

541 (XVIII). Report of the World Meteorological Organization

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report²⁴ of the World Meteorological Organization.

*817th plenary meeting,
26 July 1954.*

542 (XVIII). Technical assistance

A

REGULAR PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with satisfaction of the report²⁵ by the Secretary-General concerning the Regular United Nations Programme of Technical Assistance.

*793rd plenary meeting,
29 June 1954.*

B

EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

I

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BOARD TO
THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the sixth report²⁶ submitted by the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee.

*820th plenary meeting,
29 July 1954.*

II

SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER THE EXPANDED
PROGRAMME

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report²⁷ of the Technical Assistance Committee,

Reaffirming the principle that United Nations technical assistance programmes should be drawn up by governments at the country level in accordance with their needs and in relation to their economic development plans, and that the technical resources of the various participating organizations should be used to the maximum in the preparation of those programmes,

Considering that governments should be more closely associated with the preparation, review and approval of the programmes,

1. Approves the following recommendations of the Technical Assistance Committee:

(a) As from 1 January 1955 and in relation to the programme for 1956 and subsequent years, the funds of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance shall no longer be allocated to the organizations participating in the Programme on the basis of percentages fixed in advance. The funds shall be distributed on the basis of the requests submitted by governments and the priorities established by them, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) below;

(b) The planning and approval of the programmes, and the allocation of funds for their implementation, shall be subject to the following procedure and principles:

(i) TAB shall formulate early in the year, as a guide in planning country and regional programmes, target figures showing the amount of expenditure on technical assistance which it may be possible to undertake during the ensuing year on the basis of an assumed financial availability. In order to ensure stable programming, sharp reductions in country target figures in any single year should normally be avoided, subject to the availability of financial resources. Country target figures, including agency sub-totals for each of the participating organizations, derived from their activities during the preceding year, shall be communicated to the respective governments. Governments shall, however, be at liberty to present their requests without being bound by these sub-totals;

(ii) Programmes shall be drawn up at the country level by the requesting governments, in consultation with the resident representatives or such representatives of TAB as may be specially assigned for the purpose, due regard being paid to continuing commitments. Participating organizations shall continue to be responsible for advising and assisting the appropriate government authorities in the technical planning of individual projects. The responsibility for co-ordinating consultations between governments and participating organizations shall rest with the resident representatives or such representatives of TAB as may be specially assigned for the purpose;

(iii) The country programmes shall be forwarded by requesting governments, with an indication of the priorities established by them, to TAB through the resident representatives. TAB shall consider the programmes, draw up the over-all Programme for the following year, including estimates of administrative and indirect operational costs, and submit it, with its recommendations, to TAC. In drawing up the Programme, TAB shall ensure that the ratio between the programmes to be implemented by the different participating organizations will make possible the authorization of allocations in accordance with sub-paragraph (vi) below;

(iv) TAC shall review the over-all Programme in the light of its importance for economic development; this review should not deal with country allocations or with the technical aspects of the Programme or the national development plans of the respective governments, but should be concerned with over-all priorities, evaluation of the projects and the programme inter-relationships. On the basis of this review, TAC shall

²⁴ See documents E/2594 and Corr.1.

²⁵ See document E/2575.

²⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 and Corr.1 and Add.1*

²⁷ See documents E/2637 and Corr.1 and 2.