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UNIDO BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2014-2016

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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FUND SECRETARIAT

1. This document presents a summary of UNIDO's planned activities for the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) during the 2014-2016 period. It also contains UNIDO's business plan performance indicators and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee. UNIDO's 2014-2016 business plan narrative is attached to the present document.

2. Table 1 sets out, by year, the value of activities included in UNIDO's business plan according to categories "required for compliance" and "not required for compliance".

Table 1

RESOURCE ALLOCATION IN UNIDO'S BUSINESS PLAN AS SUBMITTED (2014-2016) (US \$000s)

| Item | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Total (2014-2016) | Total (2017-2020) | Total After 2020 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Required for compliance | | | | | | |
| Approved multi-year agreements (MYAs) | 25,291 | 27,065 | 8,734 | 61,089 | 7,718 | |
| HPMP stage I | 1,986 | 1,497 | 233 | 3,716 | 64 | |
| HPMP stage I - additional funding | 2,188 | 1,213 | 1,977 | 5,378 | 0 | |
| HPMP PRP - stage II | 2,194 | 1,302 | 48 | 3,544 | 1,208 | |
| HPMP stage II | 7,101 | 25,989 | 80,642 | 113,732 | 280,602 | |
| Methyl bromide (MB) phase-out | 1,162 | 0 | 0 | 1,162 | 0 | |
| Standard cost activities | | | | | | |
| Core Unit | 2,027 | 2,041 | 2,055 | 6,122 | 8,365 | |
| Institutional strengthening (IS) | 637 | 1,318 | 637 | 2,592 | 3,911 | |
| Grand total | 42,585 | 60,425 | 94,327 | 197,337 | 301,868 | 0 |

Required for compliance

MYAs

3. Approved MYAs amount to US \$61.1 million including US \$58.8 million for HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) stage I activities, US \$325,448 for MB activities and US \$1.9 million for MB production activities. The value for these activities from 2017 to 2020 amounts to US \$7.7 million.

Stage I of HPMPs

4. There are three countries (Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the), Libya and Tunisia) for which stage I HPMPs have not yet been approved. The business plan includes US \$3.8 million including US \$3.7 million for the period of 2014 to 2016. Activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were not included in 2014 pending project-related issues related to UN sanctions, while activities for Libya and Tunisia are included in the 2014 business plan.

5. UNIDO's business plan includes three countries (Bahrain, Mexico and Uruguay) for additional projects outside their stage I HPMPs amounting to US \$5.4 million for the period of 2014 to 2016. These requests fall under different decisions of the Executive Committee that allow these countries to submit additional projects during the implementation of stage I.

Stage II HPMP project preparation

6. The total level of funding for project preparation for stage II HPMPs¹ is US \$4.75 million including US \$3.5 million for the period of 2014 to 2016².

Stage II HPMPs in low-volume-consuming (LVC) countries

7. The total level of funding for projects for the HCFC servicing sector in LVC countries to reach a 35 per cent reduction amounts to US \$196,200 (including US \$109,000 for the period of 2014 to 2016).

8. UNIDO's business plan includes activities for stage II HPMPs for LVC countries that already received approved projects covering 35 per cent reduction amounting to US \$4.3 million (no request for the period of 2014 to 2016). UNIDO included funding for countries that already had funding to achieve the 35 per cent baseline reduction.

Stage II HPMP in non-LVC countries

9. The total level of funding for stage II HPMP for non-LVC countries is US \$389.8 million for a total phase-out of 3,198 ODP tonnes of HCFCs (including US \$113.6 million for a total phase-out of 1,046 ODP tonnes for the period of 2014 to 2016). The sectors breakdown is provided in Table 2.

Table 2

STAGE II HPMP BY SECTOR (US \$000)

| Sector | Total (2014-2016) | Total (2017-2020) | Total | Per cent of total |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Extruded polystyrene (XPS) foam | 23,950 | 71,851 | 95,801 | 24.6% |
| Rigid foam | 19,205 | 4,752 | 23,957 | 6.1% |
| Refrigeration air-conditioning | 38,520 | 114,478 | 152,998 | 39.2% |
| Refrigeration (manufacturing, commercial, industrial) | 15,388 | 45,271 | 60,659 | 15.6% |
| Refrigeration servicing | 12,098 | 39,839 | 51,937 | 13.3% |
| Refrigeration transportation and assembly | 4,462 | 0 | 4,462 | 1.1% |
| Total | 113,623 | 276,191 | 389,814 | 100.0% |

MB

10. UNIDO's business plan includes US \$1.16 million for MB projects in three countries (Algeria, Sudan (the) and Tunisia) in 2014. These projects would address the final phase-out of MB with activities addressing high-moisture content dates, as alternatives are now available.

Standard cost activities

11. The core unit costs are expected to be maintained at the rates of increases that have been agreed to-date.

¹ Project preparation could be funded for stage II activities and might be included prior to the completion of stage I in business plans for the years 2012-2014 (decision 63/5(f)(i)).

² The guidelines for stage I HPMP project preparation that were applied to stage II preparation requests were based on 2007 HCFC consumption. The guidelines have not been updated to replace 2007 HCFC consumption with the established HCFC baselines.

12. For IS activities, US \$6.5 million has been included in the business plan of which US \$2.6 million is for the period of 2014 to 2016³. The funding levels for IS have been agreed until 2015⁴. The funding level for IS for the period of 2017 to 2020 amounts to US \$3.9 million.

Adjustments based on existing Executive Committee decisions on business plans as submitted

13. In line with relevant decisions by the Executive Committee, the Secretariat proposed the following adjustments to UNIDO's 2014-2016 business plan:

- (a) To reduce the funding levels provided for additional stage I HPMP activities for the refrigeration assembly sector to the maximum allowable threshold of US \$4.50/kg, by US \$1,632 for the period of 2014 to 2016;
- (b) To reduce the level of funding for stage II project preparation for HPMPs pursuant to decisions 55/13 and 56/16 for the period of 2014 to 2020 by US \$133,210 (including US \$86,503 for the period of 2014 to 2016);
- (c) To reduce the funding levels provided for LVC countries to the maximum allowable value⁵ to achieve the 35 per cent reduction in the HCFC baseline by US \$130,415 for the period of 2014 to 2020 (including US \$72,453 for the period of 2014 to 2016); and
- (d) To adjust projects for the refrigeration servicing sector for non-LVC countries with a cost-effectiveness value that exceeds the relevant threshold of US \$4.50/kg, resulting in the reduction of US \$329,688 for the period of 2014 to 2020 (no adjustment for 2014 to 2016).

14. Table 3 presents the results of the Secretariat's proposed adjustments to UNIDO's 2014-2016 business plan.

Table 3

RESOURCE ALLOCATION IN UNIDO'S BUSINESS PLANS AS ADJUSTED BY EXISTING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS (2014-2016) (US \$000s)

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| HPMP stage I - additional funding | 2,188 | 1,211 | 1,977 | 5,376 | 0 | |
| HPMP stage II | 7,101 | 25,989 | 80,569 | 113,660 | 280,215 | |
| HPMP preparation - stage II | 2,121 | 1,288 | 48 | 3,458 | 1,161 | |
| MB phase-out | 1,162 | 0 | 0 | 1,162 | 0 | |

³ In line with decision 63/5(b), current levels of funding for IS for business planning purposes for 2014-2016 business plans is maintained up to 2020 in the absence of a decision on funding levels until that time.

⁴ According to decision 61/43(b).

⁵ According to decision 60/44(f)(xii).

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| Standard cost activities | | | | | | |
| Core unit | 2,027 | 2,041 | 2,055 | 6,122 | 8,365 | |
| IS | 637 | 1,318 | 637 | 2,592 | 3,911 | |
| Grand total | 42,513 | 60,409 | 94,254 | 197,176 | 301,434 | 0 |

Performance indicators

15. A summary of UNIDO's performance indicators pursuant to decisions 41/93, 47/51 and 49/4(d) is provided in Table 4.

Table 4

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

| Item | 2014 Targets |
|--|--|
| Number of annual programmes of multi-year agreements approved versus those planned (new plus tranches of on-going MYAs) | 17 |
| Number of individual projects/activities (investment and demonstration projects, technical assistance, IS) approved versus those planned | 7 |
| Milestone activities completed/ODS levels achieved for approved multi-year annual tranches versus those planned | 14 |
| ODS phased-out for individual projects versus those planned per progress reports | 190.7 |
| Project completion (pursuant to decision 28/2 for investment projects) and as defined for non-investment projects versus those planned in progress reports | 11 |
| Number of policy/regulatory assistance completed versus that planned | N/A |
| Speed of financial completion versus that required per progress report completion dates | 12 months after operational completion |
| Timely submission of project completion reports versus those agreed | On time |
| Timely submission of progress reports and responses unless otherwise agreed | On time |

Policy issues

16. UNIDO raised one policy issue in its business plan narrative, i.e., the need for demonstration projects on alternatives to MB for quarantine and pre-shipment (QPS) applications in seven selected countries. Since MB for QPS is not a controlled substance, the Fund Secretariat requested UNIDO to remove these demonstration projects from its business plan. However, UNIDO raised several arguments for funding a limited number of demonstration projects including *inter alia* the fact that QPS consumption exceeds that for controlled uses, alternatives exist that could be demonstrated, and developing countries are banning the import of some QPS uses. UNIDO indicated that it has already funded from its regular budget a one-year preparatory assistance project to develop a programme on existing alternatives to MB for QPS applications. The Executive Committee may wish to consider whether funding for demonstration projects on alternatives to MB for QPS applications might be added to UNIDO's business plan.

Countries for which HPMPs were not included in business plans

17. UNIDO indicated that the reason for which there were no stage II activities for Botswana, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Libya, Mauritania and Syrian Arab Republic was because there had not been an approval for stage I and the date and content of their approval was uncertain. No stage II activities were included for Kenya although there had been an approval for stage I.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18. The Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) Noting the 2014-2016 business plan of UNIDO as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/71/11;
- (b) Approving the performance indicators for UNIDO set out in Table 4 as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/71/11; and
- (c) Whether funding for demonstration projects on alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment applications might be added to UNIDO's business plan entries in the 2014-2016 Consolidated Business Plan.

**UNIDO
BUSINESS PLAN 2014**



UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2014 Business Plan of UNIDO together with the forecast for 2015 and 2016 represents the Rolling Business Plan of Montreal Protocol activities of the Organization. Funding estimates up to 2020 have also been provided. This provides useful information for Executive Committee members for the funding needs to reach the 2015 and 2020 control measures for HCFCs.

UNIDO's Business Plan was prepared based on the previous rolling business plan, taking into consideration the approvals and experience of previous years, the requests received from Article 5 countries, priorities established and the decisions taken by the Executive Committee, in particular Decision 60/44 and 60/5. It also reflects the discussions held in Montreal during the Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on 24-25 September 2013. It is also largely inspired from the historical decision of the 19th Meeting of the Parties agreeing on the acceleration of the phase-out of HCFCs, and the relevant ExCom decisions on HPMPs and HCFC investment and demonstration projects. The countries' needs have been calculated based on approved HPMPs and based on reported HCFC Baseline consumption.

In 2014, UNIDO will submit for approval by the Executive Committee forward commitments amounting to USD 25.3 million. New activities are focusing mainly on HCFC phase-out and renewal of institutional strengthening projects with a total value of USD 13.3 million (including Core Unit Funding). In addition, USD 2.2 million is earmarked for the preparation of Stage II HPMPs in 2014. As listed in the business plan, about 86 % (US\$ 36.5 million) of UNIDO's 2014 Business Plan is focusing on the phase out of HCFCs.

Decision 67/15 has maintained the administrative cost regime with the following modifications for the 2012-2014 triennium: For new projects with a value over USD 250,000 as well as for institutional strengthening and project preparation activities approved at the 67th Meeting of the Executive Committee and after are subject to 7% agency fee. Support cost for Agreements made before the 67th Meeting of the Executive Committee remained valid. Furthermore, for Core Unit Funding an annual increase of maximum 0.7% is allowed for the current triennium. For this reason and in line with the Fund Secretariat's recommendation, Core Unit Costs for the years 2013-2020 have been budgeted based on a maximum 0.7 % increase. Thus, **USD 2,026,529** has been allocated for the Core Unit for the year 2014.

The total amount foreseen in UNIDO's 2014 Business Plan, including forward commitments, new investment, non-investment activities, project preparation and funding of core unit is **USD 42.594 million** including support costs and with an impact of **670 ODP** tonnes.

USD 60.425 million worth of projects are earmarked for 2015 with an impact of 766 ODP tonnes, while for 2016 USD 94.327 million with an impact of 845 tonnes of ODP tonnes are forecasted.

A. MULTILATERAL FUND TARGETS

1. CONTEXT

UNIDO prepared its business plan for 2012 to 2014 based on ExCom decision 54/39, 60/5, 60/11, 60/44, 61/5 and 62/5 as well as the Government requests received from Article 5 countries. An inter-agency coordination meeting was held on 24-25 September in Montreal, Canada. Considering the draft business plans submitted by all implementing and bilateral agencies and the compliance-oriented model, the Secretariat identified the countries that are in need of assistance in order to comply with the various phase-out schedules, for which no activities were included in the business plans of implementing agencies and pointed out cases where a duplication of activities occurred among the various implementing agencies. Furthermore, during the coordination meeting, agencies were requested to include project preparation funding for Stage II HPMPs for all countries as well as funding estimates for potential Stage II activities.

The countries' needs have been calculated for most countries based on the actual HCFC baseline data as well as based on approved HPMP Agreements.

The Business Plan is also largely inspired from the historical decision of the 19th Meeting of the Parties agreeing on the acceleration of the phase-out of HCFCs, and the relevant ExCom decisions on HPMPs and HCFC investment and demonstration projects.

Activities related to production sector phase-out activities for Mexico and Venezuela were part of UNIDO's draft 2013 business plan, however, agencies were requested by The Fund Secretariat to remove HCFC production phase-out activities for swing plants, which are currently not eligible. For this reason, these activities have been excluded from UNIDO's 2014 Business Plan. It is to be highlighted that those few countries with HCFC production facilities may face difficulties in case no assistance is given to them for the production sector phase-out and a delayed decision on the subject can hinder synchronized production/consumption phase-out.

2. RESOURCE ALLOCATION

In 2014, UNIDO is planning to submit US\$ 42.594 million worth of projects, the majority of which is focused on phase-out of HCFCs.

HCFC phase-out activities form large part of UNIDO's 2014 Business Plan. Most HPMPs for non-LVCs include investment projects for the conversion of manufacturing enterprises to HCFC-free alternatives taking into consideration new technological developments to ensure sustainable conversion of HCFC-based manufacturing enterprises.

In line with the discussions held during the inter-agency coordination meeting in Montreal (late September 2013), funding requests for the preparation of Stage II HPMPs as well as funding estimates for Stage II HPMPs have been included in the 2014-2020 business plan. In general, it is estimated the project preparation funding should be approved 2 years before the last tranche of Stage I. However, there are exceptions, in particular in non-LVC countries with extended commitments, whereby no funding is scheduled between 2015 and 2017 or 2018. In such cases, project preparation is required 1 or 2 years before the penultimate tranche of Stage I. UNIDO made careful consideration of each country to ensure smooth implementation, without interruptions between Stage I and Stage II activities.

UNIDO will continue to provide assistance to countries to completely phase-out methyl bromide by 1 January 2015.

Furthermore, renewal of institutional strengthening projects form part of UNIDO's 2014-2016 Business Plan.

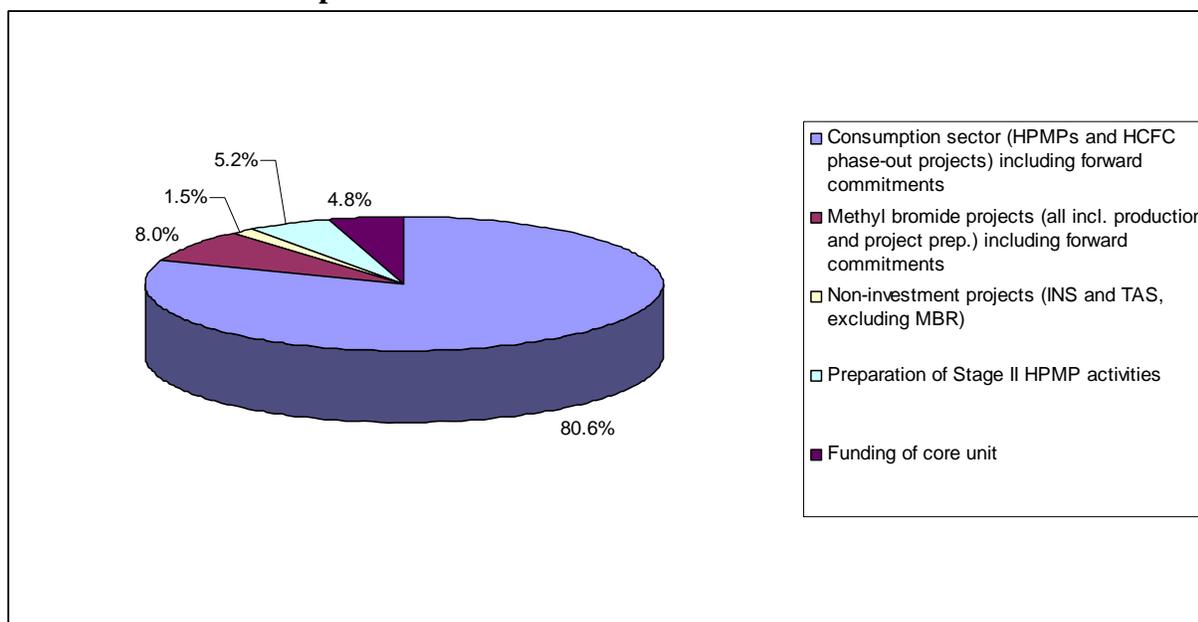
The total budget for 2014 for the above activities is US\$ 40,567,900 plus US\$ 2,026,529 core unit funding for UNIDO. Table 1 below summarizes the resource allocation of UNIDO's 2014 Business Plan.

Table 1. Resource allocation

| Pos. | Type/sector | USD (incl. support cost) | Share of Business Plan allocation (%) |
|------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| (a) | Consumption sector (HPMPs and HCFC phase-out projects) including forward commitments | 34,316,300 | 80.5 |
| (b) | Methyl bromide projects (all incl. production and project prep.) including forward commitments | 3,411,500 | 8.0 |
| (c) | Non-investment projects (INS and TAS, excluding MBR) | 637,000 | 1.49 |
| (d) | Preparation of Stage II HPMP activities | 2,203,000 | 5.17 |
| (e) | Funding of core unit | 2,026,529 | 4.75 |
| | Total | 42,594,329 | 100% |

The details of the 2014-2016 rolling Business Plan are spelled out in the Business Plan Database.

Resource Allocation as per Table 1



3. GENERAL OVERVIEW ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES IN NON-COMPLIANCE

Currently all countries presented in the business plan are in compliance with regard to their obligations towards the Montreal Protocol. Countries that were noted to be in non-compliance during prior meetings of the parties are now in compliance. However, several parties have not reported A7 data. Following the recommendation of Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol, UNIDO will work closely with the countries and assist to report the required data to the Ozone Secretariat.

Additionally several parties are in the process of reviewing the previously reported consumptions. UNIDO will also continue to provide support to the countries for the collection and verification of required information for the revision of their baseline data on hydrochlorofluorocarbon consumption data

4. PROGRAMME EXPANSION

In the years 2014 to 2016 UNIDO aims to enhance its assistance to Article 5 countries by strengthening its project portfolio through the implementation of HCFC phase-out management plans and HCFC phase-out investment and demonstration projects.

The main objective of this Business Plan is to assist Article 5 countries in meeting their obligations under the Montreal Protocol, in particular the 2013 Freeze target and the 10% reduction target in 2015 for HCFCs as well as the complete phase-out of methyl bromide by 2015.

The analysis of the activities of UNIDO's Business Plan reveals that the major share of UNIDO's MP project portfolio consists of HPMPs including HCFC investment activities in different sub-sectors;

In 2014, UNIDO will continue to cover all regions (Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe) with planned activities in various sectors and countries (including non-investment activities and project preparation).

The following section summarizes the activities contained in UNIDO's 2014 Business Plan sorted by region.

Africa

In Africa, funding requests for seven (7) countries, with a total value of USD 4,271,800 will be submitted in 2014. The main concentration will be in HPMPs, HCFC investment projects, as well as Preparatory Assistance Projects for HPMP Stage II. Furthermore, two projects for the phase-out of methyl bromide in the date sector and three institutional strengthening proposals will be submitted. UNIDO is cooperating with UNEP on several HPMPs in African countries.

Asia

In Asia requests for funding for six (6) countries with a value of USD 25,632,100 will be submitted in 2014. This represents about 63.2 % of the total Business Plan for 2014. The main concentration will be in HPMPs, HCFC investment projects, as well as Preparatory Assistance Projects for HPMP Stage II. UNIDO will also submit two methyl bromide projects.

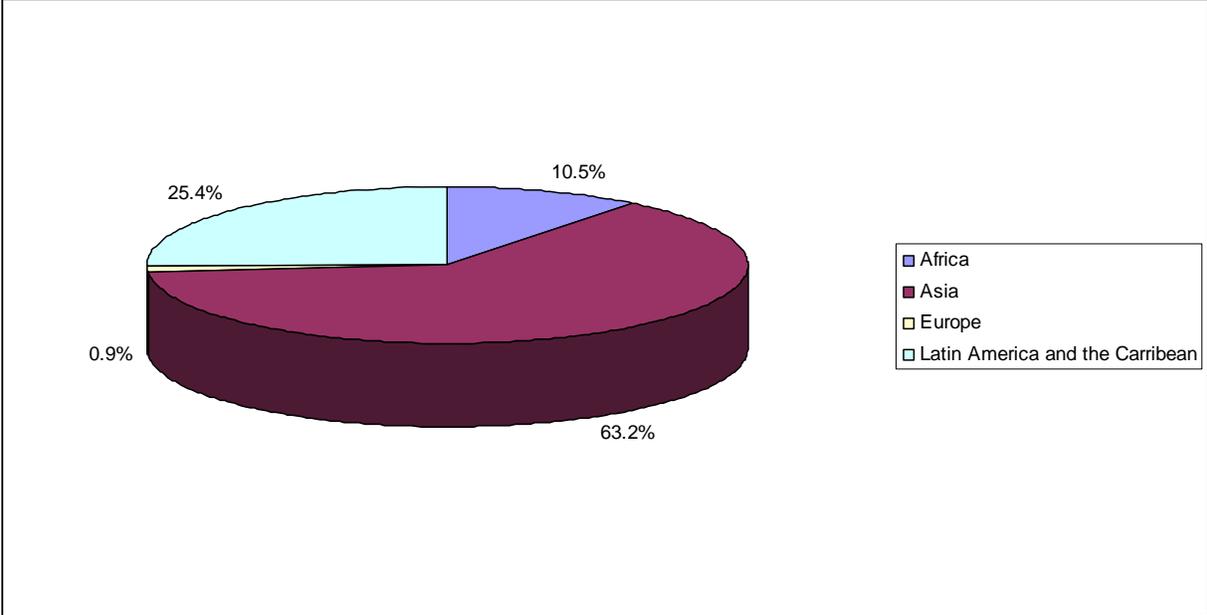
Europe

In Europe, requests for three (3) countries with a value of USD 370,600 will be submitted in 2014, two targeting the phase-out of HCFCs and one institutional strengthening.

Latin America and the Caribbean

In Latin America and the Caribbean Region, requests for four (4) countries, with a value of USD 10,293,400 will be submitted in 2014. The main concentration will be in HPMPs, HCFC investment projects, as well as Preparatory Assistance Projects for HPMP Stage II. Furthermore, UNIDO will submit one Institutional Strengthening project.

UNIDO's 2014 Business Plan by Region



PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The 47th ExCom Meeting has reviewed the weighting of the existing performance indicators. The new weightings, based on decision 47/51, are indicated in the below table.

| Performance Indicator | Item | Weighting | Target 2014 |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| Approval | Number of annual programmes of multi-year agreements approved | 15 | 17 |
| Approval | Number of individual projects/activities (investment projects, methyl bromide, halon banks, TAS) approved | 10 | 7 |
| Implementation | Milestone activities completed/ODS levels achieved for approved multi-year annual tranches versus those planned | 20 | 14 |
| Implementation | ODP phased out for individual projects | 15 | 190.7 |
| Implementation | Project completion (pursuant to Decision 28/2 for investment projects) and as defined for non-investment projects | 10 | 11 |
| Implementation | Policy/regulatory assistance completed | 10 | N/A |
| Administrative | Speed of financial completion | 10 | 12 months after operational completion |
| Administrative | Timely submission of project completion reports | 5 | On time |
| Administrative | Timely submission of progress reports and responses unless otherwise agreed | 5 | On time |

Based on Decision 49/4, the performance indicator on milestone activities for MYAs was changed as listed now in the above table.

POLICY ISSUE ON QPS APPLICATIONS

UNIDO's draft 2012-2014 Business Plan included requests for project preparation for the development of Demonstration projects on Alternatives to Methyl Bromide (MB) for Quarantine and Pre-Shipment (QPS) applications for goods in the international trade. The requests were removed from UNIDO's final Business Plan, as per MLF Secretariat's recommendation during the IAs coordination meeting in 2012.

MBTOC assessed that the amount of MB used for QPS applications in 2010, for the first time, was higher than for controlled uses. MBTOC emphasized that the increased use of MB for QPS is offsetting the gains made by reductions in controlled uses. Furthermore, the MBTOC 2010 report indicates that 31-47% of the present global consumption for QPS uses (in 2007) could be replaced with available alternatives today for the major QPS uses including: sawn timber, wood packaging material (WPM), grains and similar food stuffs, logs and fresh fruits and vegetables.

In this connection, some countries have started introducing measures for controlling QPS applications and promoting MB replacement. The USA, for example, has introduced control in QPS uses (import, export and domestic); promote, when possible alternatives that could replace MB use; and develop new treatments. The EU banned all uses of MB including QPS in 2010, including measures taken to stop MB usage by authorizing and promoting available alternatives.

On top of the above global consideration, UNIDO is reporting constraints and difficulties in almost all countries (in particular in those where MB consumption for post-harvest applications was high) to reach the complete phase-out of MB for controlled uses while MB for QPS is still authorized and granted. The closer is the date for the 100% phase-out for MB (i.e. 1st January 2015), the stronger these difficulties are.

In order to assist countries in reducing volumes of MB used as a phytosanitary measure for goods in international trade and thus ensuring the trade of commodities, in January 2013, UNIDO funded from its regular budget a one year preparatory assistance project. The aim of the project is to develop a programme on existing alternatives to MB for QPS applications.

In the first part of 2013, analysis on MB consumption for QPS uses and trade flow of major commodities treated with MB were conducted by UNIDO. The methodology used and the identification of potential cases for developing pilot demonstration projects were discussed and validated at an International Expert Group Meeting organized by UNIDO in May 2013, in Vienna.

The development of pilot demonstration projects aims to evaluate the technical and economical feasibility of existing alternatives to MB in QPS uses for commodities in trade in different regions and countries worldwide. In undertaking this programme, UNIDO aims to encourage the widespread of available alternatives, which indeed will provide an effective tool to governments

on updating their national/regional legislations on QPS (to be considered on a voluntary basis) in order to reduce the MB consumption without jeopardizing the international trade.

INITIATIVES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE

Successful and timely implementation of ongoing activities is essential for the current compliance period.

Special attention is provided to countries that may previously have been in non-compliance and that have decisions outlining plans of actions with time-specific benchmarks for return to compliance.

UNIDO has continued to provide supportive initiatives in order to ensure timely project completion of projects approved so far, and to facilitate compliance of the recipient countries with their MP obligations, which supported successful project implementation:

- Regular follow up of the implementation process is being done by the staff of the ozone office together with UNIDO's national and international consultants and project managers. This ensures that effective actions on critical issues such as resolving bottlenecks in site preparation, customs clearance, installation, commissioning and safety certification, monitoring of CFC-related equipment are taken.
- UNIDO is frequently attending Regional Network Meetings and respective workshops providing additional support to our counterpart countries.
- Communication and interaction between regional and country offices about the implementation process has ensured the smooth flow of project plans. As in previous years, directors of UNIDO regional and country offices are regularly briefed at UNIDO HQs on ongoing and possible future activities. They are involved in the implementation process and are following up the progress of the programmes. In turn, the representatives brief headquarter staff working in a specific country on the regular activities in the field and problems faced, if any.
- UNIDO also provides, when requested, support such as policy assistance, putting in place relevant legislation etc. Additionally, UNIDO project managers are visiting the project site, if definitely required.
- Based on recommendation of the Implementation Committee, additional assistance will be offered to the countries with delays in reporting of its ozone-depleting substance data