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**Medium-term strategy, programme of work and
budget, and other administrative and budgetary
issues: other administrative and budgetary issues**

**Corporate memorandums of understanding concerning
cooperation between the United Nations Environment
Programme and other bodies of the United Nations system**

Note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Governing Council decision 17/8, the Executive Director has the honour to present, in the annex to the present note, a table listing the corporate memorandums of understanding concluded between the United Nations Environment Programme and other bodies of the United Nations system since the Executive Director's previous note to the United Nations Environment Assembly on the subject (UNEP/EA.1/INF/9).

* UNEP/EA.2/1.

Annex

Agreements signed in 2014 and 2015 with other bodies of the United Nations system

<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Body/bodies</i>	<i>Parties</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Brief</i>
13 June 2014	World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	1. UNEP/WHO/ UN-Habitat	Letter of agreement between WHO, UN-Habitat and UNEP on post-2015 global monitoring for wastewater and water quality management (WMQM) and water resources management (WRM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The letter of agreement was signed on 13 June 2014, with a duration of one year. - The main objective of the letter of agreement was to provide a global monitoring mechanism to track progress for the entire water sector in order to achieve sustainable water management. - As per the letter of agreement, the parties agreed to cooperate with respect to the harmonization of water sector mechanisms for water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH), WMQM, and WRM, establishment and maintenance of a global monitoring mechanism for WWQM and WRM, which tracks progress on global post-2015 targets, and to ultimately extend this monitoring mechanism to cover analysis of inputs and enabling environmental factors that influence progress. - The letter of agreement outlines the operational framework for collaboration between the parties through a coherent monitoring framework for post-2015 water targets. The main objective of the framework is to provide credible data and analysis on the status of the water sector to Member States who will make use of the data to achieve sustainable water management.
24 September 2014	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	2. UNEP/FAO	MOU between FAO and UNEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MOU was signed on 24 September 2014 and is valid for an initial period of 5 years, after which it may be renewed for a further period of 5 years by written agreement between the parties. - Through this MOU, UNEP and FAO acknowledged their collaborative relationship pursuant to an MOU concluded on 13 July 1977. - As per the MOU, UNEP and FAO agreed to collaborate with regard to the following priority thematic areas: sustainable food systems, ecosystem services and biodiversity in agriculture, forestry and fisheries, data and statistics, international legal instruments, and legislation and regulatory matters. - The MOU includes an annex, which provides details on the priority areas for strategic collaboration based on the FAO vision and global goals, and the UNEP medium-term strategy. The annex also provides information on each thematic area and the outputs to be expected from the collaboration between the parties. - According to the MOU, the activities, specific objectives, outcomes, respective roles and responsibilities, and the institutional/operational matters to be carried out under each thematic area are to be set out in a strategic partnership plan. The strategic partnership plan is meant to be a non-binding strategic document which will be monitored and revised on an ongoing basis under the consultative mechanism established under the MOU.

<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Body/bodies</i>	<i>Parties</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Brief</i>
24 April 2015	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)	3. UNEP/ UN-Women	MOU between UNEP and UN-Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This MOU was concluded on 24 April 2015 with an initial duration of two years, after which it may be extended for a further period of 2 years by written agreement between the parties. - In this MOU, UNEP and UN-Women agreed to cooperate with each other in ensuring the inclusion of gender and environmental sustainability dimensions in intergovernmental processes, such as the post-2015 development agenda, actively contributing to inter-agency mechanisms and initiatives on issues such as gender equality and sustainable development, enhancing accountability for the promotion of gender equality through progressive implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP) and regular submission of data for the report of the Secretary-General on improvement in the status of women in the United Nations system, supporting the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment, participating in the review of women and the environment for the 20-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+20), collaborating on the production of the <i>Global Gender and Environment Outlook</i>, among other things.
4 May 2015	Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)	4. UNEP/ECE	MOU between ECE and UNEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This MOU was signed between UNEP and ECE on 4 May 2015, and will remain valid until 31 December 2017. - The overarching goal of the MOU is to provide support for the implementation and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals and the improvement of environmental governance in the pan-European region. - In this MOU, UNEP and ECE agreed to cooperate in the fields of environmental governance, green economy, ecosystem management and environmental monitoring and information management.
20 May 2015	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	5. UNEP/ESCAP	MOU between ESCAP and UNEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This MOU was signed between UNEP and ESCAP on 20 May 2015 and is valid until 31 December 2018. - In this MOU, UNEP and ESCAP agreed to cooperate in the following overarching areas: institutional framework for sustainable development, the Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, and green growth and green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. - The following activities are anticipated within these areas of cooperation: joint research, analytical work and publications on regional trends, joint sessions and/or side events during meetings of regional forums and high-level events related to sustainable consumption and production, such as the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, the provision of joint support to countries in the implementation of green economy policies and knowledge exchange, technical cooperation and capacity-building through the Green Growth Knowledge Platform and UNEP Live.

Total number of agreements: 5