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Programme of work and budget: proposed operational budgets for the two funding scenarios

Note by the secretariat

Addendum

1. The present addendum to document UNEP/MC/COP.3/INF/11 is being issued to provide additional information on the proposed operational budgets for the two funding scenarios (see annex).[[2]](#footnote-2)
2. Table 1 of the annex sets out a year-by-year overview of the operational budget scenarios for the general trust fund and the special trust fund for the biennium 2020–2021. Additional information is provided in the footnote to the table on the proposed budget for the effectiveness evaluation.
3. Table 2 of the annex provides an overview of the estimated cash balance projection of the general trust fund as at 31 December 2019.

**Annex**

Table 1   
Comparison of the two scenarios for 2020-2021 for the General Trust Fund and the Special Trust Fund (per year) – in USD



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| \* For effectiveness evaluation, as this is a newly-costed activity, the following funds are budgeted for the 2020-2021 biennium  (in the general trust fund in the Executive Secretary's (ES) scenario and in the special trust fund in the zero nominal growth scenario; unless otherwise stated): |
| * USD 350K for the development of a monitoring and modelling report (2 meetings of experts; thereof USD 150K for an agreement with a partner to analyse the monitoring data to be covered by the special trust fund) - the ES scenario; * USD 338K in the zero nominal growth scenario (USD 12K less in the general trust fund compared to the ES scenario; of total amount, USD 150K to be covered by the special trust fund) |
| * USD 250K for the development of an emission and release report by an agreement with an implementing partner such as AMAP including relevant expert meetings |
| * USD 150K for the development of a supply, demand and trade report by an agreement with experts such as those involved in the UNEP 2017 report |
| * USD 30K for the compilation and assessment of party submissions undertaken by an expert in the ES scenario; USD 20K to be covered by the general trust fund in the zero nominal growth scenario * USD 30K for the preparation of an integrated report by an expert in the ES scenario; USD 20K to be covered by the general trust fund in the zero nominal growth scenario |

Table 2   
Estimated cash balance projection as of 31 December 2019 (general trust fund) – in USD

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| **Cash Balance as at 1 January 2019** | **2,288,091** |
| Add Estimated cash receipts for 2019\* | 3,583,151 |
| **Total Cash before anticipated expenses** | **5,871,242** |
| Less deferred income | -534,544 |
| Less established working capital reserve (15%) | -587,479 |
| Estimated expenditure up to 31.12.2019\*\* | -3,843,074 |
| Anticipated liabilities\*\*\* | -130,000 |
| 3 months’ salary net cash retention | -541,678 |
| **Projected cash balance as at 31.12.2019\*\*\*\*** | **234,467** |

*Footnotes*

\* Estimated receipts of assessed contributions in 2019 for 2018-2019 and 60% of host country contribution

\*\* It is estimated that the full budget for 2019 will be spent

\*\*\* Retroactive salary payments, in line with judgement of UN Dispute Tribunal expected later this year. Installation of new Executive Secretary

\*\*\*\* The working capital reserve needs to be adjusted to 15% of the approved budget, which implies up to an additional USD 146,940, in case the ES budget scenario is approved.

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1. \* UNEP/MC/COP.3/1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The annex to the present addendum has not been formally edited. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)