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**Quick Start Programme: status of approved projects and
applications in the regions**

preparation for the Quick Start Programme evaluation

Report of the secretariat on the Quick Start Programme and its Trust Fund

Introduction

1. By its resolution I/4, the International Conference on Chemicals Management established the Quick Start Programme, which aims to support initial enabling capacity-building and implementation activities in developing countries, least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition. The Conference also called for the Programme to include a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) trust fund and multilateral, bilateral and other forms of cooperation. It invited Governments in a position to do so, regional economic integration organizations, intergovernmental organizations, the private sector, including industry, foundations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, to contribute to the Programme.

2. By the same resolution, the Conference decided to establish the Quick Start Programme Executive Board, consisting of two government representatives of each United Nations region¹ and all the bilateral and multilateral donors and other contributors to the Programme. The Board reviews progress under the Programme on the basis of reports from the Trust Fund Implementation Committee and other Programme participants, and provides operational guidance on the implementation of the Programme's strategic priorities. In accordance with the resolution, the Committee, comprising representatives of the participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals² and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), reviews and appraises project proposals to be financed by the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund.

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1 The two representatives of Latin American and the Caribbean on the Executive Board are Barbados and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

2 The participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals are the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), UNEP, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

I. Establishment and operation of the Trust Fund

3. Further to the adoption of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, one of the secretariat's first priorities was for the Quick Start Programme and its trust fund to be established and become operational. Following the first meetings of the Executive Board and the Trust Fund Implementation Committee, in April 2006, the first round of applications was launched in May 2006. Six more rounds were held between September 2006 and November 2009. The eighth round will close on 14 February 2010.

4. Arrangements for the establishment of the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund by UNEP were initiated by the Strategic Approach secretariat in May 2006. For the Trust Fund to be operational for the maximum period of time,³ it was officially established on 1 December 2006. By its decision 24/10 of 9 February 2007, the UNEP Governing Council noted and approved the establishment of the General Trust Fund for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management Quick Start Programme.

II. Financial situation of the Trust Fund

5. Since 2006, approximately \$23,624,000 has been pledged to the Trust Fund, of which \$23,470,000 has been received and recorded into its accounts. Over seven rounds of applications to the Trust Fund, the Trust Fund Implementation Committee has approved projects with a total value of \$18,496,464.⁴ In addition, UNEP levies 5 per cent programme support costs on disbursements made to cover its trustee functions. After completion of all disbursements, the programme support costs will total approximately \$899,895. As at January 2010, the approximate balance of funds in the Trust Fund, taking into account future payment of pledges received, stands at \$4,227,000, of which \$1,211,900 has been earmarked for projects relating to the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries under the terms of a funding agreement with the European Commission. Information on Trust Fund pledges received between 2006 and 2009 is presented in annex I to the present report.

III. Project approval

6. Over the first seven rounds of applications to the Trust Fund the secretariat received 214 project proposals. Following the secretariat's screening of applications for completeness and eligibility, the Trust Fund Implementation Committee appraised 177 applications. It approved 92 projects for total funding of approximately \$18,496,464. In addition, 62 projects were recommended for further development and resubmission. The approved projects will be implemented by 83 Governments and 8 civil society organizations and involve activities in 85 countries, including 41 least developed countries and small island developing States. Summary information is provided in the following table:

3 Resolution I/4 states that, from the date of its establishment, the Trust Fund will be open to receive voluntary contributions for five years and to disburse funds for seven years. At its second session, the Conference extended the period during which the Trust Fund would be open for contributions until the third session of the Conference. The secretariat purposely delayed the establishment of the Trust Fund until after the approval of the first Quick Start Programme projects.

4 The total includes \$1,966,262 in the first round, \$1,861,841 in the second round, \$2,232,155 in the third round, \$3,888,505 in the fourth round, \$4,071,489 in the fifth round, \$1,749,804 in the sixth round and \$2,476,478 in the seventh round.

Table
Summary of Quick Start Programme Trust Fund approved projects: rounds I–VII

	Overall	Round						
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Total projects approved	92	8	21	11	17	17	8	10
Civil society projects	8	1	1	2	2	1	1	-
Government projects	84	7	20	9	15	16	7	10
<i>Individual</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Multi-country</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>
Countries involved	83							
<i>Africa</i>	<i>33</i>							
<i>Asia and the Pacific</i>	<i>22</i>							
<i>Central and Eastern Europe</i>	<i>7</i>							
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	<i>21</i>							
LDCs and SIDS	41							
Total funding granted (United States dollars)	18 496 464	1 966 262	1 861 841	2 232 155	3 888 505	4 071 489	1 999 734	2 476 478

IV. Applications and projects from the Latin American and Caribbean region

7. The Latin American and Caribbean region has been active in the Strategic Approach Quick Start Programme and its Trust Fund. Of 162 government project proposals and 52 civil society project proposals, 37 and 45, respectively, have come from the region. Funding has been approved for 23 government-led projects and 2 civil society projects in the region. The approved projects pertain to initial enabling activities related to, among other things, developing or updating national chemicals management profiles and establishing integrated national programmes for sound chemicals management, capacity-building for persistent organic pollutants laboratories, strengthening capacities for artisanal and small-scale gold mining, the sound management of mercury products and developing a pollutant and release transfer register. Most of the projects have an executing agency. The region had received approximately \$4.3 million of total funding of \$18.4 million as at the seventh round of the Quick Start Programme trust fund in November 2009. The projects being implemented in Latin America and the Caribbean and other regions are presented in annex II to the present note.

V. Contributions to the non-trust fund Quick Start Programme

8. At its first meeting, the Executive Board decided that declarations of contributions to the non-trust-fund Quick Start Programme should be made using a specific form that would assist reporting on Programme contributions and to determine membership of the Executive Board. Declarations of contributions list cooperation, activities and initiatives undertaken under the non-trust fund Quick Start Programme.

9. As at January 2010, non-trust fund Programme contributions have been declared by the Governments of Canada, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and by the International Council of Chemical Associations, FAO, OECD, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR and WHO. In preparation for the fourth meeting of the Quick Start Programme Executive Board, four Board members updated their declaration forms and submitted them to the secretariat.⁵

⁵ All declared contributions are available on the Strategic Approach website: www.chem.unep.ch/saicm/fundraising/qsp.htm.

10. Other stakeholders wishing to declare contributions to the Quick Start Programme are encouraged to do so using the official reporting form available on the Strategic Approach website.⁶ The Board will then determine whether new contributions qualify as contributions to the Programme according to its objective set out in resolution I/4 of the International Conference on Chemicals Management.

VI. Evaluation of the Quick Start Programme

11. By its resolution II/3 on financial and technical resources for implementation, the Conference requested the Quick Start Programme Executive Board to evaluate the Programme, report on its effectiveness and the efficiency of its implementation and make recommendations in the light of its findings for consideration by the Conference at its third session. The secretariat will make arrangements for the evaluation, which will be carried out by a group of consultants and include a desk study, field visits, interviews and a survey of stakeholders. A copy of the draft outline for consideration by participants is set out in annex III to the present report.

VII. Secretariat support for the Quick Start Programme

12. By its resolution I/4, the Conference requested the Strategic Approach secretariat to perform the following functions in relation to the Quick Start Programme:

- (a) To facilitate meetings of the Trust Fund Implementation Committee and the Quick Start Programme Executive Board;
- (b) To provide administrative support to the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund;
- (c) To screen Trust Fund project proposals for completeness and eligibility.

In addition, the secretariat's functions defined in paragraph 28 of the Overarching Policy Strategy include the provision of guidance to stakeholders in the initiation of project proposals.

13. As at January 2010 the secretariat had convened and serviced four meetings of the Executive Board and eight meetings of the Trust Fund Implementation Committee. The secretariat coordinates preparation and follow-up for each meeting with the meeting chair or co-chairs, including the preparation of meeting documents and correspondence, organization of teleconferences and travel arrangements for funded participants. The ninth meeting of the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund Implementation Committee is scheduled for 30 and 31 March 2010 in Geneva and the fifth meeting of the Quick Start Programme Executive Board will also be held in Geneva on 19 and 20 April 2010.

14. Over seven application rounds, the secretariat reviewed for completeness and eligibility all 214 applications received, including through individual correspondence and requests for clarification. Following each application round and the appraisal of projects by the Trust Fund Implementation Committee, the secretariat informs applicants of the Committee's decisions, facilitates confirmation of conditionally approved projects and prepares legal agreements with funding recipients or project executing agencies. As at January 2010, 75 agreements had been signed of a total of 82 approved projects in the first six rounds of applications. Another 10 agreements for projects approved in the seventh round are being developed.

15. Following the formal establishment of the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund in December 2006, arrangements for the administration of the Trust Fund and management of Trust Fund projects were completed in March 2007, including an agreed administration fee structure for the Trust Fund and for individual project budgets.⁷ In addition, streamlined arrangements for the management of Trust Fund projects, under memorandums of understanding rather than full project documents requiring approval through the UNEP Project Approval Group, were approved by the Deputy Executive Director on 19 March 2007.

6 The declaration form template, as approved by the Quick Start Programme Executive Board at its second meeting, is available on the Strategic Approach website: www.chem.unep.ch/saicm/fundraising/qsp.htm.

7 Following consultations between UNEP, donors and the secretariat, the Executive Director of UNEP agreed in January 2007 to reduce UNEP programme support costs, as trustee, from 13 per cent to 5 per cent. In addition, the majority of the participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and UNDP, which may be involved as executing agencies in Quick Start Programme Trust Fund projects, have said that they would be prepared to act in that capacity for a fee of 8 per cent of project budgets.

16. Following the introduction in 2008 by UNEP of new requirements for legal instruments, arrangements and conditions for memorandums of understanding completed in 2007 have recently been reviewed and modified to meet new format requirements. Following the development of new agreement templates, consultations have been undertaken with project executing agencies and government and civil society funding recipients to use the new agreements for projects approved after May 2007.
17. The secretariat maintains a record of Trust Fund contributions and facilitates the conclusion of agreements with donors, the transfer and recording of funds and reporting. These tasks are coordinated with the UNEP Chemicals Branch administration and the Treasury Section of the Budget and Financial Management Service of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.
18. In preparation for the seven application rounds, the secretariat responded to approximately 240 requests for information or guidance on project proposals and application requirements. In addition, the secretariat has made over 35 presentations on the Quick Start Programme at international conferences and meetings and published a Quick Start Programme information bulletin in June 2008.
19. With the support of a grant of 150,000 euros provided by the European Commission, the secretariat was able to establish a temporary Professional position in September 2007, in line with resolution I/1 of the International Conference on Chemicals Management. The continuation of the position depends on further contributions to cover costs in the future. It should be noted that the steadily increasing workload, resulting from the number of projects submitted and approved and increased needs for reporting, donor coordination and secretariat support, have affected the Strategic Approach secretariat's capacity to service equally all aspects of the Quick Start Programme.
20. From April 2008, consultancy resources have been employed to assist the secretariat in its support of the Programme. In the light of the exponential growth in the volume of projects and associated servicing requirements, the proposal of the secretariat for the provision of additional staff resources to support Programme operations was approved by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its second session.

Annex I

Summary table of QSP trust fund contributions

Jan-10

Donor	2006		2007		2008		2009		Total
	Local currency amount	United States dollar amount	Local currency amount	United States dollar amount	Local currency amount	United States dollar amount	Local currency amount	United States dollar amount	United States dollar amount
Australia			60,000 AUD	57,000	250,000 AUD	236,000			293,000
Austria	100,000 EUR	131,000	120,000 EUR	159,500	105,000 EUR	156,000	50,000 EUR	74,000	520,500
Belgium	40,000 EUR	50,000					10,000 EUR	14,700	64,700
Czech Republic					30,000 EUR	38,000	20,000 EUR	28,000	66,000
European Commission			2,400,000 EUR	3,108,000	1,950,000 EUR	2,500,000			5,608,000
Finland	200,000 EUR	255,000	200,000 EUR	272,000	200,000 EUR	311,000	200,000 EUR	288,000	1,126,000
France	50,000 EUR	66,000				107,000	60,000 EUR	87,000	260,000
Germany							160,000 EUR	218,000	218,000
Hungary					10,000 EUR	13,000			13,000
India		100,000							100,000
Madagascar				5,000		5,000		5,000	15,000
Republic of Korea				40,000					40,000
Romania							10,000 EUR	13,000	13,000
Netherlands	100,000 EUR	129,000	100,000 EUR	137,000	100,000 EUR	155,000	50,000 EUR	70,000	491,000
Nigeria		50,000						50,000	100,000
Norway	3,000,000 NOK	485,000	6,000,000 NOK	1,103,000	6,000,000 NOK	848,000	5,000,000 NOK	830,000	3,266,000
Slovenia	20,000 EUR	26,000	20,000 EUR	29,000	120,000 EUR	176,000	20,000 EUR	26,000	257,000
South Africa		100,000						50,000	150,000
Spain	100,000 EUR	131,000	45,000 EUR	65,000	300,000 EUR	389,000		390,000	975,000
Sweden	25,000,000 SEK	3,650,000	15,000,000 SEK	2,266,000			15,000,000 SEK	2,048,000	7,964,000
Switzerland	200,000 CHF	161,000	150,000 CHF	133,000	150,000 CHF	125,000	200,000 CHF	190,000	609,000
United Kingdom	215,000 GBP	375,000							375,000
United States		200,000		300,000		300,000		300,000	1,100,000
TOTAL		5,909,000		7,674,500		5,359,000		4,681,700	
TOTAL of 2006-2009 QSP trust fund contributions	23,624,200								

Annex II

Table 1
Governments (33) and projects (35) supported through the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund in Africa

<i>Country</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding \$</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Burkina Faso	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 946	1st	Multi-country
		Strengthening pesticide management in member States of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)*	CILSS	49 413	7th	Multi-country
Burundi	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile and developing a national chemicals database	UNITAR	99 250	2nd	Individual
		Institutional capacity-building for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention and awareness-raising on persistent organic pollutant issues*		124 950	7th	Multi-country
Chad	LDC	Strengthening integrated chemicals management for effective Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	119 900	2nd	Individual
		Strengthening pesticide management in CILSS member States*	CILSS	49 413	7th	Multi-country
Comoros	LDC and SIDS	Developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment, holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop and updating the national chemicals management profile	UNITAR	52 900	2nd	Individual
Congo		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 659	1st	Multi-country

* Conditional approval to be confirmed.

<i>Country</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding \$</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Côte d'Ivoire		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 659	1st	Multi-country
		Strengthening national capacity to control the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and chemicals in the context of the Basel Convention, International Health Regulations (WHO, 2005) and other relevant MEAs, as necessary, and ensuring their environmentally sound management	Basel Convention secretariat	249 930	4th	Individual
Djibouti	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 946	1st	Multi-country
		Strengthening national capacity to control the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and chemicals in the context of the Basel Convention, International Health Regulations (WHO, 2005) and other relevant MEAs, as necessary, and ensuring their environmentally sound management	Basel Convention regional centre	249 930	6th	Individual
Egypt		Assessment and capacity-building in chemicals and chemicals waste management	UNIDO	250 000	5th	Individual
Eritrea	LDC	Developing a national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	70 150	2nd	Individual

<i>Country</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding \$</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Gabon		Country support for the implementation of the Libreville Declaration on Health and Environment in Africa: development of guidelines and capacity-building for situation analysis and needs assessment in view of developing country plans for joint action	UNEP and WHO	248 400	6th	Multi-country
Gambia	LDC	Strengthening capacities for Strategic Approach implementation and supporting Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals capacity-building	UNITAR	250 000	6th	Individual
		Strengthening pesticide management in CILSS member States*	CILSS	49 413	7th	Multi-country
Ghana		Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	50 750	2nd	Individual
		Training on risk assessment of chemicals at the national level in a global context	IPCP	83 333	7th	Multi- country
Guinea		Developing an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and Strategic Approach implementation*	UNITAR	250 000	7th	Individual
Kenya		Strengthening national capacities for Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	249 900	3rd	Individual
		Country support for the implementation of the Libreville Declaration on Health and Environment in Africa: development of guidelines and capacity-building for situation analysis and needs assessment in view of developing country plans for joint action	UNEP and WHO	248 400	6th	Multi-country
Lesotho	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	54 950	2nd	Individual

<i>Country</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding \$</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Liberia	LDC	Developing a national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	71 050	3rd	Individual
		Liberia, UNDP and UNEP partnership initiative for the integration of sound management of chemicals considerations into development plans and processes	UNDP and UNEP	250 000	5th	Individual
Madagascar	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 946	1st	Multi-country
		Recycling or disposal of insecticide-treated nets, exploratory project	WHO	250 000	5th	Individual
Malawi	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	50 576	2nd	Individual
Mali	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	58 400	3rd	Individual
		Chemical accident prevention programme for West Africa	-	250 000	6th	Multi-country
Mauritania	LDC	Mauritania, UNDP and UNEP partnership initiative for the integration of sound management of chemicals considerations into development plans and processes	UNDP and UNEP	250 000	5th	Individual
		Strengthening pesticide management in CILSS member States*	CILSS	49 413	7th	Multi-country
Mauritius		Mauritius, UNDP and UNEP partnership initiative for Strategic Approach implementation	UNDP	249 519	7th	Individual

Country	LDC or SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding \$	Round	Project type
Morocco		Strengthening national capacity in safe management of public health pesticides	WHO	175 000	5th	Individual
Niger	LDC	Strengthening pesticide management in CILSS member States*	CILSS	49 413	7th	Multi-country
Nigeria		Establishing an institutional framework and strengthening national capacity within an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and implementation of the Strategic Approach	-	230 000	1st	Individual
Rwanda	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 946	1st	Multi-country
		Institutional capacity-building for implementation of the Stockholm Convention and awareness-raising on persistent organic pollutant issues*		124 950	7th	Multi-country
Sao Tome and Principe	LDC and SIDS	Updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 946	1st	Multi-country
Senegal	LDC	Strengthening national capacities for Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	250 000	5th	Individual
		Chemical accident prevention programme for West Africa	-	250 000	6th	Multi-country
Seychelles	SIDS	Developing an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	250 000	5th	Individual
Sudan	LDC	Development of a sustainable integrated national programme for sound management of chemicals	UNIDO	144 072	3rd	Individual
Swaziland		Developing an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and Strategic Approach implementation*	UNITAR	250 000	7th	Individual

<i>Country</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding \$</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Uganda	LDC	Uganda, UNEP and UNDP partnership initiative for the implementation of the Strategic Approach	UNDP and UNEP	250 000	1st	Individual
United Republic of Tanzania	LDC	Capacity enhancement for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention	-	248 819	4th	Individual
Zambia	LDC	Strengthening capacities for Strategic Approach implementation and supporting GHS capacity-building	UNITAR	250 000	5th	individual

Table 2
Governments (22) and projects (21) supported through the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund in Asia and the Pacific

<i>Country or territory</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Bahrain	SIDS	Capacity-building for integrated and sustainable chemicals and hazardous waste management	UNITAR	250 000	4th	Individual
Cambodia	LDC	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	50 570	2nd	Individual
		Protecting human health and the environment from mercury in artisanal and small-scale gold mining in Asia	UNEP	125 000	4th	Multi-country
Cook Islands		Poison information network for the Pacific*	WHO	49 998	7th	Multi-country
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		Strengthening capacities for national Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	244 750	5th	Individual
Indonesia		Technical support to strengthen national capacities for the sound management of priority industrial carcinogens in Indonesia and Thailand	WHO	109 728	4th	Multi-country
Kazakhstan		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	50 300	2nd	Individual
Kiribati	LDC and SIDS	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	64 800	2nd	Individual
		Poison information network for the Pacific	WHO	49 998	7th	Multi-country
Kyrgyzstan		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	50 950	2nd	Individual

<i>Country or territory</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
		Kyrgyzstan, UNDP and UNEP partnership initiative for the integration of sound management of chemicals considerations into development plans and processes	UNDP-UNEP	250 000	6th	Individual
Lao People's Democratic Republic	LDC	Lao People's Democratic Republic, UNDP and UNEP partnership initiative for the integration of sound management of chemicals considerations into development plans and processes*	UNDP	250 000	7th	Individual
Mongolia		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 659	1st	Multi-country
Nepal	LDC	Developing a national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	70 501	2nd	Individual
Occupied Palestinian Territory		Development of a national chemicals management profile and a national chemicals management database	UNITAR	82 250	2nd	Individual
Palau	SIDS	Establishing an institutional framework and strengthening national capacity for the sound chemicals management and implementation of the Strategic Approach		250 000	4th	Individual
Philippines		Development of an effective national chemical safety programme towards chemical poisoning prevention and control	-	250 000	4th	Individual
		Protecting human health and the environment from mercury in artisanal and small-scale gold mining in Asia	UNEP	125 000	4th	Multi-country

<i>Country or territory</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Samoa	LDC and SIDS	Establishing an institutional framework and strengthening national capacity within an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and implementation of the Strategic Approach	-	250 000	4th	Individual
		Poison information network for the Pacific*	WHO	49 998	7th	Multi-country
Sri Lanka		Strengthening national capacities for sound management of priority industrial carcinogens and updating national chemicals profile	WHO	232 539	5th	Individual
Solomon Islands	LDC-SIDS	Poison information network for the Pacific*	WHO	49 998	7th	Multi-country
Syrian Arab Republic		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 659	1st	Multi-country
Thailand		Technical support to strengthening national capacities for sound management of priority industrial carcinogens in Indonesia and Thailand	WHO	109 728	4th	Multi-country
		Capacity-building and awareness-raising programmes on the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention	-	250 000	5th	Individual
Tonga		Poison information network for the Pacific*	WHO	49 998	7th	Multi-country
Uzbekistan		Developing an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	250 000	5th	Individual
Yemen	LDC	Integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and implementation of the Strategic Approach	UNITAR	249 500	3rd	Individual

Table 3
Governments (7) and projects (8) supported through the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund in Central and Eastern Europe

Country	LDC-SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Albania		Strengthening national capacities for Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	250 000	6th	Individual
Armenia		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 607	1st	Multi-country
		Armenia and UNEP partnership initiative for sound management of chemicals and implementation of Strategic Approach	-	245 680	3rd	Individual
		Training on risk assessment of chemicals at national level at a global context	IPCP	83 333	7th	Multi-country
Belarus		Belarus, UNDP and UNEP partnership initiative for the integration of sound management of chemicals considerations into development plans and processes	UNDP and UNEP	250 000	3rd	Individual
Georgia		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 607	1st	Multi-country
		Strengthening capacities for developing a national pollutant and release transfer register and supporting Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	170 500	4th	Individual
Republic of Moldova		Republic of Moldova and UNEP partnership on capacity-building for improving the environmentally sound management of chemicals in the Republic of Moldova and the implementation of Strategic Approach	-	249 950	2nd	Individual
Serbia		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 607	1st	Multi-country
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		Development and mainstreaming of the national plan on Strategic Approach implementation	UNDP	248 400	1st	Individual

Table 4

Governments (21) and projects (23) supported through the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund in Latin America and the Caribbean

<i>Country</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Bahamas	SIDS	Capacity-building for POPs analysis to support the POPs global monitoring plan for the effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention	UNEP	83 333	4th	Multi-country
Barbados	SIDS	Updating a national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	55 450	2nd	Individual
		Capacity-building for POPs analysis to support the POPs global monitoring plan for the effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention	UNEP	83 333	4th	Multi-country
		Strengthening capacities for Strategic Approach implementation and supporting GHS capacity-building*	UNITAR	250 000	7th	Individual
Belize	SIDS	Mainstreaming into developing plans sound management of chemicals priorities for key development sectors in Belize and associated sound management of chemicals governance	UNDP and UNEP	250 000	4th	Individual
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		Strengthening national governance for Strategic Approach implementation: updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach forum	UNITAR	69 550	2nd	Individual
		Artisanal and small-scale gold mining regional project in South America	UNEP	124 900	5th	Multi-country
Chile		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 607	1st	Multi-country
		Training on risk assessment of chemicals at the national level in a global context	IPCP	83 333	7th	Multi-country
Colombia		Strengthening national governance for Strategic Approach implementation	UNIDO	249 800	5th	Individual

* Conditional approval to be confirmed.

Country	LDC or SIDS	Project title	Executing agency	Funding	Round	Project type
Costa Rica		Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 607	1st	multi-country
		Design and implementation of national information system for the integral management of chemical substances	-	250 000	6th	Individual
Cuba	SIDS	Capacity-building for POPs laboratories in Cuba under multilateral environmental agreements	UNEP	250 000	4th	Individual
Ecuador		Ecuador, UNEP and UNDP partnership initiative for the implementation of the Strategic Approach	UNDP and UNEP	250 000	1st	Individual
El Salvador		Life-cycle analysis of chemical substances	UNIDO	246 700	3rd	Individual
Guatemala		Strengthening national governance for Strategic Approach implementation: developing the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach forum	UNITAR	85 750	2nd	Individual
Guyana		Developing an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	90 000	4th	Individual
Haiti	LDC and SIDS	Updating the national chemicals management profile, development of a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach priority-setting workshop	UNITAR	49 659	1st	Multi-country
		Capacity-building for POPs analysis to support the POPs global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention	UNEP	83 333	4th	Multi-country
Honduras		Strengthening national governance for Strategic Approach implementation: updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach forum	UNITAR	85 000	2nd	Individual

<i>Country</i>	<i>LDC or SIDS</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Executing agency</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
		Honduras, UNDP and UNEP partnership initiative for the integration of sound management of chemicals considerations into development plans and processes	UNDP and UNEP	250 000	5th	Individual
Nicaragua		Strengthening national governance for Strategic Approach implementation: updating the national chemicals management profile, developing a national Strategic Approach capacity assessment and holding a national Strategic Approach forum	UNITAR	70 500	2nd	Individual
Panama		Strengthening capacities for developing a national pollutant and release transfer register and supporting Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	170 000	5th	Individual
Paraguay		Developing an integrated national programme for the sound management of chemicals and Strategic Approach implementation	UNITAR	250 000	4th	Individual
Peru		Safe chemicals	UNIDO	249 004	3rd	Individual
		Artisanal and small-scale gold mining regional project in South America	UNEP	124 900	5th	Multi-country
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	SIDS	Establishing an institutional framework and strengthening national capacity within an integrated process for the sound management of chemicals and the implementation of the Strategic Approach*	Caribbean Environmental Health Institute	229 999	7th	Individual
Trinidad and Tobago	SIDS	Strengthening the legislative, regulatory and enforcement capacity of SIDS in the Caribbean	Basel Convention secretariat	178 794	2nd	Individual
Uruguay		Sound management for mercury products	UNIDO	249 800	4th	Individual

Table 5

Quick Start Programme Trust Fund civil society projects in Africa (4)

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Country(ies)</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
AGENDA, iLima-Kenya and NAPE	Strategic Approach implementation is East Africa: law reform and capacity-building for sound chemicals management in Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania	Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania	250 000	5th	Civil society
Day Hospital Institute for Development and Rehabilitation	National awareness campaign for all stakeholders on the safe use and management of pesticides according to the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides	Egypt	199 000	2nd	Civil society
Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union	Strengthening the capacity of agricultural workers and workers' organizations in the implementation of the Strategic Approach	United Republic of Tanzania (LDC)	241 800	1st	Civil society
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry	Scientific capacity-building in support of the Strategic Approach in Africa	Africa	250 000	4th	Civil society

Table 6

Quick Start Programme Trust Fund civil society projects in Asia and the Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe (2)

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Country (ies)</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Chulabhorn Research Institute (CRI)	Development of course materials and a distance learning tool for the assessment of risk from the use of chemicals support Strategic Approach capacity-building efforts in developing countries	Thailand and Asia-Pacific countries	249 804	6 th	Civil society
Network for Protection of Public Environmental Interests in the Kyrgyz Republic, Green Partnership and Local Self-Government Development Centre	Strengthening capacities of civil society organizations for national and regional Strategic Approach implementation in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia	Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan	160 000	4th	Civil society

Table 7

Quick Start Programme Trust Fund civil society projects in Latin America and the Caribbean (2)

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Project title</i>	<i>Country (ies)</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Project type</i>
Argentine Society of Doctors for the Environment (AAMMA)	Integrated regional campaign on minimization of mercury domestic sources with actions of intervention in the community to protect children and women's health	Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay	240 625	3rd	Civil society
Sustainlabour	Enabling workers and workplaces for implementation of the Strategic Approach	Brazil, Chile and Uruguay	227 224	3rd	Civil society

Annex III

Midterm review of the Quick Start Programme

Draft outline for terms of reference

October 2009

I. Background and Quick Start Programme overview

- A. Introduction to Strategic Approach and Quick Start Programme
- B. Institutional arrangements
- C. Quick Start Programme business plan and resources
- D. Projects

II. Objectives of the Quick Start Programme evaluation

III. Methods

- A. Desk study
- B. Field visits and interviews
- C. Survey of stakeholders
- D. Other means

IV. Scope of the evaluation

- A. **Overall outcomes of the Quick Start Programme** (i.e., meeting the programme objectives and strategic priorities as provided for in resolution I/4 of the International Conference on Chemicals Management and the Quick Start Programme business plan, including sectoral and regional balance, priority to least developed countries and small island developing States, fund-raising targets for the Trust Fund and for the broader (non-trust fund) Quick Start Programme, etc.)
- B. **Institutional and administrative arrangements of the Quick Start Programme**
 - 1. Quick Start Programme governance structure
 - 2. Disbursement of funds
 - 3. Project application and approval procedures
 - 4. Effectiveness of the secretariat
 - 5. Fund-raising
 - 6. Other matters
- C. **Quick Start Programme projects**
 - 1. Attainment of objectives and planned results
 - 2. Sustainability
 - 3. Achievement of outputs and activities
 - 4. Assessment of monitoring and evaluation arrangements
 - 5. Replicability and catalytic role
 - 6. Preparation and readiness
 - 7. Country ownership
 - 8. Stakeholder participation and public awareness
 - 9. Financial considerations
 - 10. Implementation arrangements

- VI. Evaluation report outline (including lessons learned and recommendations)**
 - VI. Review procedures and timeline for the Quick Start Programme evaluation**
 - VII. Budget**
 - VIII. Qualifications of evaluator(s) (education, experience, skills, abilities and other criteria, such as independence required to conduct the evaluation)**
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