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**Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields**

**Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development**

**Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**

**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

**Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

**Report of the Secretary-General**

### *Summary*

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## I. Introduction

1. Following the third International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa from 13 to 16 July 2015, the General Assembly, in its resolution 69/313, endorsed the outcome document of the Conference, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

2. In September 2015, the General Assembly, in its resolution 70/1, adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

3. In both instances, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, before the adoption of the draft resolutions, the Secretary-General submitted a statement of the programme budget implications in which he informed the Assembly that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the outcome documents would give rise to additional resource requirements under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and beyond.

4. The present report contains the proposed additional resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 for the immediate implementation of the mandates called for in the outcome documents.

5. It should be noted, however, that the recommendations contained in the outcome documents require further assessment and consultations with all stakeholders in order to determine how they are proposed to be implemented.

6. Accordingly, in line with paragraph 90 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is the intention of the Secretary-General to submit a report for the consideration of the General Assembly before the end of its seventieth session, in preparation for the 2016 meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, in which critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review will be outlined. The report will include a proposal on the organizational arrangements for State-led reviews at the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including recommendations on voluntary common reporting guidelines. It will clarify institutional responsibilities and provide guidance on annual themes, on a sequence of thematic reviews and on options for periodic reviews for the forum.

## II. Addis Ababa Action Agenda

### A. Major outcome elements

#### 1. Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

7. In paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Member States decided to establish an annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up. The forum constitutes the centrepiece of a dedicated and strengthened financing for development follow-up process. It is specified in paragraph 131 of the Agenda that the follow-up process should assess progress, identify obstacles and challenges to the implementation of the financing for development outcomes, and the delivery of the means of implementation, promote

the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels, address new and emerging topics of relevance to the implementation of this agenda as the need arises, and provide policy recommendations for action by the international community.

8. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of the International Conferences on Financing for Development. This implies participation by 198 States (rather than the 54 members of the Economic and Social Council) and an extended group of institutional stakeholders (beyond the five major institutional stakeholders: the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)). It will also involve expanded engagement with civil society, the business sector and philanthropic foundations. Given that the participation of ministers of finance is traditionally sought in the International Conferences and other high-level events, provisions will need to be made in the programme of the forum with a view to securing such participation. One possibility would be the inclusion of a ministerial segment.

9. The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD will be integrated into the forum and held on one of its days. The remaining four days will be dedicated to discussing the follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For planning purposes, it could be expected that those four days are likely to be organized following the best practices of the Council and the General Assembly, such as round tables, informal interactive dialogues, the Development Cooperation Forum and the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development and voluntary presentations by Member States (annual ministerial review). The intergovernmentally agreed outcome of the forum will be submitted to the high-level political forum. The preparatory process of the forum is likely to follow the practice of the Development Cooperation Forum and include preparatory symposiums and regional meetings, provided that funding is secured through extrabudgetary contributions. Further details of the format and modalities of the forum are expected to be determined by the Assembly by the end of 2015 and by the Council by early 2016 so that the forum can be launched during the Council's current cycle, as mandated by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. It is proposed that the inaugural meeting of the forum be held in New York on 18 April 2016, subject to adoption by the Council.

10. The Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will begin its work on the preparation of the forum following the adoption of decisions on the modalities of the forum by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. All the work being carried out in support of Member States' deliberations on the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda is financed by non-recurrent resources pertaining to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which lapse at the end of 2015.

11. The detailed programme budget implications of the establishment of the forum for the Financing for Development Office, as the substantive secretariat of the forum, are reflected herein. The Office will use the resources currently allocated for the provision of support to the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD, but additional

staffing resources will be required to provide secretariat support to the forum. In addition, funding will be required in the areas of conference servicing and substantive consultancies to ensure that the highest quality of analytical support is provided to the forum.

## **2. Report of the inter-agency task force**

12. In paragraph 133 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Member States decided that an inter-agency task force would report annually on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report is to contribute to ensuring a strengthened financing for development follow-up process at the global level.

13. Similar to the Millennium Development Goals Gap Task Force report on Goal 8, the new inter-agency task force report is expected to become a major reference point for monitoring progress towards implementing the revitalized global partnership for sustainable development and mobilizing the means to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

14. Unlike Millennium Development Goal 8, which covered only five substantive domains of the global development agenda, as set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation), namely, aid, trade, debt, access to essential medicines and access to new technologies, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and Sustainable Development Goal 17 cover a much wider set of issues and will require much more extensive analytical work, drawing on a more comprehensive set of indicators with quantitative time-bound targets.

15. Moreover, building on the experience of the Millennium Development Goals Gap Task Force report, Member States decided to increase efforts to ensure an effective link between monitoring processes and policymaking platforms. Accordingly, the inter-agency task force report will provide the forum, as well as other aspects of the intergovernmental follow-up process, with information on progress and implementation gaps and recommendations for corrective action, taking into consideration the national and regional dimensions.

16. The proposals on the terms of reference of and the road map for the inter-agency task force are being prepared by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Following approval by the Secretary-General, the Financing for Development Office will begin its work in support of the task force and its report. All the conceptual work being carried out in the development of the above proposals is financed by non-recurrent resources pertaining to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which lapse at the end of 2015.

17. Additional funding in areas of substantive consultancies and expert travel will be required to bring in expertise in the new areas of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which go beyond the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, necessary to assess progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development specific to these new areas.

### **3. Technology Facilitation Mechanism**

18. In paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Member States established the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, which was, at the time of the adoption of the Action Agenda, to be launched at the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda in order to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. At the time of the adoption of the Agenda, it was stated that the Mechanism was to be based on multi stakeholder collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, United Nations entities and other stakeholders and be composed of a United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, a collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and an online platform.

19. The United Nations inter-agency task team was to promote coordination, coherence and cooperation within the United Nations system on matters relating to science, technology and innovation, enhancing synergy and efficiency, in particular to enhance capacity-building initiatives. It was to be open to participation by all United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. It was to work with representatives of civil society, the private sector and the scientific community to design and organize the annual meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals. It was also to be responsible for the development and operationalization of the online platform, which was to be used to establish a comprehensive mapping of, and serve as a gateway for, information on existing science, technology and innovation initiatives, mechanisms and programmes, within and beyond the United Nations. It was to complement and facilitate access to existing science, technology and innovation platforms in order to avoid duplication and enhance synergies.

20. The Mechanism was launched at the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. Accordingly, its full mandate, as elaborated in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, is reflected in paragraph 70 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

### **4. Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

21. In paragraph 29 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Member States decided to further enhance the resources of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, including its subcommittees, in order to strengthen its effectiveness and operational capacity. To that end, the frequency of the meetings of the Committee was increased to two sessions per year, with a duration of four working days each (currently the Committee meets annually for five working days). Member States were also called upon to support the Committee and its subsidiary bodies through the voluntary trust fund, to enable the Committee to fulfil its mandate, including supporting the increased participation of developing country experts at subcommittee meetings.

22. Moreover, Member States decided to increase the engagement of the Committee with the Economic and Social Council through the special meeting on international cooperation on tax matters, with a view to enhancing intergovernmental consideration of tax issues. The process of selection of the Committee members will remain largely the same, except that the members will

now be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with Member States. Member States will decide upon the modalities for the implementation of the new elements in the coming months.

23. The preparatory work for the second annual session (twelfth session) of the Committee will begin in January 2016. To date, all the preliminary work relating to the implementation of the new mandates pertaining to the Committee included in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda has been financed by non-recurrent resources pertaining to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which lapse at the end of 2015.

24. It is proposed that the twelfth session of the Committee be held in New York from 23 to 26 May 2016, back-to-back with the special meeting of the Economic and Social Council on international cooperation on tax matters, to be scheduled for 27 May, subject to adoption by the Council.

25. Funding will be required in the areas of conference servicing and substantive consultancies to ensure that the highest quality of analytical support is provided to the Committee. Additional staffing resources will also be required to cover the additional workload of the Committee secretariat relating to the doubling of the number of sessions of the Committee, as well as the work of the subcommittees. Resources will also be required to support the participation of the 25 members of the Committee in its twelfth session.

## **B. Budgetary implications of the additional mandates arising from resolution 69/313**

26. Additional resources would be required under sections 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 9, Economic and social affairs, 12, Trade and development, 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. In view of some overlaps between the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to avoid duplication, the additional resources necessary for the implementation of some of these new mandates are reflected in section III of the present report, relating to the 2030 Agenda.

### **Section 2**

#### **General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management**

##### **Implications relating to meetings and documentation**

27. Pursuant to paragraph 29 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the additional four-day annual session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held in New York, comprising eight meetings with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations, beginning in 2016. This would constitute an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (\$179,200). With regard to documentation requirements, six annual documents (five pre-session documents of 8,500 words each and one post-session document of 10,700 words) in the six

official languages would be required beginning in 2016 and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department (\$629,800).

28. With regard to paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the conference-servicing (meetings and documentation) requirements for the two-day annual multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals are reflected in section III of the present report.

29. Pursuant to paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up will last for up to five days, comprising 10 meetings with interpretation in the six official languages. Two of the meetings will use the existing entitlement of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD. The remaining eight meetings would constitute an addition to the meetings workload of the Department beginning in 2016 (\$179,200).

30. The request for documentation in paragraph 133 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda would comprise an annual pre-session document of 8,500 words to be issued in the six official languages beginning in 2016 and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department (\$101,800).

#### **Proposed programme budget 2016-2017**

*Additional resource requirements: \$1,090,000*

#### **Other staff costs**

31. A recurrent provision in the amount of \$1,090,000 would provide for temporary assistance for meetings to supplement the capacity of the Department to provide conference services.

Table 1

#### **Summary of conference-servicing and documentation requirements**

(United States dollars)

	<i>2016-2017</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>	
Interpretation	358 400
Pre-session documentation	607 600
Post-session documentation	124 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 090 000</b>

**Section 9**  
**Economic and social affairs**

**Proposed programme budget 2016-2017**

*Additional resource requirements: \$3,247,000*

Table 2  
**Additional resource requirements by component**

(United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Policymaking organs	474 000
Programme of work	
Subprogramme 9. Financing for development	2 773 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 247 000</b>

Table 3  
**Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other staff costs	1 934 600
Consultants	300 000
Experts	360 000
Travel of staff	130 000
Travel of representatives	474 000
Contractual services	28 000
General operating expenses	14 400
Supplies and materials	6 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 247 000</b>

**Policymaking organs**

**Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

32. The General Assembly, by endorsing paragraph 29 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, increased the frequency of the meetings of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters to two sessions per year, with a duration of four working days each (currently the Committee meets annually for five working days). It is proposed that the twelfth session of the Committee be held in New York from 23 to 26 May 2016, subject to the adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

Table 4  
**Additional resource requirements: policymaking organs**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Travel of representatives	474 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>474 000</b>

33. An additional provision of \$474,000 would be required for the travel of members of the Committee to attend a total of four sessions in 2016 and 2017 (two in New York and two in Geneva).

### **Programme of work**

#### **Subprogramme 9**

#### **Financing for development**

34. The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Financing for Development Office. It is implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 9 of programme 7 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017 ([A/70/6 \(Sect. 9\)](#)).

35. The subprogramme is currently responsible for providing substantive secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the agreements reached at the International Conferences on Financing for Development. This includes providing support to the intergovernmental process entrusted with the follow-up to the Conferences, including the annual special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD and the biennial High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly.

36. The additional resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 to implement the mandated activities are detailed below.

Table 5  
**Additional resource requirements: subprogramme 9**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other staff costs	1 934 600
Consultants	300 000
Experts	360 000
Travel of staff	130 000
Contractual services	28 000
General operating expenses	14 400
Supplies and materials	6 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 773 000</b>

## **Other staff costs**

### **Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up**

37. Further to the decision of the General Assembly to establish an annual five-day Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, the subprogramme will service and support the work of the forum and, beforehand, the intergovernmental negotiations on the format and modalities of the forum that are to be held during the current cycle of the Council. The special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD will be integrated into the strengthened financing for development follow-up process and held on one of the days of the forum. The High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the Assembly will be held back-to-back with the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Assembly every four years.

38. A recurrent provision of \$1,267,300 would cover four temporary P-5, P-4, P-3 and General Service (Other level) positions to set up a special unit in the Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Branch, which would serve as the core secretariat for the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, as follows:

(a) One Chief of Unit (P-5) would be responsible for planning, managing, supervising and carrying out the work programme of the unit. He or she would lead the team responsible for the design and organization of the forum, ensuring utilization of the modalities of the International Conferences on Financing for Development; full engagement of the expanded group of institutional and non-institutional stakeholders and coherence between the follow-up to and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, as well as that the outcome of the forum would feed into the overall follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the high-level political forum and take into account the deliberations of the Development Cooperation Forum. He or she would review and coordinate all substantive input prepared for the forum and provide substantive support and guidance to intergovernmental consultations on its negotiated outcome;

(b) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-4) would be responsible for the provision of substantive support through policy analysis, research and technical advice on the annual theme of the forum and its multi-year programme of work, including drafting background papers and concept notes and organizing expert group and regional meetings and preparatory symposiums. He or she would also provide support to inter-agency meetings and consultations held in connection with the forum. Moreover, he or she would be responsible for continuing engagement with the expanded group of institutional stakeholders, including relevant entities of the United Nations system;

(c) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) would be responsible for coordinating the organization of the forum, including its programme of side events. He or she would also provide support to Member States in the preparation of their voluntary presentations on the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda to be delivered at the forum. He or she would assist in developing a communications strategy, including social media outreach to all relevant stakeholders, and moderate an online stakeholder consultation dialogue for the forum. Moreover, he or she would be responsible for continuing engagement with the business sector and

philanthropic foundations in the context of the financing for development follow-up process. This would include monitoring, assessing and engaging in continuing work in the area of public-private partnerships;

(d) One Research Assistant (General Service (Other level)) would be responsible for the provision of research and administrative assistance to all staff of the unit in all aspects of work relating to providing support to the forum, including the organization of its sessions, preparation of substantive input, administering and coordinating the work of the consultants and facilitating the travel of experts.

#### **Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

39. A recurrent provision of \$667,300 would cover two temporary positions at the P-4 and P-3 levels to provide substantive support to the Committee in the areas of tax policy and tax administration, as follows:

(a) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-4) in the Policy Analysis and Development Branch would be responsible for monitoring and assessing developments in the area of tax policy and international tax cooperation, in the context of domestic resource mobilization. He or she would provide substantive support through policy analysis, research and technical advice on issues relating to the above areas, including base erosion and profit shifting, illicit flows and exchange of information. He or she would prepare various reports, background papers and parliamentary documentation for the Secretary-General and the Committee on topics within the above-mentioned areas;

(b) One Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) in the Policy Analysis and Development Branch would assist the Secretary of the Committee in providing substantive support to the Committee and its subcommittees, including preparation of analytical reports for their consideration on issues relating to transfer pricing, as well as extractive industries taxation for developing countries. Moreover, he or she would organize expert group meetings in preparation for the sessions of the Committee and assist in coordinating work on updates to the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries and the *United Nations Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries*. Furthermore, he or she would assist in raising funds for the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

#### **Other non-post requirements to support major outcome elements**

##### **Consultants**

40. A provision of \$300,000 would cover specialized expertise, which is neither available in-house nor cost-effective to establish, in the following areas:

(a) Analytical papers on the theme of the forum to serve as background to the expert group meeting that would be held in preparation for the forum and as input to it, including round tables (\$60,000);

(b) Background papers to serve as input to the chapters of the report of the inter-agency task force on topics within its multi-year programme (\$80,000);

(c) Developing a communications strategy, including social media outreach to all relevant stakeholders and an online stakeholder consultation dialogue for the forum (\$60,000);

(d) Background studies for the sessions of the Committee on topics within the current priority areas on its agenda (\$60,000);

(e) Background studies for the infrastructure forum (\$40,000).

### **Experts**

41. A provision of \$360,000 would cover the participation of experts in meetings on the following specialized topics:

(a) Travel of experts to two expert group meetings in preparation for the inter-agency task force report on the monitoring framework and indicators regarding the implementation of the financing for development outcomes (\$100,000);

(b) Travel of experts to two expert group meetings in preparation for the forum on the annual theme of the forum, in accordance with the multi-year programme during the four-year cycle, such as domestic and international public resources, including official development assistance; domestic and international private business and finance; debt and systemic issues; and trade, science, technology, innovation and capacity-building (\$100,000);

(c) Travel of civil society experts to two civil society consultations on the annual theme of the forum with a view to providing input to the forum (\$60,000);

(d) Travel of experts to two expert group meetings in preparation for the sessions of the Committee on the priority issues identified by the Committee (\$100,000).

### **Travel of staff**

42. A provision of \$130,000 would allow staff to participate in international and regional meetings featuring discussions on the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in order to ensure full engagement with all relevant stakeholders in open and broad consultations. This is broken down as follows:

(a) Participation of staff in global and regional meetings, including those convened by the regional commissions with the support of the regional development banks, to follow up on issues in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (\$60,000);

(b) Consultations with major institutional stakeholders (World Bank, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and UNDP) in preparation for the forum (\$30,000);

(c) Launch of the inter-agency task force report at various locations, such as Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Beirut, Geneva, Santiago and Washington, D.C. (\$40,000).

### **Contractual services**

43. A provision of \$28,000 would cover the standard cost of a service-level agreement and the printing of the inter-agency task force report.

### **General operating expenses**

44. A provision of \$14,400 would cover the standard cost of the acquisition of office automated equipment and telephone services.

### Supplies and materials

45. A provision of \$6,000 would cover the cost of office supplies for the new temporary positions.

### Modifications required to the programme of work and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

46. To implement the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the following changes are proposed under subprogramme 9, Financing for development, of programme 7 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017 ([A/69/6 \(Prog. 7\)](#)) and section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 ([A/70/6 \(Sect. 9\)](#)).

### Subprogramme 9 Financing for development

47. The text following the wording “Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures” in document [A/70/6 \(Sect. 9\)](#) should be replaced with the following:

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*Objective of the Organization:* To promote and support sustained follow-up to the agreements reached at the International Conferences on Financing for Development, as contained in the 2002 Monterrey Consensus, the 2008 Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the delivery of the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement		Performance measures		
			2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(a) Effective multi-stakeholder monitoring of and follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other related outcomes, including the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Increase in the number of contributions from all the relevant stakeholders to the annual analytical assessment of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other related outcomes, including the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Number of major inputs from Governments, regional groupings, institutional and non-governmental stakeholders)	Target	36	34	32
		Estimate		34	32
		Actual			32
(b) Strengthened role and fuller use of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the relevant intergovernmental bodies of other institutional stakeholders, for the purposes of conference follow-up and coordination with other related outcomes	Increase in the number and scope of agreements reached by Member States in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as in the relevant intergovernmental bodies of other institutional stakeholders, for the purposes of conference follow-up and coordination with other related outcomes	Target	36	32	30
		Estimate		34	30
		Actual			32

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>	<i>Performance measures</i>			
		<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>	
(c) Fuller engagement of Governments and greater cooperation among all institutional and non-institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process, to ensure proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements reached at the Monterrey, Doha and Addis Ababa Conferences on Financing for Development and in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with due regard to issues of gender equality	Increase in the number of multi-stakeholder events on financing for development, including the international and regional financial and trade institutions, as well as civil society and the private sector, including experts on issues relating to gender equality	Target	30	29	28
		Estimate		29	28
		Actual			28
(d) Increased contribution by the United Nations in promoting international cooperation in tax matters, including capacity development in developing countries, for the purpose of domestic and international resource mobilization within the integrated framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Increase in the number of updates to the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries, as well as of guidelines, manuals and training materials on financing for development, serving as tools for strengthening the capacity of relevant authorities in developing countries	Target	7	5	–
		Estimate		5	–
		Actual			–

### External factors

48. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) policymakers at the national and international levels are fully engaged in the follow-up to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other related outcomes, as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and (b) relevant stakeholders in the financing for development process have sustained resources and capacity for attaining the internationally agreed development goals and objectives.

### Outputs

49. During the biennium 2016-2017, the following final outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) General Assembly:

- a. Substantive servicing of meetings: formal meetings, informal consultations and panel discussions of the Second Committee on the follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (30);
- b. Parliamentary documentation: annual multi-stakeholder reports on follow-up efforts to the International Conferences on Financing for Development (2); outcomes of the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2); reports on the international financial system and development (2);

- (ii) Economic and Social Council:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual high-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions held within the framework of the high-level segment of the annual substantive session of the Council (2); annual Council forum on financing for development follow-up (20); consultations between representatives of the Council and directors of the executive boards of the World Bank, IMF and the Chairs of the boards of WTO and UNCTAD on the preparations for the annual Council forum on financing for development follow-up (6); formal meetings, informal consultations and panel discussions of the Council on the follow-up efforts to the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda in 2016 and 2017 (16); informal consultations of the Council on the outcome of the annual Council forum on financing for development follow-up (10);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: input to analytical background report for consideration by the 2016 Development Cooperation Forum (1); multi-stakeholder reports for the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2); inter-agency task force reports on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2); reports on the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its twelfth to fifteenth sessions (4);
  - (iii) Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: twelfth to fifteenth sessions of the Committee (32); intersessional meetings of the Committee's subcommittees and working groups (20);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: issue papers by the secretariat on agenda items to be determined by the Committee for its twelfth to fifteenth sessions (40);
  - (iv) Ad hoc expert groups: 12 expert groups on: coherence, coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (4); Monterrey to Addis Ababa: state of implementation and tasks ahead (2); international cooperation in tax matters (4); civil society consultations on the annual theme of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
    - (i) Recurrent publications: outcome of multi-stakeholder consultations on financing for development (2); building on Monterrey: selected policy issues on financing for development (2); inter-agency task

- force reports on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2);
- (ii) Non-recurrent publications: outcome document of the third International Conference on Financing for Development (1); outcome of the third International Conference on Financing for Development (1); *United Nations Practical Manual for the Negotiation of Bilateral Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries* (1); United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries — update (1); *United Nations Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries* — update (1);
  - (iii) Press conferences/press releases: press releases and press conferences on the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (2); work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (4); multi-stakeholder consultations on financing for development (1); launch of the inter-agency task force reports on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2);
  - (iv) Special events: panel discussions and briefings for delegations in the Second Committee of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the financing for development follow-up process (6);
  - (v) Technical material: briefing notes on issues relating to financing for development for high-level meetings of United Nations senior officials with the governmental and non-governmental representatives concerned (16); maintenance and updating of the financing for development home page on the Internet (8); information kit for the 2017 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly (1); information kits for the 2016 and 2017 Economic and Social Council forums on financing for development follow-up (2);
  - (vi) Seminars for outside users: seminars and interactive discussions with the participation of Governments and institutional and non-institutional stakeholders (civil society and the private sector) on financing for development (6);
  - (vii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: inter-agency consultations and coordination with the secretariats of major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process (World Bank, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and UNDP), as well as the regional commissions and development banks (20);
  - (viii) Contribution to joint outputs: *World Economic Situation and Prospects* (chapter on international finance) (2); *World Economic and Social Survey* (input on international financial flows) (2);

- (c) Technical cooperation (extrabudgetary):
- (i) Advisory services: provision of technical assistance to interested developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, for national capacity-building in financial sector development, tax cooperation and fiscal management areas (1);
  - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional seminars and workshops organized in cooperation with the United Nations regional commissions (Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) and regional development banks, with the participation of representatives of relevant institutional and non-institutional stakeholders, on region-specific policy issues relating to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the follow-up thereto (1); training courses and workshops for officials and practitioners from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for national capacity-building in selected areas of financial sector development and fiscal management (1);
  - (iii) Field projects: needs assessments and impact evaluations, at the request of interested developing countries and countries with economies in transition, for domestic capacity-building in financial sector development and fiscal management areas (1).

## Section 12

### Trade and development

#### Proposed programme budget 2016-2017

*Additional resource requirements: \$213,000*

Table 6

#### Additional resource requirements by component

(United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Programme of work	
Subprogramme 1. Globalization, interdependence and development	110 400
Subprogramme 4. Technology and logistics	102 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>213 000</b>

Table 7  
**Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure**  
 (United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Consultants	174 000
Travel of staff	39 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>213 000</b>

### **Technology Facilitation Mechanism**

50. In paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Member States established the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, to be based on multi-stakeholder collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, United Nations entities and other stakeholders and be composed of a United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, a collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and an online platform.

51. In line with paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, an annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up will last for up to five days, one of which will be the special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD. The additional requirements are reflected under section 12, Trade and development, as detailed below.

### **Subprogramme 1 Globalization, interdependence and development**

Table 8  
**Additional resource requirements**  
 (United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Consultants	87 000
Travel of staff	23 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>110 400</b>

### **Consultants**

52. A provision of \$87,000 would cover specialized expertise in the preparation of background documentation to serve as a substantive contribution to the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up. Issues to be covered would include domestic public resource mobilization and effective implementation, review of the outcomes of the third International Conference on Financing for Development, debt sustainability and debt restructuring, addressing systemic issues and gender equality in the labour markets and the wider economy.

### Travel of staff

53. A provision of \$23,400 would cover staff travel to attend the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, in line with paragraphs 88 and 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The resources would provide for the participation of three UNCTAD staff members: one senior UNCTAD official, an expert specializing in the specific area under discussion and the UNCTAD focal point for follow-up to the financing for development process. The presence of those particular staff members is necessary given the high-level and specialized nature of the discussions. In particular, they would interact in discussions and panels, make presentations and ensure that information relevant to UNCTAD follow-up activities is communicated. Owing to the nature of the forum and of the activities foreseen, specialized and senior staff from Geneva cannot be replaced by UNCTAD staff based in New York.

### Subprogramme 4 Technology and logistics

Table 9

#### Additional resource requirements

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Consultants	87 000
Travel of staff	15 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>102 600</b>

### Consultants

54. A provision of \$87,000 would be required to prepare background documentation to serve as a substantive contribution to the forum. Issues to be covered would include thematic concerns and matters to be examined at the forum, such as the development impact of new and emerging forms of technology (information and communications technology, biotechnology, nanotechnology and geospatial technology) and their application with a view to accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

### Travel of staff

55. A provision of \$15,600 would cover staff travel to attend the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals in line with paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The resources would provide for the participation in the meetings of:

(a) A staff member responsible for the substantive servicing of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, to participate in the debate at the forum and ensure linkages with the Commission. The Technology Facilitation Mechanism is part of the means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Thematic reviews of progress in the achievement of the Goals, including cross-cutting issues, will be supported by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. As a functional commission of the Council, the

Commission is expected to review and follow up on implementation at the global level, which includes the Mechanism. It is therefore imperative for UNCTAD, as the secretariat of the Commission, to closely follow the discussions at the forum and ensure coherence between the forum and the Commission;

(b) A staff member responsible for science, technology and innovation within UNCTAD, to provide substantive contributions based on UNCTAD work. Such contributions include findings from the national science, technology and innovation policy reviews and flagship reports such as the *Information Economy Report* series and the *Technology and Innovation Report* series and other policy research outputs.

### **Section 29D** **Office of Central Support Services**

*Additional resource requirements: \$428,600*

Table 10  
**Additional resource requirements by component**

(United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Programme of work	428 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>428 600</b>

Table 11  
**Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
General operating expenses	368 800
Furniture	59 800
<b>Total</b>	<b>428 600</b>

#### **General operating expenses**

56. A provision in the amount of \$368,800 would cover the costs of central support services, including for the rental of premises to house six temporary positions (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 General Service (Other level)), to be located in New York (\$190,800), and a one-time provision for alteration of premises (\$178,000).

#### **Furniture**

57. A one-time provision in the amount of \$59,800 would cover the requirements for furniture associated with the new temporary positions in 2016-2017.

**Section 36**  
**Staff assessment**

*Additional resource requirements: \$228,000*

Table 12

**Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other	228 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>228 000</b>

58. A provision in the amount of \$228,000 would provide for staff assessment resulting from changes under other staff costs, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

### III. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

59. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is owned by the Member States, backed by the strong political commitment demonstrated by world leaders at the summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda in September 2015. The ambition and scope of the 2030 Agenda is reflected in its 17 Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 related targets, a tightly interwoven and potentially transformative web that will be the road map for the efforts of the Member States and the entities of the United Nations system over the next 15 years.

60. Evidence-based decision-making will be central to the follow-up to the commitments made in the 2030 Agenda and in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda.

#### A. Major elements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

##### **Data and indicators**

61. Data and indicators play the central role in ensuring a reliable and sound follow-up, review and implementation process for the 2030 Agenda. In paragraphs 57 and 74 (h) of the Agenda, Member States called for increased support for the strengthening of their data collection and capacity-building efforts. In paragraph 75, it was indicated that a global indicator framework will be developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators. Improving the capacity of countries in data collection and data dissemination and the development of indicators by the United Nations will require additional technical and financial resources.

##### **Follow-up and reviews**

62. In paragraphs 47 and 82 of the 2030 Agenda, Member States decided to assign a central role to the high-level political forum in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level on the progress made in implementing the

Sustainable Development Goals and targets over the coming 15 years. In paragraph 84 of the Agenda it was confirmed that the high-level political forum will carry out regular reviews of implementation, and that they will include developed and developing countries, as well as relevant United Nations entities and other stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector. In paragraph 79 of the Agenda, Member States were encouraged to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels. In accordance with paragraph 83, follow-up and review at the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals to be prepared by the Secretary-General in cooperation with the United Nations system.

63. It should be noted that the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, decided that the reviews would be conducted by the high-level political forum starting in 2016, after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. In paragraph 85 of the Agenda, it was confirmed that, in addition, the high-level political forum will conduct thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues. Thematic reviews will be supported by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums.

#### **Global Sustainable Development Report**

64. In paragraph 83 of the 2030 Agenda, Member States decided that the high-level political forum will be informed by the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, which shall strengthen the science-policy interface and provide a strong evidence-based instrument to support policymakers in promoting poverty eradication and sustainable development.

#### **Technology, innovation and capacity-building**

65. The 2030 Agenda, in paragraph 70, launched a Technology Facilitation Mechanism, a provision that is virtually identical to that in paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The mechanism will be composed of: (a) a multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals to identify and examine technology needs and gaps, including on scientific cooperation, innovation and capacity-building, and also to help facilitate development, transfer and dissemination of relevant technologies for the Sustainable Development Goals. The forum will be convened yearly for a period of two days each year. The summary of the discussions of the forum will serve as an input to the high-level political forum; (b) an online platform, which will be used to establish a comprehensive mapping of, and serve as a gateway for, information on existing science, technology and innovation initiatives, mechanisms and programmes both within and beyond the United Nations. The online platform will facilitate access to information, knowledge and experience, as well as best practices and lessons learned, on science, technology and innovation facilitation initiatives and policies. The online platform will also facilitate the dissemination of relevant open-access scientific publications generated worldwide; (c) the United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, which will promote coordination, coherence and cooperation with the United Nations system on science, technology and innovation-related matters, enhancing synergy and efficiency, in particular, capacity-building initiatives. The team will work with 10 representatives from civil society, the private sector and the scientific community

to prepare the meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **B. Budgetary implications of additional mandates arising from General Assembly resolution 70/1**

66. The estimated resources required to implement the new and additional mandates arising from the 2030 Agenda are detailed below.

### **Section 2**

#### **General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management**

##### **Implications related to meetings and documentation**

67. Pursuant to paragraph 70 of the 2030 Agenda, the two-day annual multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will comprise four meetings, with interpretation in all six official languages, beginning in 2016, constituting an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (\$89,600). Furthermore, three annual documents (two pre-session (one 5,000 words and one 8,500 words) and one post-session of 10,700 words) in all six official languages would be required beginning in 2016 and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department (\$284,600).

68. Pursuant to paragraph 87 of the 2030 Agenda, the high-level political forum, meeting every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly, would be covered from within existing entitlements.

69. Pursuant to paragraphs 85, 88 and 89 of the 2030 Agenda, the request for documentation would comprise four annual pre-session documents of 8,500 words each, to be issued in all six official languages beginning in 2016, and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department (\$407,200).

70. Pursuant to paragraph 90, the request for documentation would comprise one pre-session document of 11,000 words to be issued in all six official languages in 2016 only and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department (\$64,200).

#### **Proposed programme budget 2016-2017**

*Additional resource requirements: \$845,600*

##### **Other staff costs**

71. A recurrent provision in the amount of \$845,600 would provide for temporary assistance for meetings to supplement the capacity of the Department to provide conference services.

Table 13  
**Summary of conference-servicing and documentation requirements**  
 (United States dollars)

<i>2016-2017</i>	
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>	
Interpretation	89 600
Pre-session documentation	632 000
Post-session documentation	124 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>845 600</b>

**Section 9**  
**Economic and social affairs**

72. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs was the centrally positioned department within the United Nations system charged with the responsibility for providing analytical and other support to the negotiations on the outcome document of the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”, which laid the groundwork for the development of the Sustainable Development Goals, the establishment of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals itself, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, the discussions in the General Assembly on options for a technology facilitation mechanism and, finally, the intergovernmental negotiations on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

73. The Department will also be the leading entity for the support of the high-level political forum and the intergovernmental machinery for the follow-up, review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The workload of the Department in supporting the high-level political forum will be significantly increased, taking into account, in particular, the fact that the 2030 Agenda places a heavy emphasis on follow-up and review (see resolution 70/1, paras. 47 and 72-91). While there was no dedicated follow-up and review framework for the Millennium Development Goals, Member States are committed to engaging in systematic follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda over the next 15 years, which they see as a vital contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Proposed programme budget 2016-2017****Additional resource requirements: \$7,848,800**

Table 14  
**Additional resource requirements by component**

(United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
1. Policymaking organs	157 000
2. Programme of work	
Subprogramme 1	586 900
Subprogramme 3	4 104 800
Subprogramme 4	2 762 400
Programme support	237 700
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 848 800</b>

Table 15  
**Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other staff costs	3 626 800
Consultants	905 000
Experts	1 820 000
Travel of representatives	157 000
Travel of staff	590 000
Contractual services	715 600
General operating expenses	23 900
Supplies and materials	10 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 848 800</b>

**Policymaking organs**

74. By the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the General Assembly launched the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, based on a multi-stakeholder collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, United Nations entities and other stakeholders, which will be composed of the United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, the collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and the online platform.

75. The United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will promote coordination, coherence and cooperation within the United Nations system on science, technology

and innovation-related matters, enhancing synergy and efficiency, in particular to enhance capacity-building initiatives. The task team will draw on existing resources and will work with 10 representatives from civil society, the private sector and the scientific community in order to prepare the meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as in the development and operationalization of the online platform, including preparing proposals for the modalities for the forum and the online platform. The 10 representatives will be appointed by the Secretary-General for periods of two years.

Table 16

**Additional resource requirements: policymaking organs**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Travel of committee members	157 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>157 000</b>

**Travel of representatives**

76. A provision of \$157,000 will cover the cost of 10 representatives from civil society, the private sector and the scientific community to attend 3-day meetings, annually, in New York to prepare the meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as in the development and operationalization of the online platform, including the preparation of proposals for the modalities of the forum and the online platform.

**Programme of work****Subprogramme 1****Economic and Social Council support and coordination**

77. In paragraph 84 of the 2030 Agenda, it is stated that regular reviews will be voluntary, while reporting will be encouraged, and will include developed and developing countries and relevant United Nations entities and other stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector.

78. Since the 2030 Agenda called for the strengthening of global partnerships with civil society and other stakeholders, the additional mandates of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will include: (a) supporting the review and processing of a rapidly growing number of applications for consultative status, from 472 in 2014 to 632 in 2016; (b) supporting a growing number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (a steady increase from 41 non-governmental organizations in 1945 to 1,500 in 2000 and to nearly 4,200 in 2015); (c) monitoring non-governmental organizations in consultative status through quadrennial reports about their activities and status, which are expected to grow from an average of 450 reports in 2014-2015 to 730 reports in 2016-2017, the equivalent of a 62 per cent increase in the biennium; (d) strengthening the feedback loop to channel the contributions of non-governmental organizations to the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies; (e) strengthening the oversight of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will help to

facilitate this work; and (f) meeting the growing demands for registration and accreditation services for the high-level meetings of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly related to the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda.

79. The increasing engagement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly has also translated into a steadily increasing demand for accreditation and registration services, as well as the establishment and management of non-governmental organization selection committees for speakers at United Nations high-level events. This demand is expected to continue to increase in response to the key role of civil society called for in the 2030 Agenda for its implementation and review.

80. In this regard, it is noted that the General Assembly decided, in its resolution 67/290, in the context of the high-level political forum, to extend privileges equivalent to those granted to organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to other organizations. Similarly, the Assembly, in its subsequent resolution 68/1, requested the Council to promote the active participation of major groups, non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders and regional organizations in the activities of the Council, its functional commissions and the regional commissions.

81. There is also a need to disseminate and collect information about and for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to share and exchange best practices and information with the entities of the United Nations system. This can be achieved by developing and supporting an interactive knowledge management platform.

82. The additional resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 are detailed below.

### **Proposed programme budget 2016-2017**

Table 17

#### **Additional resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other staff costs	457 100
Consultants	120 000
Contractual services	4 500
General operating expenses	3 800
Supplies	1 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>586 900</b>

#### **Other staff costs**

83. A provision of \$457,100 would cover two temporary positions at the P-4 level, including one position for 24 months and a second temporary position for six months, as follows:

(a) Two new temporary positions (Programme Officers) at the P-4 level would be required, including one P-4 for 24 months and a second temporary position for six months, to: review and clear 50 per cent of new applications for consultative status submitted for review to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and 50 per cent of the quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status to be reviewed by the Committee; develop and support an interactive knowledge management platform with the goal of disseminating and collecting information about and for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for the sharing and exchange of best practices and information and for the interactive engagement of non-governmental organizations with the United Nations system. The temporary positions would also promote partnerships between civil society and the Economic and Social Council, as well as help maintain and update the websites, online tools, databases and communities of practice.

### **Other non-post requirements to support major outcome elements**

#### **Consultants**

84. Additional requirements for consultancies for 12 work-months, totalling \$120,000, is needed to undertake four background studies in:

(a) Emerging trends and development in international development cooperation (\$30,000);

(b) How can the United Nations create a credible review and monitoring framework (\$30,000);

(c) Specific aspects relating to the longer-term positioning of the United Nations system (\$30,000);

(d) Proposals for the implementation of reform measures as a result of the 2030 Agenda (\$30,000).

#### **Contractual services**

85. A provision of \$4,500 would cover the standard cost of service level agreement for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

#### **General operating expenses**

86. A provision of \$3,800 would cover the standard cost of the acquisition of automated office equipment and telephone service.

#### **Supplies and materials**

87. A provision of \$1,500 would cover the cost of office supplies for the new temporary positions.

### **Subprogramme 3**

#### **Sustainable development**

88. The Division for Sustainable Development, as the secretariat of the high-level political forum, will be responsible for much of the Headquarters-based

implementation, follow-up, review and analysis of the 2030 Agenda. The Division is also responsible for the preparation of the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, which will serve as one of the major substantive inputs into the high-level political forum. The Division will support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, including its annual multi-stakeholder forum and online information platform.

89. The additional resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 are detailed below.

### Proposed programme budget 2016-2017

Table 18

#### Additional resource requirements: subprogramme 3

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other staff costs	1 460 000
Consultants	620 000
Experts	1 320 000
Travel of staff	440 000
Contractual services	252 000
General operating expenses	8 800
Supplies	4 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 104 800</b>

#### Other staff costs

90. A recurrent provision of \$1,460,000 would cover four temporary positions (1 P-5, 2 P-4 and 1 P-3) for 24 months, as set out in the paragraphs below.

#### Follow-up and reviews

91. All reviews of implementation of the 2030 Agenda will be voluntary. They are to be robust and effective (resolution 70/1, para. 72) and meet the high expectations highlighted in paragraph 74 of the Agenda, notably the need to be rigorous, based on evidence and informed by country-led evaluation and disaggregated high-quality data as well as an open and inclusive review process. They are to track progress, identify challenges, gaps and critical success factors and help mobilize means of implementation and partnerships (*ibid.*, paras. 74 (b) and (c)).

92. Those characteristics apply not only to the national reviews conducted by States at the country level, which are the lynchpin of the review architecture, but also to the regional and global level reviews. At the global level, the high-level political forum, as the central follow-up and review platform, will conduct:

(a) National implementation reviews (resolution 70/1, para. 84), as of 2016. All countries are encouraged to carry out such reviews through the high-level political forum on a voluntary basis (*ibid.*, para. 84) based on reviews that they are expected to conduct at the country level (*ibid.*, paras. 77 and 79). The national reviews will be much more demanding than the voluntary national presentations on

the Millennium Development Goals which Governments made at annual ministerial reviews of the Economic and Social Council. This is because of the higher number of countries expected to engage in the reviews of the high-level political forum, the larger scope of the reviews (17 Sustainable Development Goals as compared to 8 Millennium Development Goals) and the expectation that global reviews will build on robust country-level reviews;

(b) Thematic reviews of the progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, which will be supported by a large number of intergovernmental bodies, including the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (*ibid.*, para. 85);

(c) Examination of the outcome of the reviews and dialogues that will be conducted at the regional level (*ibid.*, paras. 73, 80 and 81);

(d) Consideration of reporting by major groups and other relevant stakeholders on their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (*ibid.*, paras. 85 and 89).

93. The high-level political forum is expected to conduct its first reviews in 2016, with a focus on the steps being taken to implement the 2030 Agenda. The review functions of the forum are in addition to its other mandates, which relate, *inter alia*, to: supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including at the regional level; discussing the challenges faced by countries in special situations, including small island developing States; increasing cooperation, coherence and coordination, including within the United Nations system; and addressing new and emerging issues and scientific findings.<sup>1</sup>

94. The Division will thus need additional resources to support the reviews of the high-level political forum and to ensure a continued feedback loop between the recommendations of the forum, including the implementation reviews and future reviews of the forum. In this regard, the following temporary positions will be required:

(a) One Senior Sustainable Development Officer (P-5) in the Water, Energy and Capacity Development Branch, to support the conduct of national reviews at the country level. The officer would help the volunteering developing countries to prepare and conduct the country-level reviews that will be used as a basis for reporting and discussions at the high-level political forum, including: (i) supporting countries, before the reviews are launched, in determining the broad parameters for the reviews and ensuring some comparability; (ii) supporting the countries that request assistance in the conduct of national reviews as well as in engaging various ministries and authorities, including civil society, in close coordination with United Nations country teams in developing countries; (iii) supporting the further elaboration of the guidelines for the national reviews, which the Secretary-General is mandated to present to the General Assembly before the end of the seventieth session (resolution 70/1, para. 90); and (iv) developing training materials and tools to facilitate the preparation of future reviews. The temporary position would thus reinforce the capacity of the Branch, whose activities will be refocused not only on supporting countries in conducting reviews but also on helping them in adapting to and implementing the 2030 Agenda;

<sup>1</sup> See resolution 66/288, annex, resolution 67/290, and resolution 70/1, paras. 7, 11 and 13.

(b) One Sustainable Development Officer (P-4) in the Intergovernmental Support and Interagency Branch, to support the reviews of the high-level political forum at Headquarters. The officer would: (i) in particular, support Member States in preparing for the presentation and reporting on their national reviews at the high-level political forum, based on the country-level reviews, as well as for the examination of the reviews at the forum; (ii) interact and coordinate with the United Nations system on thematic reviews; (iii) prepare synthetic analysis for the forum on national and thematic reviews; (iv) assist in deriving proposed strategic and integrated guidance from the reviews for the consideration of the forum; and (v) encourage non-State actors to engage in the reviews of the forum and to report voluntarily to the forum on their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as support the conduct of and reporting on such reviews. Other staff members in the Branch would also support the reviews of the forum, in addition to supporting its organization and its work on its other mandates, and would also prepare the reports of the Secretary-General and mobilize the United Nations system in this regard.

### **Global Sustainable Development Report**

95. The *Global Sustainable Development Report* is more ambitious than the reports that were prepared on the Millennium Development Goals. The scope and breadth of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals are much broader than those of the 2015 Goals, and the *Global Sustainable Development Report* is to be of a very different nature than the fairly general, policy-oriented progress reports of the Secretary-General presented to the General Assembly or Economic and Social Council on progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The *Global Sustainable Development Report*, in responding to the expectations of Member States, needs to be anchored in an in-depth scientific and sound analysis and evaluation of the implementation of sustainable development, including the identification of new and emerging issues and long-term projections and modelling. It also should advance plausible policy options that the high-level political forum can build on in providing political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow-up. The preparation of the report will thus need to engage a wide range of experts and scientists from within and outside the United Nations system, as well as from Member States and other stakeholders. The preparation of the two pilot versions of the report, in 2014 and 2015, showed how much substantive and organizational work such a process involves. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will also be expected to take the lead in preparing the outline of the report, coordinating its preparation and the engagement of scientists and others, drafting some chapters and putting the report and its summary in the style and format required for policymakers at the high-level political forum.

96. It will be recalled that the subprogramme was provided with resources under the revised estimates report on the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development (A/67/591) for the preparation of the prototype of the *Global Sustainable Development Report*. These resources were time-bound and will not be available in the next biennium.

97. In this regard, a temporary position for a Sustainable Development Officer (P-3) in the Policy and Analysis Branch would be required to: (a) undertake analysis and research on specific thematic or new issues addressed in the *Global Sustainable Development Report*; (b) support modelling and scenarios in close cooperation with

other divisions of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; (c) support the drafting of some parts of the report; and (d) prepare policy briefs and summaries of the main findings of the report for policymakers. The other staff of the Branch would also contribute to the preparation of the report.

98. The additional requirements for the preparation of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* may be revisited following the outcome of the consultations that will be conducted by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the scope, methodology and frequency of the issuance of the report, as well as its relationship to the progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals in the preparation of the ministerial declaration of the high-level political forum in 2016.

### **Technology Facilitation Mechanism**

99. In paragraph 70 of the 2030 Agenda, Member States decided to launch the Technology Facilitation Mechanism to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 5. In order to support the mechanism, a new temporary position for a Sustainable Development Officer (P-4) in the Policy Development and Analysis Branch is needed to support the work of the new three-pronged mechanism. This will entail substantive, technical and organizational work to: (a) support the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, including preparation of the programme, possible documents and interaction with participants; (b) support the development and maintenance of the online platform; and (c) provide substantive and technical support to the United Nations inter-agency task team, which the Division for Sustainable Development co-convenes with the United Nations Environment Programme. The Mechanism is a novel approach in a new area of work, which will require both substantive knowledge of the issues related to the topic and the ability to coordinate the work of the United Nations system. While other staff members of the Branch will support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, the new position will be entirely dedicated to this task and to supporting their work in this area.

### **Other non-post requirements to support major outcome elements**

#### **Consultants**

100. The provision of \$620,000 is needed to cover the costs of specialized expertise, which is not available in-house nor cost effective to establish, in the following areas:

(a) National reviews, the adaptation of guidance at the national level, training, tools development, policy analysis, development of case studies and best practices (12 work-months) (\$120,000);

(b) Preparation of inputs to the *Global Sustainable Development Report* (20 work-months) (\$200,000);

(c) Preparation of analytical studies for technology and innovation (6 work-months) (\$60,000);

(d) Data gap analysis in small island developing States and the facilitation of training in managing data in selective small island developing States where needs are acute (12 work-months) (\$120,000);

(e) Analytical studies on sustainable energy (12 work-months) (\$120,000).

**Experts**

101. The adoption of the 2030 Agenda will require the development of scientific and evidence-based studies and think pieces, including the analysis of specific Sustainable Development Goals and targets. These will be carried out in part through the commissioning of papers/studies feeding into expert group meetings to discuss such papers and to provide recommendations on the courses of action that should be undertaken, including policy options. A provision of \$1,320,000 will cover the participation of experts in meetings to consider issues on the following specialized topics:

(a) Two expert meetings each year: (i) the first meeting will aim to brief and prepare countries that volunteered to conduct reviews for the high-level political forum and to help them shape their national review process; and (ii) the second meeting will focus on the preparation of the forum's examination of the reviews. It will hear presentations by the countries on their reviews and identify a few key lessons, good practices and challenges, including areas on which to request advice and support from other countries, and seek guidance from the forum. The meeting will aggregate points for discussion at the forum so that it can hold a structured discussion on the outcomes and findings of the reviews leading to strategic outcomes (\$240,000);

(b) Four expert group meetings each year for the preparation of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* (\$480,000);

(c) One expert meeting each year to prepare the thematic reviews for the high-level political forum, with the participation of chairs of intergovernmental bodies conducting thematic reviews and other actors (\$120,000);

(d) One meeting each year on the Technology Facilitation Mechanism to support the preparation of the online platform (\$120,000);

(e) One meeting each year for sharing of experiences of small island developing States in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals at the national level, with a focus on challenges and lessons learned in collecting and managing data and statistics and to continuous capacity gaps (\$120,000);

(f) Two expert group meetings each year on sustainable energy (\$240,000).

**Travel of staff**

102. A provision of \$440,000 will enable staff to participate in relevant preparatory meetings, regional meetings and selected national review meetings that provide an opportunity to link with the global review process at the high-level political forum. There will also be additional travel requirements associated with the preparation of the *Global Sustainable Development Report*. In addition, there will be the following travel requirements associated with the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals when it is not held in New York:

(a) Ten missions each year associated with the national reviews (\$100,000);

(b) Twenty missions per year with respect to the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, including to the regional commissions (\$200,000);

(c) Five missions each year in connection with the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (\$50,000);

(d) Four missions each year to intergovernmental bodies working on the goals and targets relevant to the annual theme of the high-level political forum (\$40,000);

(e) Five missions each year in connection with the work on sustainable energy (\$50,000).

#### **Contractual services**

103. A provision of \$252,000 will cover the cost of editing (\$50,000), publishing (\$140,000) and printing the *Global Sustainable Development Report* (\$50,000), as well as the standard cost of the service-level agreement with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (\$12,000).

#### **General operating expenses**

104. A provision of \$8,800 will cover the standard cost of the acquisition of automated office equipment and telephone services.

#### **Supplies and materials**

105. A provision of \$4,000 will cover the cost of office supplies for the new temporary positions.

#### **Subprogramme 4 Statistics**

106. The 2030 Agenda provides a clear mandate for subprogramme 4, Statistics, as shown in paragraph 83 (annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals of the Secretary-General based on the global indicator framework), and describes the mechanism for the development of the global indicator framework.

107. The process for the development and implementation of the global indicator framework has two fundamental components: (a) putting the list of indicators together and describing them in a methodologically sound way; and (b) regularly (on a yearly basis) collecting the data from countries and compiling them in such a way that the indicators are comparable across countries and values can be aggregated at the regional and global levels in a meaningful way.

108. Both components require a start-up investment with high initial resources in consultants, expert group meetings and information technology resources. Following the setting up of the infrastructure and the initial methodological development, there will be a continuous requirement for recurrent resources to assure further methodological development, the updating of the framework, continuous data quality assurance and the continuous review of estimates and other data adjustments to ensure international comparability.

109. While the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 of subprogramme 4, Statistics, makes some provision for the new global indicator framework, because of the scope and size of the framework needed to address the requirements of the new agenda, the resource implications will significantly surpass

the currently allocated funds for the subprogramme to ensure the delivery of the existing outputs and the implementation of the new ones.

110. The number of indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals, totalling close to 250 indicators in comparison to the 67 indicators for the Millennium Development Goals, has significantly increased the amount of work to be conducted in carrying out global monitoring.

111. In addition, the level of complexity of the individual indicators will increase as there are many new areas to be covered, including areas where statistical standards and measurements have never been developed before, such as in the area of human rights, which require solid research and methodological development and the establishment of new data collection and reporting mechanisms to generate sustainable data streams.

112. Furthermore, the level of disaggregation and the coverage of population groups that have never been attempted before (resolution 70/1, para. 74 (g)) will increase the methodological requirements and the number of data items required.

113. The additional resources required for the biennium 2016-2017 are detailed below.

#### **Proposed programme budget 2016-2017**

Table 19

#### **Additional resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other staff costs	1 522 100
Consultants	165 000
Experts	500 000
Travel of staff	150 000
Contractual services	412 000
General operating expenses	9 300
Supplies	4 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 762 400</b>

#### **Other staff costs**

114. A recurrent provision of \$1,522,100 would cover four temporary positions (2 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 P-3) for 24 months, as follows:

(a) A Senior Statistician (P-5) in the Statistical Services Branch, to provide substantive leadership for and managerial oversight of the development and implementation of the global indicator framework. The Senior Statistician would guide the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and supervise the methodological work and regular compilation of all Goal indicators;

(b) A Statistician (P-4) in the Statistical Services Branch, to support the methodological work of the global indicator framework, including in the new areas.

The Statistician would prepare compilation guidelines and recommendations for the relevant indicators from new or existing data sources, especially in the context of big data and the data revolution, and would also oversee and contribute to the preparation and organization of the technical meetings required to review methods and standards for the new indicators;

(c) An Information Technology Specialist (P-3) in the Statistical Services Branch, to design the database on the indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals, ensure its relevance and provide advice on contemporary data dissemination and visualization techniques;

(d) A Senior Statistician (P-5) in the Office of the Director, with experience in geospatial information management, to provide leadership in the use of geographic information for the measurement and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals in a consistent way over time, as well as on the integration of statistical and geospatial information. Geospatial information is explicitly mentioned in paragraph 76 of the 2030 Agenda. This is a new area for the subprogramme and a new intergovernmental mechanism that has been supported since 2011 (the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council). At present, only two mid-level expert staff in the United Nations Statistics Division support this work and the challenge will be to draw on expert knowledge from the Member States. A senior expert with highly specialized knowledge to provide substantive leadership in the use of geographic information, drawing on national experiences will be needed.

#### **Other non-post requirements to support major outcome elements**

##### **Consultants**

115. A provision of \$165,000 would cover the requirements for short-term consultancies in the following specialized areas where such expertise is not available within the Secretariat:

(a) Development of new statistical methodologies, approaches, tools and techniques in a wide range of new areas, including governance, peace and security and inequality, where methods and tools are not yet developed (\$66,000);

(b) Development of new methodologies, approaches, tools and techniques in the area of geospatial information management for sustainable development (\$66,000);

(c) Design and development of a visualization platform and a state-of-the-world dashboard (\$33,000).

##### *Experts*

116. A provision of \$500,000 would cover the participation of experts in:

(a) Four meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, now composed of 27 country experts, as opposed to the composition of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Millennium Development Goal Indicators, which consisted of experts from international agencies whose participation was not covered by funds from the subprogramme (\$300,000);

(b) Two meetings of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Post-2015 Monitoring, a new group established by the Statistical Commission at its forty-sixth session (\$100,000);

(c) Two meetings of experts on the contribution of the geospatial information to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (\$100,000).

#### **Travel of staff**

117. A provision of \$150,000 would cover the cost of staff travel to participate in meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Post-2015 Monitoring and the meetings of experts on geospatial information for sustainable development.

#### **Contractual services**

118. A provision of \$412,000 would cover contractual services/hardware requirements to operationalize and sustain the Sustainable Development Goal indicators database and the global geospatial platform for sustainable development; the hosting of the visualization platform and the state-of-the-world dashboard on the Goals; the administration of the indicators database (back end) (\$300,000); the publication and translation of the methodological guidelines on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators into the six official languages of the United Nations (\$100,000); and the standard cost-of-service level agreement for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (\$12,000).

#### **General operating expenses**

119. A provision of \$9,300 would cover the standard cost of the acquisition of automated office equipment and telephone services.

#### **Supplies and materials**

120. A provision of \$4,000 would cover the cost of office supplies for the new temporary positions.

#### **Programme support**

##### **Executive Office**

121. The Executive Office assists the Under-Secretary-General in the discharge of the Department's responsibilities in the areas of personnel, finance and general administration. The additional resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 is detailed below.

## Resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017

Table 20

### Additional resource requirements: Programme support

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other staff costs	187 600
Contractual services	47 100
General operating expenses	2 000
Supplies	1 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>237 700</b>

#### Other staff costs

122. A recurrent provision of \$187,600 would cover: (a) 24 months of general temporary assistance to support the increased number of activities to be delivered under the 2030 Agenda (\$172,600); and (b) overtime that will be required during peak workload periods to facilitate the delivery of programmed activities, including intergovernmental meetings, expert group meetings, the recruitment of consultants, financial management and reporting (\$15,000).

#### Contractual services

123. A provision of \$47,100 would be required for the cost of network accounts for the new temporary positions in the biennium 2016-2017.

#### General operating expenses

124. The additional amount of \$2,000 would provide for communications requirements to cover right-to-use charges for each telephone/fax/modem.

#### Supplies and materials

125. A provision of \$1,000 would cover the cost of office supplies for the new temporary positions.

#### (a) Modifications required to the programme of work and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

126. In order to implement the decisions contained in the 2030 Agenda, the following changes are proposed under subprogramme 3 of programme 7 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017 ([A/69/6 \(Prog. 7\)](#)) and section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 ([A/70/6 \(Sect. 9\)](#)).

**Subprogramme 1  
Economic and Social Council support and coordination**

**Outputs**

[A/70/6 (Sect. 9)]

**Paragraph 9.60**

127. Under “(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)”, “(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations”, b., replace the figure (120) for the number of new applications by non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with the figure (130).

The change is requested in order to accommodate the review and processing of an increasing number of applications for consultative status with the Council from non-governmental organizations worldwide for review by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (from 472 in 2014 and 534 in 2015 to 632 in 2016)

128. Under “(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)”, “(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations”, b., replace the figure (70) for the number of notes by the Secretary-General submitting quadrennial reports of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council with the figure (80).

The change is requested in order to accommodate the review and processing of an increasing number of progress reports from non-governmental organizations in consultative status for review by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations as part of its monitoring role. (Increase 491 in 2015 and 824 in 2016)

129. Under “(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)”, “(i) Special events”, replace the quantity (1) for the number of consultations with civil society and non-governmental organizations on the annual themes of the Council with the figure (3).

The change is requested in order to accommodate consultations with civil society and non-governmental organizations on the annual themes of the Economic and Social Council

130. Under “(b), Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)”, “(i) Special events”, add the following new output:

Facilitate the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in high-level events, processes and consultations under the auspices of the United Nations, including the high-level political forum

131. Under “(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies”, “(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations”, add the following new output:

Facilitating global partnerships by providing greater access to and enhancing the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the work of the Council, including by promoting the contributions of civil society to the new Technology Facilitation Mechanism; and encouraging participation in the

multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

132. Under “(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies”, “(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations”, add the following new output:

Providing accreditation and registration services, as well as establishment and management of non-governmental organization selection committees for speakers at high-level events of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council

133. Under “(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies”, “(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations”, add the following new output:

Enhance the capacity of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to enable them to collaborate in the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, agreed to at the third Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa in July 2015, a multi-stakeholder collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, United Nations entities and other stakeholders, composed of a United Nations task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, a collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and an online platform

134. Under “(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)”, “(ii) Technical material”, add the following new output:

Develop a knowledge management platform to enable the exchange and dissemination of information about and for non-governmental organizations in order to promote interaction and dialogue among them and with the United Nations system

135. Under “(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)”, “(ii) Economic and Social Council”, b. Parliamentary documentation, () replace the number of (60) written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the (60) with the figure (80).

### **Subprogramme 3 Sustainable development**

136. In table 9.16, under “Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures”, replace the paragraph for the “Objective of the organization” with the following language:

To accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, targets and commitments in accordance with the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals, and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, in particular Agenda 21, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the SAMOA Pathway.

137. In table 9.16, under “Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat”, replace (a) with the following language:

(a) Effective review of and agreement by Member States on key sustainable development challenges and priority actions to advance implementation of agreed outcomes on sustainable development and integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, including outcomes of major United Nations conferences on sustainable development, Agenda 21 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

138. In table 9.16, replace the “indicator of achievement”, for expected accomplishment (a) with the following:

Increased percentage of Member States expressing satisfaction with the support and servicing of intergovernmental processes, including activities related to reviews of implementation, consensus-building, partnerships and voluntary commitments, policy analysis and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders

### **Strategy**

**[A/69/6 (Prog. 7)]**

#### **Paragraph 7.9**

139. Under “Strategy”, replace subparagraphs (a) and (b) with the following:

(a) Promoting and supporting effective, coherent and coordinated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the outcomes of major United Nations conferences on sustainable development in general and on the sustainable development of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, at the national, regional and global levels, with an emphasis on the greater integration of the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development through national sustainable development strategies;

(b) Providing substantive and effective support, including policy development and analysis, to the high-level political forum and the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the preparation of periodic sustainable development reports and national reviews;

### **Outputs**

**[A/70/6 (Sect. 9)]**

#### **Paragraph 9.72**

140. Under “(a) Servicing intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)”, add the following new output:

Meetings of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

141. Under “(a) Servicing intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)”, “(i) General Assembly”, “b. Parliamentary documentation”, add the following new outputs:

Summary of the discussions of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

Report on national reviews (2)

Report on thematic reviews (2)

Report compiling reports of relevant governing bodies on the support of the organizations of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

Report to the seventieth session of the General Assembly outlining critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level (1)

Background note on the outcomes of national reviews and possible reviews by major groups and other stakeholders (2)

142. Under “(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)”, “(i) Ad hoc expert groups”, add the following new outputs:

Expert group meetings dedicated to preparation of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* (8)

Expert group meeting to prepare the groundwork for the high-level political forum national review process, further develop common guidelines for reporting to the forum, reflect on the conclusions and lessons learned from the reviews and allow countries and other actors to discuss key issues to be presented at the forum in terms of lessons learned, challenges requiring advice and needs in terms of means of implementation (4)

Expert group meetings on thematic reviews (2)

Expert group meetings on the technology facilitation mechanism (2)

Expert group meetings on experiences of SIDS in implementing SDGs at the national level, with the focus on challenges and lessons learned in collecting and managing data and statistics and to continuous capacity gaps (2)

Expert group meetings on sustainable energy (2)

#### **Subprogramme 4 Statistics**

143. In table 9.18, under “Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat”, replace (a) and (c) with the following:

(a) Strengthened global statistical and geospatial information system, with more active participation by countries and increased collaboration among international organizations, including progress in the harmonization and rationalization of the Sustainable Development Goal indicators;

(b) Strengthened capacity of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, as well as landlocked countries and small island developing States, to routinely collect, compile, store, analyse and disseminate official statistics and indicators in the economic, social, demographic and environmental fields in order to produce high-quality data, including data disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national context for policymakers and the public in general;

144. In table 9.18, under “Indicators of achievement”, replace (a) (ii) and (c) (ii) with the following:

(a) (ii) Increase in the number of collaborative activities carried out with international organizations on the rationalization and harmonization of the Sustainable Development Goal indicators;

(c) (ii) Increase in the number of countries that have received guidelines and capacity development support for developing and implementing sustainable national statistical and geospatial systems;

**[A/69/6 (Prog. 7)]**

**Paragraph 7.10**

145. Under “Strategy”, replace subparagraph (a) with the following:

(a) Expanding the normative role of the subprogramme in the development and enhancement of statistical standards, the collection and dissemination of statistical data by Member States and the coordination of international statistical activities, especially those related to the Sustainable Development Goals and other new and emerging policy issues;

**Outputs**

**[A/70/6 (Sect. 9)]**

**Paragraph 9.81**

146. Under “(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)”, “(vii) Ad hoc Expert Group Meetings”, add the following new output:

Expert group meetings dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals and the geographic information contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

147. Under “(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)”, “(ii) Non-recurrent publications”, add the following new output:

Manuals and guidelines on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators (2)

148. Under “(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)”, “(iii) Technical material”, add the following new outputs:

Secretary-General’s progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals (2)

Establishment of a new infrastructure and software development for the Sustainable Development Goals database, in particular on data disaggregation (1)

Creation of the consultative platform of the members of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (1)

Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals consultative platform — maintenance and update (2)

Creation of an open consultative platform on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators for representatives of civil society and other stakeholders (1)

Maintenance and updating of the open consultative platform on the Sustainable Development Goals for representatives of civil society and other stakeholders (2)

#### **Subprogramme 4 Statistics**

##### **Legislative mandates**

##### **A/69/6 (Prog. 7)**

*Replace the “Legislative mandates” under subprogramme 4 with the following:*

##### *General Assembly resolutions*

- 57/270 B Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (paras. 31 and 50)
- 68/261 Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
- 69/266 A global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development
- 69/282 World Statistics Day

##### *Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

- 1566 (L) Coordination of work in the field of statistics
- 1995/61 The need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States
- 2000/27 Basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels
- 2006/6 Strengthening statistical capacity
- 2011/24 Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
- 2013/21 Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
- 2014/31 A global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development
- 2014/240 Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-eighth session, and venue and dates of and provisional agenda for its twenty-ninth session
- 2014/241 Amendment to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- 2014/251 Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its fourth session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda for its fifth session
- 2015/10 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme
- 2015/216 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session

**Section 29D**  
**Office of Central Support Services**

*Additional resource requirements: \$780,200*

Table 21  
**Additional resource requirements by component**  
 (United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Programme of work	780 200
<b>Total</b>	<b>780 200</b>

Table 22  
**Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure**  
 (United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
General operating expenses	668 900
Furniture	111 300
<b>Total</b>	<b>780 200</b>

*General operating expenses*

149. A provision in the amount of \$668,900 would cover the costs of central support services, including the rental of premises for nine temporary positions (3 P-5, 4 P-4 and 2 P-3) and two general temporary positions, to be located in New York (\$333,900) and a one-time provision for the alteration of premises (\$335,000).

*Furniture*

150. A provision in the amount of \$111,300 would cover the requirements for furniture associated with the new temporary positions in 2016-2017.

**Section 36**  
**Staff assessment**

*Additional resource requirements: \$413,400*

Table 23  
**Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure**  
 (United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Other	413 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>413 400</b>

151. A provision in the amount of \$413,400 would provide for staff assessment resulting from changes under other staff costs, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

#### IV. Summary of resource implications

152. The financial implications of the Secretary-General's proposal related to non-post resources arising from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the amount of \$15,094,600 gross (\$14,453,200 net) for the biennium 2016-2017 are detailed in tables 24 and 25 below.

Table 24

##### Additional resource requirements by budget section

(United States dollars)

<i>Section</i>	<i>Addis Ababa Action Agenda 2016-2017</i>	<i>2030 Agenda 2016-2017</i>	<i>Total</i>
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	1 090 000	845 600	1 935 600
9. Economic and social affairs	3 247 000	7 848 800	11 095 800
12. Trade and development	213 000	–	213 000
29D. Office of Central Support Services	428 600	780 200	1 208 800
37. Staff assessment	228 000	413 400	641 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 206 600</b>	<b>9 888 000</b>	<b>15 094 600</b>

Table 25

##### Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure

(United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Addis Ababa Action Agenda 2016-2017</i>	<i>2030 Agenda 2016-2017</i>	<i>Total</i>
Other staff costs	3 024 600	4 472 400	7 497 000
Consultants	474 000	905 000	1 379 000
Experts	360 000	1 820 000	2 180 000
Travel of representatives	474 000	157 000	631 000
Travel of staff	169 000	590 000	759 000
Contractual services	28 000	715 600	743 600
General operating expenses	383 200	692 800	1 076 000
Supplies and materials	6 000	10 500	16 500
Furniture	59 800	111 300	171 100
Other	228 000	413 400	641 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 206 600</b>	<b>9 888 000</b>	<b>15 094 600</b>

## V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

153. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources in the amount of \$15,094,600 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017.

## VI. Action requested of the General Assembly

154. **The General Assembly is requested to approve an additional appropriation, representing a charge against the Contingency Fund, in the total amount of \$15,094,600 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, including \$1,935,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; \$11,095,800 under section 9, Economic and social affairs; \$213,000 under section 12, Trade and development; \$1,208,800 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services; and \$641,400 under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.**

155. **The General Assembly is also requested to approve the proposed modifications to programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the approved biennial programme plan for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/69/6/Rev.1), and section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 9)), as a result of the adoption by the General Assembly of its resolutions 69/313 and 70/1.**