



How to give to the 10YFP Trust Fund? Information on process and conditions

What is the Trust Fund of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP)? The Trust Fund is a means of 10YFP implementation. As stated in the 10YFP adopted document of Rio+20 (A/CONF.216/5), “*the objective of the Trust Fund will be to mobilise resources in a stable, sustained and predictable manner to develop sustainable consumption and production programmes in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as appropriate, and to promote the transparent allocation of resources*”. The 10YFP Secretariat, served by UN Environment is responsible for the administration of this Trust Fund, including the coordination of calls for proposals. The 10YFP Board oversees both the Secretariat’s management of the Trust Fund and the project approval process in order to ensure neutrality, objectivity, transparency and accountability.

Aims of the 10YFP Trust Fund:

- Financially support the implementation of the six thematic Programmes of the 10YFP.
- Support innovative SCP projects that address the national and regional priorities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

How to give to the 10YFP Trust Fund? There are several ways to contribute to the 10YFP Trust Fund while specifying preferences for areas of funding, as follows:

Earmarked Funds	Un-Earmarked Funds
Donors specify how the funds will be used.	Donors do not specify how the funds will be used, however they can lightly earmark to a Programme through a dedicated ‘ <i>Programme specific funding</i> ’ window.
Subject to 13% UNEP Project Support Costs ¹ .	Subject to 8% UNEP Project Support Costs.
Donors can request a financial and narrative report.	No specific financial or narrative reporting, but the donor receives the overall Trust Fund report.
US \$100,000 minimum amount for contributions.	No minimum amount for contributions.
Donors can specify an expiry date for the validity of the funds, with consideration for project timelines.	Duration of funding validity is aligned with the established duration of the 10YFP.
Donors are not able to pre-define the recipients of their contributions.	
Contributions above US\$ 1 Million require a donor agreement.	
Up to 20% of earmarked and un-earmarked contributions can be used for cross-cutting activities and the 10YFP Secretariat (including direct support costs for grant management of projects).	

Un-earmarked contributions are when donors contribute to the Trust Fund without specifying how the funds will be used. It is, however possible to contribute un-earmarked funds for a specific 10YFP Programme- a ‘programme-specific funding window’ under the 10YFP Trust Fund. Using this method, the donor specifies the Programme and the Programme then determines the allocation of funds based on its priorities as defined by the Programme actors (*Co-Leads and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee*). Un-earmarked contributions are subject to 8% UNEP Project Support Costs (PSC²), which is lower than the usual rate because no specific financial or narrative reporting is required. Donors receive a periodic report on the 10YFP Trust Fund which includes the overall progress of all funded projects.

¹ For information: Project support costs (PSC) recover only indirect incremental costs incurred when supporting activities financed from extra-budgetary contributions and are used to finance central administration, central departmental administration and centrally managed services. Any direct costs of managing contributions are additional to the PSC.

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Benefits of un-earmarked funding: The funds are allocated based on 10YFP Programme, national and regional priorities, allowing demand-driven support from the 10YFP and more flexible project duration.

Earmarked contributions to the 10YFP Trust Fund are when donors specify how their contributions should be allocated to different types of activities. For example, funds can be earmarked to Programme work areas and activities, specific calls for proposals or other activities contributing to the objectives of the 10YFP, such as work at the national and regional level in implementing SCP. The 10YFP Secretariat – along with the Programme Leads/Co-leads – can provide further information on the portfolio of activities that can be funded and in which geographical regions.

Earmarked contributions to the 10YFP Trust Fund are subject to 13% PSC and overall earmarking should be limited due to the higher transactional costs associated with funds that are earmarked. Also for this reason, the minimum amount for earmarked contributions is US \$100,000. Trust Fund projects typically run for two years, but the preparation and closing of the project also takes time. Therefore, it is preferable that funds contributed are valid for use for a duration of 3-4 years as a minimum.

Both un-earmarked and earmarked funds are administered by the 10YFP Secretariat with technical support from the Programmes and are overseen by the 10YFP Board. Up to 20% of earmarked and un-earmarked contributions can be used for cross-cutting activities and the 10YFP Secretariat (including direct support costs for grant management of projects).

Selection process for recipients of Trust Fund contributions:

Recipients of contributions can be selected via two different means:

- 1) A call for proposals process managed by the 10YFP Secretariat in coordination with the relevant thematic Programme. More information on the process can be accessed [here](#).
- 2) A call for expressions of interest within a 10YFP Programme for actors to lead one or more of the work areas agreed upon in the original Programme document, established work or other strategic deliverables as defined by the programme.

In accordance with the United Nations Charter, donors are not able to pre-define the recipients of their contributions.

Monitoring and reporting of Trust Fund Projects including technical assistance: The projects implemented through the Trust Fund are under legal agreement with UN Environment. They are required to provide progress and expenditure reports every 6 months. Project progress is monitored by the 10YFP programmes in collaboration with 10YFP Secretariat and frequent follow-up mechanisms are established to ensure proper monitoring and timely technical assistance. Prior to the start of implementation all the projects are asked to develop a clear set of indicators against which they will measure the achievement of projects' objectives. This approach helps to assess the progress and demonstrate clear tangible results. The indicators are aligned with the "10YFP Indicators of Success", making it possible to demonstrate how the Trust Fund projects contribute to the shift to sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Visibility and acknowledgement: The 10YFP Secretariat ensures maximum visibility to donors. Donors are acknowledged on the 10YFP website and Global SCP Clearinghouse as well as other communication materials. Donors are also invited to participate in relevant 10YFP activities, including the Executive Meetings of the 10YFP, which bring together the 10YFP Board, Programme Leads and other 10YFP actors.

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