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BILATERAL COOPERATION

1. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies.
2. Due to the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parties to the Montreal Protocol have not been able to agree on the level of the 2021-2023 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund. At their 33rd Meeting, the Parties decided *inter alia* to adopt an updated interim budget for the Multilateral Fund for the triennium 2021-2023 (decision XXXIII/1) and a level of indicative contributions for the Parties for 2022 on an interim basis pending a final decision by the Parties on a revised budget for the Fund for the triennium 2021-2023 (decision XXXIII/2).
3. The funding of these requests, in addition to the funding of the request for bilateral cooperation approved at the 87th meeting² where applicable, are below the eligible maximum level of bilateral cooperation calculated based on the aforementioned decisions of the Parties. It cross-references relevant meeting documents that include a discussion on the bilateral requests, and contains the recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation.

Overview

4. Ten projects with a value of US \$4,142,026 have been submitted by four bilateral agencies as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Projects for bilateral cooperation submitted to the 88th meeting

Agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs (US \$)	Amount recommended (US \$)	Document
Austria	China	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, third tranche)	350,000	41,833	391,833	(1)
Subtotal			350,000	41,833	391,833	

¹ Online meetings and an intersessional approval process will be held in November and December 2021 due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

² US \$1,102,511 for the Government of Germany; US \$29,832 for the Government of Japan.

Pre-session documents of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol are without prejudice to any decision that the Executive Committee might take following issuance of the document.

Agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs (US \$)	Amount recommended (US \$)	Document
Germany	Brazil ^a	Preparation of HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III)	25,000	3,250	28,250	Present document
Germany	Brazil	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, fifth tranche)	1,500,000	166,941	1,666,941	(2)
Germany	China	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, fourth tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling programme)	600,000	71,122	671,122	(3)
Germany	China	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, fourth tranche) (extruded polystyrene foam sector plan)	600,000	73,535	673,535	(4)
Germany	Colombia ^b	Preparation of Kigali HFC implementation plan	70,000	9,100	79,100	Present document
Germany	Colombia	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, fourth tranche)	54,300	6,973	61,273	(5)
Germany	Mauritius	Verification report on the implementation of stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan	30,000	3,900	33,900	Present document
Subtotal			2,879,300	334,821	3,214,121	
Italy	Nigeria	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche)	234,400	30,472	264,872	(6)
Subtotal			234,400	30,472	264,872	
Japan	China	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, fourth tranche)	240,000	31,200	271,200	(7)
Subtotal			240,000	31,200	271,200	
Total			3,703,700	438,326	4,142,026	

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/43

(2) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/39

(3) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/43

(4) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/43

(5) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/44

(6) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/56

(7) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/43

^a UNDP as lead implementing agency, and UNIDO as cooperating implementing agency

^b UNDP as lead implementing agency.

Brazil: Project preparation for stage III of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) Germany)

Project description

5. The Government of Germany submitted a request for the preparation of stage III of the HPMP for Brazil as cooperating bilateral agency, with UNDP as lead implementing agency and UNIDO as cooperating implementing agency, as shown in Table 1. UNDP has requested US \$40,000, plus agency support costs of US \$2,800; and UNIDO has requested US \$25,000, plus agency support costs of US \$1,750, in their respective work programme amendments for 2021.³

6. UNDP provided a description of the activities required for the preparation of an overarching strategy for stage III of the HPMP for Brazil, and the corresponding costs in its work programme amendments.

³ UNDP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/30); UNIDO (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/32)

Secretariat's comments

7. The Secretariat noted that the funding requested for project preparation is consistent with the requirements in decision 71/42, and that stage III of the HPMP for Brazil will phase out 100 per cent of the HCFC baseline by 1 January 2030, except for the servicing tail.

Secretariat's recommendations

8. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval for project preparation for stage III of the HCFC phase-out management plan for Brazil at the level of funding shown in Table 1.

Mauritius: Technical assistance to prepare a verification report on HCFC consumption (Germany)**Project description**

9. The Executive Committee requested relevant bilateral and implementing agencies to include in their respective work programme amendments for submission to the 88th meeting, funding for the preparation of verification reports for selected Article 5 countries. The Government of Germany as lead implementing agency is requesting funding for the verification for stage I of the HPMP for Mauritius as shown in Table 1.⁴

Secretariat's comments

10. The Secretariat noted that the funding requested was consistent with the funds approved for similar verifications in previous meetings. It further noted that the verification report has to be submitted at least 10 weeks prior to the applicable Executive Committee meeting where the next funding tranche for the HPMP is being sought.

Secretariat's recommendation

11. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval for the preparation for the verification report for stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for Mauritius at the level of funding shown in Table 1, on the understanding that the verification report should be submitted at least 10 weeks prior to the applicable Executive Committee meeting where the next funding tranche for the HPMP is being sought.

Colombia: Project preparation for Kigali HFC implementation plan (Germany)**Project description**

12. The Government of Germany submitted a request for the preparation of stage I of the KIP for Colombia as cooperating bilateral agency, with UNDP as the lead implementing agency, as shown in Table 1.

Secretariat's comments

13. At the 87th meeting, funds for the preparation of the KIP for Colombia were approved at the level of US \$220,000, plus agency support costs of US \$15,400 for UNDP, in line with decision 87/50.⁵ The Secretariat was recently informed that this approval should have included funding of US \$70,000, plus agency support costs of US \$9,100 for the Government Germany (as cooperating bilateral agency), which

⁴ Decision 87/27.

⁵ Guidelines for the preparation of Kigali HFC implementation plans.

was inadvertently omitted at the 87th meeting. UNDP confirmed the return of the funds associated with the share for the cooperating bilateral agency to the 88th meeting.

Secretariat's recommendation

14. The Executive Committee may wish to note:
- (a) That the funding for the preparation of the Kigali HFC implementation plan (KIP) for Colombia approved at the 87th meeting amounting to US \$220,000, plus agency support costs for UNDP, should have consisted of US \$150,000, plus agency support cost for UNDP, and US \$70,000, plus agency support costs for the Government of Germany;
 - (b) That UNDP would return to the Multilateral Fund at the 88th meeting the approved funds of US \$70,000, plus agency support costs of US \$4,900, from the activity mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above; and
 - (c) That the amount of US \$70,000, plus agency support costs of US \$9,100 would be allocated to the Government of Germany at the 88th meeting for the activity mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) and Table 1 above.

General recommendation

15. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 88th meeting as follows:
- (a) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Austria for 2021;
 - (b) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Germany for 2021 and 2022;
 - (c) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Italy for 2021; and
 - (d) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Japan for 2021.
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