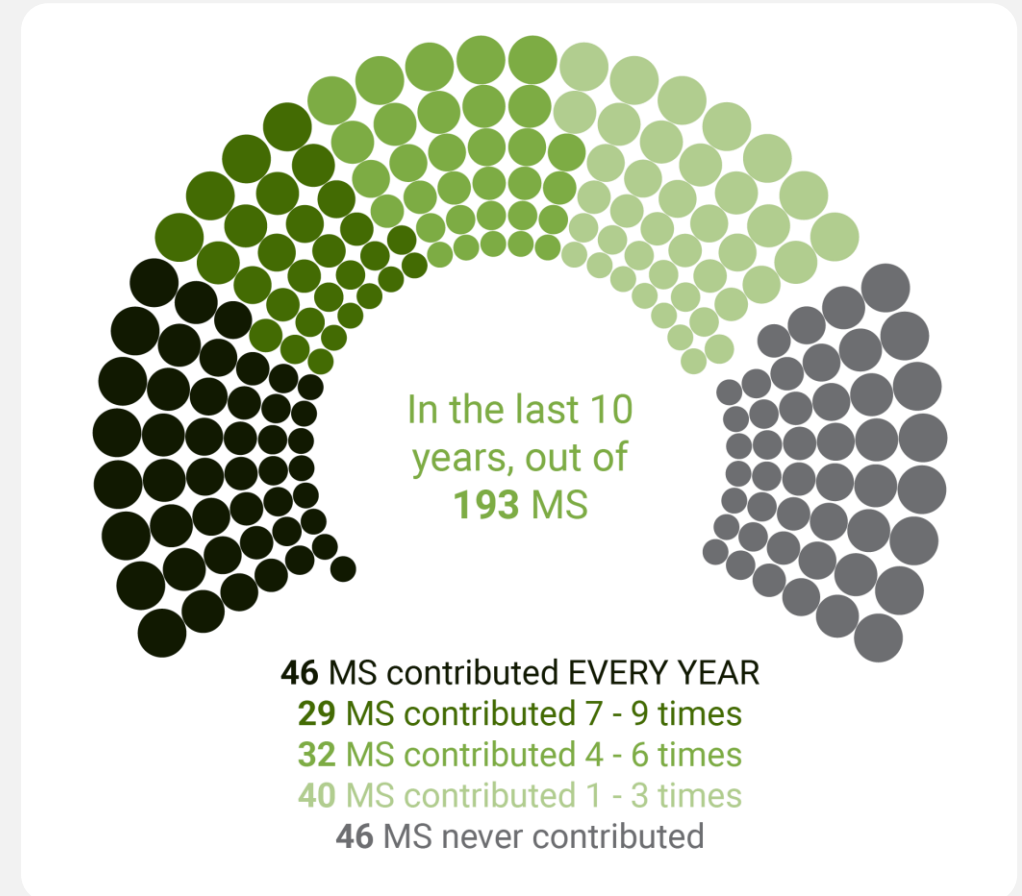
Environment Fund Member States contributors 2014-2022



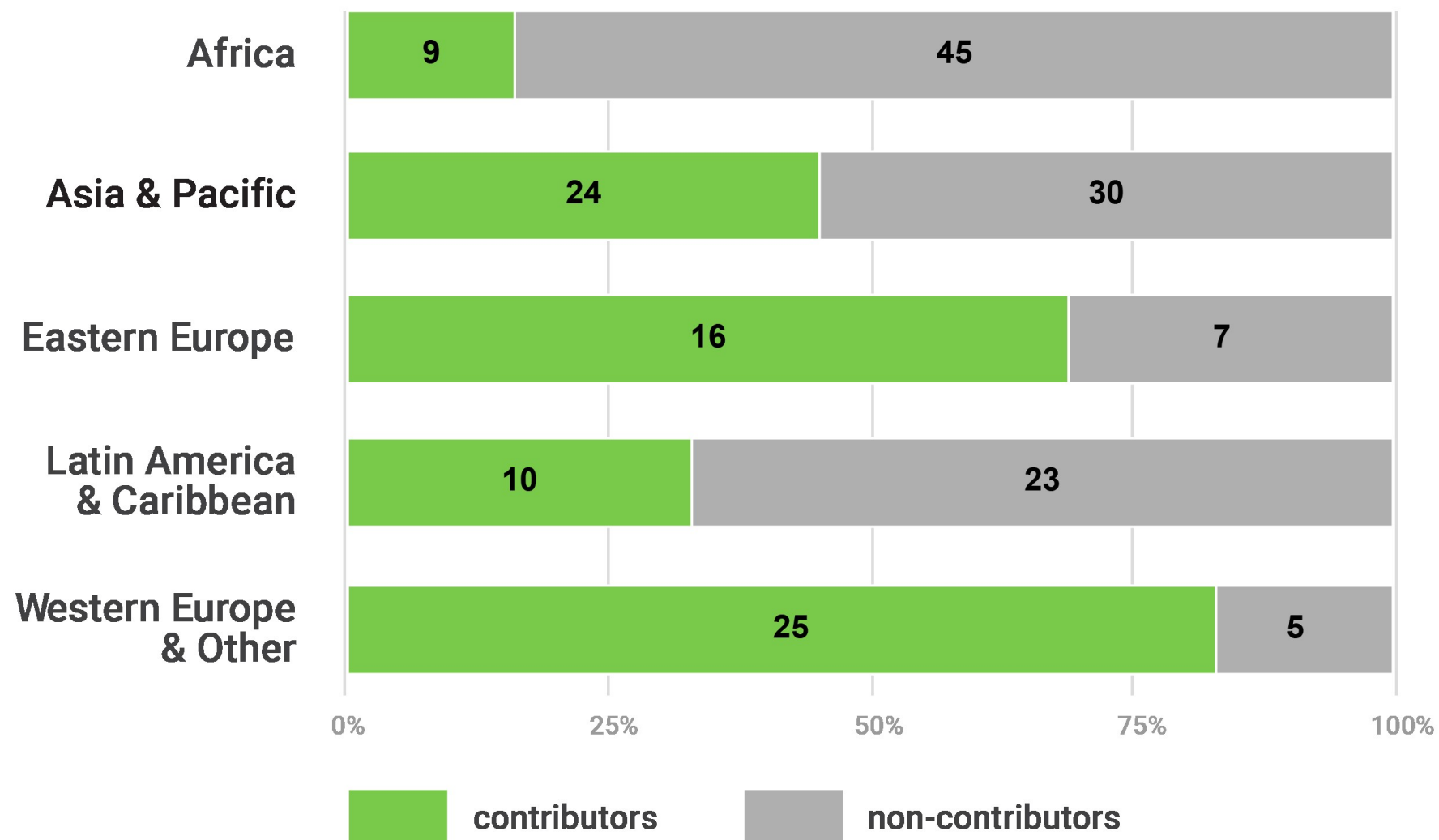
Predictability of Environment Fund contributions

46 most reliable contributors to Environment Fund in last decade

 Andorra	 Hungary	 Pakistan
 Australia	 India	 Poland
 Austria	 Ireland	 Republic of Korea
 Bangladesh	 Japan	 Serbia
 Belarus	 Jordan	 Singapore
 Belgium	 Lithuania	 Slovakia
 Belize	 Luxembourg	 Slovenia
 Canada	 Malaysia	 Sri Lanka
 China	 Mauritius	 Sweden
 Croatia	 Mexico	 Switzerland
 Cyprus	 Monaco	 Thailand
 Estonia	 Morocco	 United Kingdom
 Finland	 Netherlands	 United States of America
 France	 New Zealand	 Uruguay
 Georgia	 Norway	 Viet Nam
 Germany		

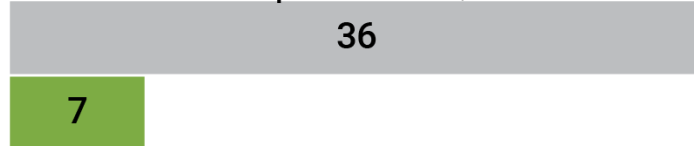


Number of contributors to Environment Fund per region (2022)

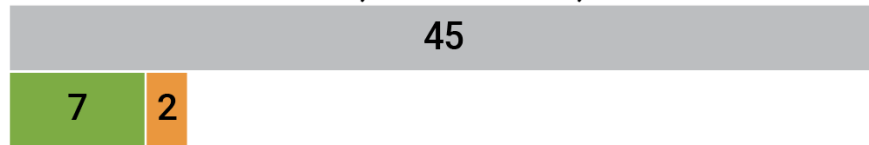


Environment Fund contributors per VISC category (2022)

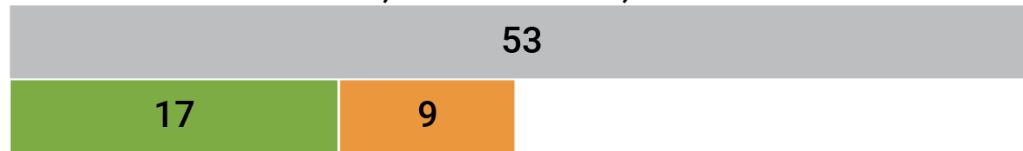
VISC amount up to USD 2,000



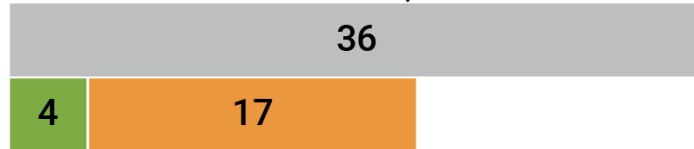
VISC amount USD 2,001-USD 10,000



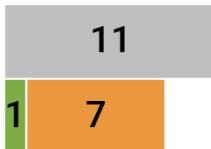
VISC amount USD 10,001-USD 100,000



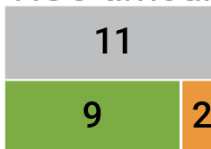
VISC amount USD 100,001-USD 1 million



VISC amount USD 1,00,001-USD 3 million



VISC amount above USD 3 million



Full share contributors of Environment Fund budget 2022

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|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Albania | Fiji | Myanmar |
| Angola | Finland (EUR 2.5M) | Netherlands (EUR 8M) |
| Antigua and Barbuda | France | New Zealand |
| Armenia | Georgia | Norway |
| Barbados | Guyana | San Marino |
| Belarus | Iceland | Serbia |
| Belgium (EUR 4M) | Ireland | Seychelles |
| Belize | Italy | Slovenia |
| Bhutan | Jordan | Sri Lanka |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | Latvia | Sweden |
| Botswana | Luxembourg | Switzerland |
| Cyprus | Mauritius | Timor-Leste |
| Denmark | Micronesia (FSO) | United Kingdom |
| Dominican Republic | Monaco | Tanzania (URO) |
| Eritrea | Mozambique | Uruguay |

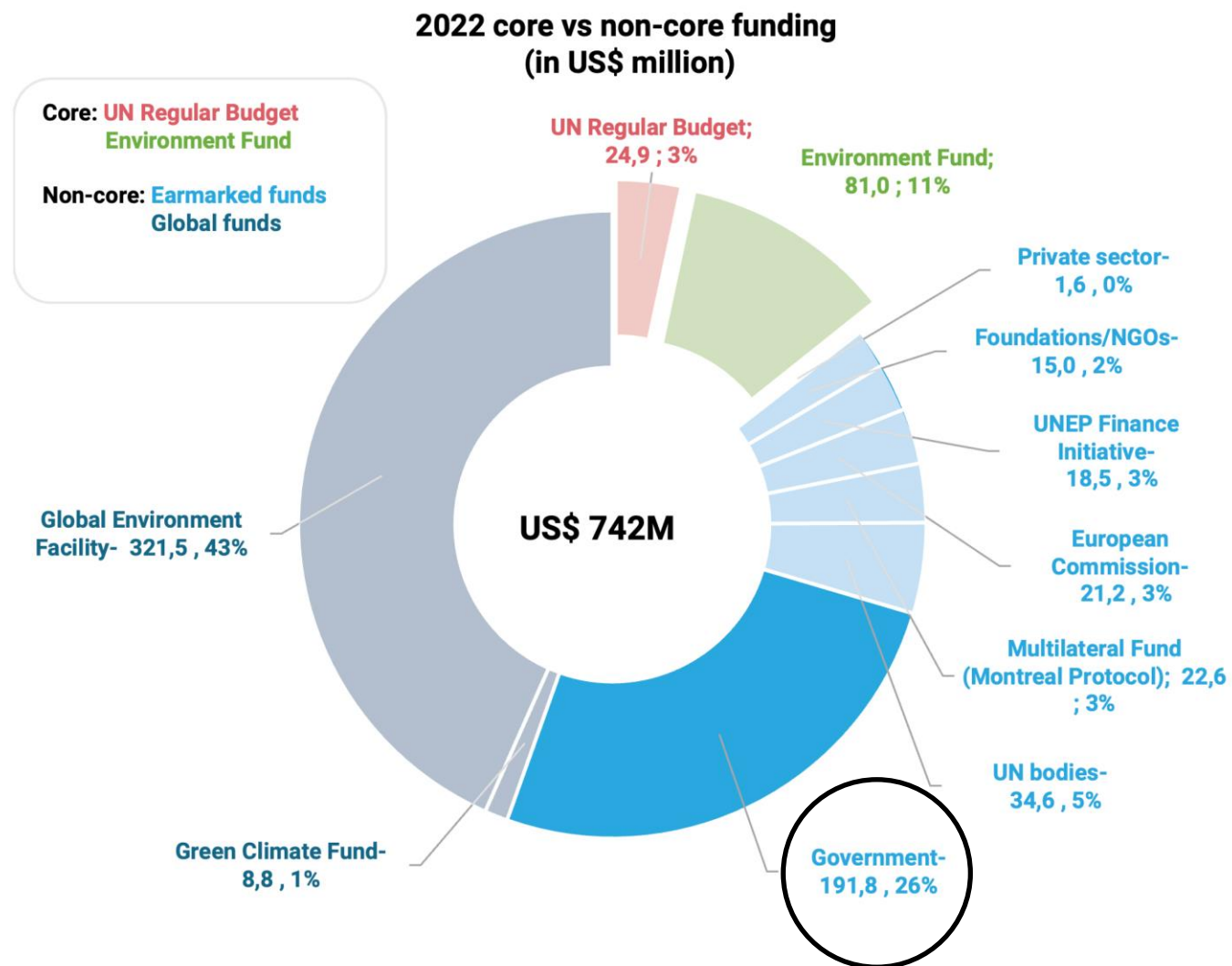
No. of MS in this category | Total: 192 (USA does not participate in VISC and hence total is 192 MS)
 No. of MS that contributed their full share of VISC | Total: 45
 No. of MS that contributed other amount | Total: 37

Funding base of earmarked contributions

- 47 Member States provided direct earmarked funding to UNEP (2022)
- 6 Member States provided ONLY earmarked funding (2022)
- 5 MS contributed softly earmarked funding of USD 20.7 million (Belgium, Finland, Monaco, Norway, Sweden)

Top Member State contributors of earmarked funds (2022)

- | | | |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| 1 |  | Germany |
| 2 |  | Norway |
| 3 |  | Sweden |
| 4 |  | Denmark |
| 5 |  | Japan |
| 6 |  | United States of America |
| 7 |  | United Kingdom |
| 8 |  | Switzerland |
| 9 |  | Luxembourg |
| 10 |  | Canada |





Widening the funding base: reaching out to new funding partners

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Fully funded Environment Fund = strong UNEP Secretariat...

...with subject and technical *expertise*, the *policy guidance* and *convening power* needed to *support national partners* to design and deliver the high-impact interventions they need to meet their environmental ambitions and international obligations, and to *attract additional funding*.

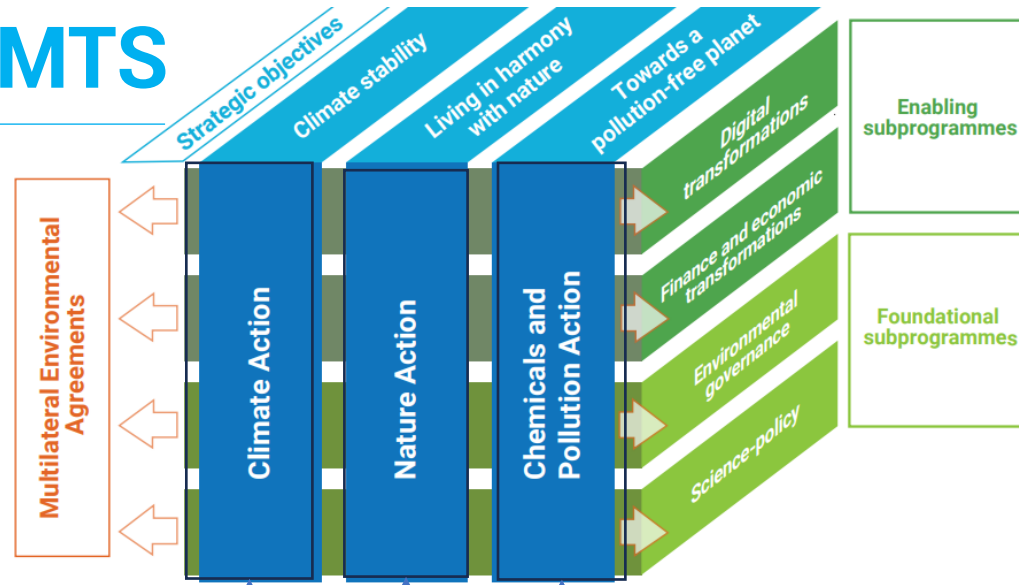
The European Commission (DG Environment and DG International Partnerships) and UNEP

- 12-year collaboration - total USD 185 million
- Aligned with EC and UNEP priorities
- Supports implementation of both UNEP MTS/PoW and UNEP administered MEA programmes
- Managed by EC Programme Management Unit – transitioning to EC Operations Unit with broader mandate for stronger coordination



GCF contribution to MTS

e.g. 10,000 Ha rehabilitation of degraded forest lands (climate), 9.8million tons of avoided CO2e emissions (nature), 5.1 million beneficiaries (climate and nature), Direct support to 70 countries



- **Ecosystem and ecosystem services**
- Climate resilience
- Water security, livelihoods
- National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- Policy support, institutional strengthening

\$140.6m → 2025 → >\$300m

Decarbonizing

- E-mobility
- Energy efficiency
- Climate finance, green finance

\$75.5m → 2025 → >\$300m

Climate information and early warning systems

- Forecast-based financing
- Most vulnerable people and communities
- Health and well being, food and water security

\$70.7m → 2025 → >\$120m

Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNEP partnership

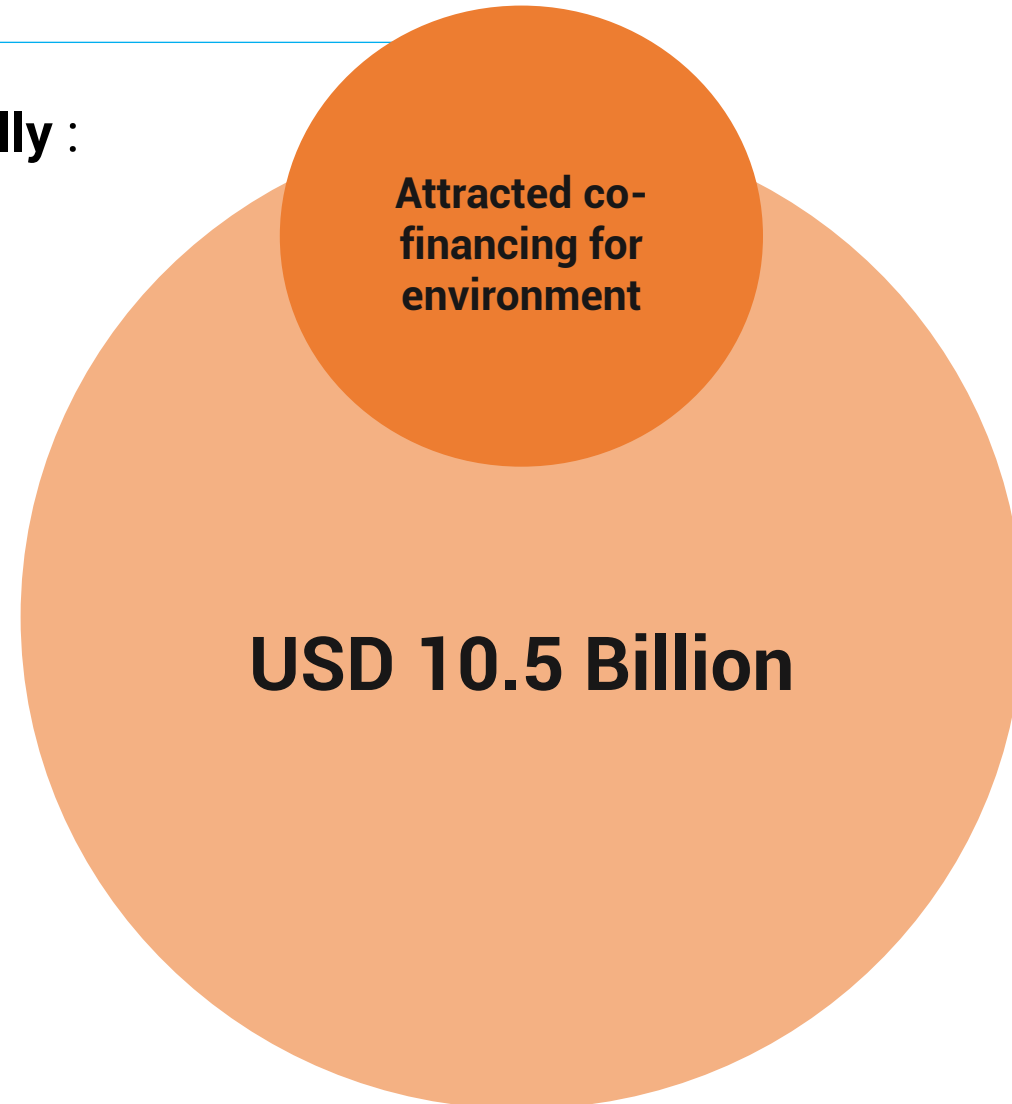
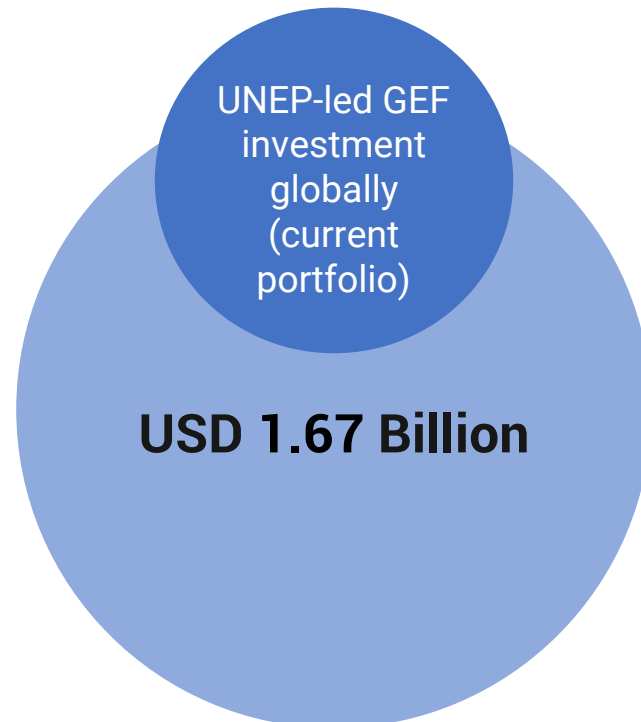


- UNEP **founding partner** of GEF (with UNDP and WB), one of the 18 Agencies accredited to work with recipient countries to design and deliver GEF projects
- UNEP's **unique mandate** as the environmental voice of the UN and capacity in bringing **environmental science to policy** has made it a **PARTNER OF CHOICE** for countries seeking to leverage GEF investment
- UNEP currently the **GEF's 3rd largest delivery partner**
- UNEP and GEF **deeply complementary** (key support role to MEAs). GEF 8 funding cycle and UNEP MTS 2022-2025 fully aligned.

Multiplier effect of Environment Fund: UNEP-GEF partnership

Current active UNEP-GEF portfolio globally :

- ✓ 149 countries
- ✓ 419 projects
- ✓ covering all three environmental crises





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Thank you

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