RECOGNITION OF DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS

UNEP extends its heartfelt thanks to the donors and partners for their continued generosity to UNEP. With their support, UNEP received $777 million in total income for 2014-2015 – a new record in UNEP’s 43-year history.

Several important trends could be observed during the biennium. Environment Fund income did not rise in line with the approved budget. Some of the impact was mitigated by the availability of extra-budgetary funding from a number of partners, which could be allocated across the seven sub-programmes.

Regular Budget funding increased by 134% (to $39 million). Following the General Assembly adoption of the 2016/2017 budget, this will rise to $47 million for the next biennium. Earmarked contributions exceeded planned targets by 71%, reflecting a strong upward trend in the demand for UNEP’s services.

For 2014-2015, 5% of the total income was received from the UN Regular Budget including the UN Development Account, 20% was from the Environment Fund, which facilitates the implementation of activities in all areas of the Programme of Work, and 75% was from earmarked contributions, including the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the European Commission, which deliver projects aligned with the Programme of Work.

In 2015, only 39% of the 193 member states made contributions to UNEP to support its programmes.

Ensuring the stability and security of UNEP’s funding is necessary to achieve the aspirations set by the global community in the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in 2015.