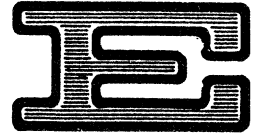




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FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMMES

TRUST FUND FOR ESCWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Note by the Executive Secretary

BACKGROUND

1. In its review of the programme of work at its second session, the Commission noted that the level of resources provided by the regular programme budget was inadequate to meet the programme needs particularly for the great number of projects requested for the region; the provision of extrabudgetary resources was therefore necessary to a successful implementation of the Commission's programme of work. In resolution 11(II), the Commission requested a report on the most efficient and effective mode for establishing a fund financed from voluntary contributions to be used for extrabudgetary financing of the work programme, and for meeting requests by member States for studies and advisory services.

2. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution 33(III), the Commission established a voluntary fund and requested that the resources of the fund be utilized to finance services in fields of economic and social development in favour of the least developed States members of the Commission.

3. At its fourth session, the Commission, in resolution 45(IV), *inter alia*, urged member States to make voluntary contributions towards the general financing of the work programme or the financing of specific projects. In paragraph 4 of that resolution, the Commission called upon the Executive Secretary to submit a financial statement of the Fund at each session; the present report is in response to that request.

I. CONTRIBUTIONS

4. In response to the Commission's resolution 33(III), the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities was established by the Secretary-General in 1976. The status of contributions received from 1976 to 31 December 1986 is presented below:

<u>Donors</u>	<u>Year of Contribution</u>	<u>Amount contributed (US dollar equivalent)</u>
The Government of Iraq	1975	300,000
The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development	1975	144,000
The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	1975	144,000
The Government of Saudi Arabia	1979	300,000
The Government of Yemen	1980	5,864
The Iraqi Fund for External Development	1982	15,000
The Government of Qatar	1983	100,000
Total contributions received since the establishment of the Fund		<u>1,008,864</u>

5. Paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 45(IV) requests the Executive Secretary to invite member States of the Commission, six months before the date of each session, to determine the amount of their contributions towards the resources of the Fund.

6. In accordance with the procedure established by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly, an annual pledging conference is held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, during which all States Members of the United Nations are requested to announce their contributions to all programmes and funds established in the United Nations. The aims and objectives of the ESCWA Trust Fund for Regional Activities, together with the activities undertaken, are listed in the document (E/ESCWA/14/9/Add.1) containing background information on programmes and funds, and made available to all Members States before the conference.

7. Based on information received from the Conference, no contribution was pledged and/or received for the Fund at the pledging conference in 1986.

II. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FINANCED FROM THE FUND

8. At its second session, the Commission, in its resolution 11(II), set out the objective of the Fund as a source of revenue for the extrabudgetary financing of the work programme and for meeting requests by member States for studies and advisory services. At its third session, the Commission, in paragraph 2 of its resolution 33(III), circumscribed the utilization of the resources of the Fund to the various fields of economic and social development in favour of the least developed States members of the Commission. At the seventh session, the Commission expanded the area of activities to be financed from the resources of the Fund to include surveys and statistical research, analytical studies, training, consultants' services, and all economic and social sectors and subsectors.

9. In accordance with the above objectives, the activities financed from the Fund, from its inception in 1976 to 31 December 1986, are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount utilized (US dollars)</u>
1. ESCWA Regional Documentation Centre	66,219
2. ESCWA science and technology work programme	73,559
3. Statistical abstract of the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	288,382
4. Consultancy services to the Government of Democratic Yemen	3,309
5. Studies on the Arab "brain drain"	22,810

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount utilized (US dollars)</u>
66.	Geological survey in Yemen	1,604
7.	Workshop on commodity balances and input-output analysis at current prices	30,297
8.	Joint meeting on food security	5,700
9.	Regional adviser in agricultural projects identification, formulation and evaluation	66,594
10.	Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology	18,678
11.	ESCWA Regional Water Meeting	33,736
12.	Study of an integrated transport and communications network in the ESCWA region	34,105
13.	Completion of a Directory of Information Facilities in the Arab Countries	2,336
14.	Study on economic co-operation and integration in Western Asia	28,575
15.	Study on the establishment of subsidiary bodies of ESCWA	1,842
16.	Identification of industrial regional projects	2,197
17.	Study of an organizational framework for regional co-operation and co-ordination	3,690
18.	Project on the management, conservation and development of agricultural resources	51,348
19.	Regional co-operation strategy for industrial development scenarios	10,260
20.	Expert Meeting on the Arab Brain Drain	45,530
21.	<u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental Expert Committee on the Medium-term Plan	4,081
22.	<u>Ad Hoc</u> Expert Group Meeting on the Development of Petrochemicals and Fertilizers	16,159
23.	<u>Ad Hoc</u> Expert Group Meeting on Identification of Projects for Regional Co-operation in Capital Goods and Heavy Engineering Industries	14,163

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount utilized (US dollars)</u>
24.	Panel meetings on capital goods and the petrochemical industry	17,445
25.	Seminar on technology policies in the Arab States	5,666
26.	Preparation of a study on the potential and the socio-economic conditions of the Palestinian Arab people	114,000
27.	Demonstration and Training Centre on Simple Solar Applications	811
28.	Alternative architectural design for schools	3,803
29.	Computer listing of well data	11,440
30.	Energy planning	3,797
31.	Micro-electronics for the ESCWA region	6,597
32.	Non-baked bricks technology	7,461
33.	Seminar on technology policies in Arab States	39,296
34.	ESCWA statistical abstract and national accounts studies	60,802
35.	Preparation of a study on the potential and the socio-economic conditions of Palestinian Arab people	42,375
36.	<u>Ad Hoc</u> Expert Group Meeting for the Review of National Experiences with Development Projects in Selected Countries of Western Asia	11,300
37.	Alternative scenarios for industrial development in the countries of the ESCWA region	10,916
38.	Workshop on Computer Processing and Transmission of the Arabic Language	18,079
39.	Ministerial Solidarity Meeting for Co-operation in Industrial Development in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen	16,950
40.	Intergovernmental meeting on the general study of the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian Arab people	10,836

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount utilized (US dollars)</u>
41. New and renewable sources of energy	2,298
42. Second Baghdad International Conference on Computer Technology and Applications	8,130
43. Development of financial structures and activities in the occupied Palestinian territories	19,002
44. Education and training of high level scientific and technological manpower	9,571
45. Patterns of technology transfer in the ESCWA region	15,289
46. Social welfare policies and programmes in the ESCWA region with special emphasis on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	15,697
47. Social institutions for rural development in the ESCWA region with special emphasis on popular participation	9,417
48. Vocational and technical training in the Arab world : Present situation and priority needs	10,997
49. Assessment of existing environmental statistics in Selected Countries of the ESCWA region	8,327
50. The Arab unified abstract	3,892
Total	<u>1,309,368</u>

A. Statement of income and expenditures for the 12 months of the biennium 1986-1987 ended 31 December 1986

<u>Income</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
Interest income	18,177
Total income	18,177
 <u>Expenditures</u>	
Staff and other personnel costs	84,172
Travel	15,464
Contractual services	1,500
Operating expenses	2,400
Programme support cost	103,536
Total expenditure	13,460
Excess of income over expenditures	116,996
	(98,819)

B. Statement of assets and liabilities for the biennium 1986-1987 ended 31 December 1986

<u>Assets</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
Cash	450,982
Accounts receivable	4,138
Total assets	455,120
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Unliquidated obligations	68,505
Due to United Nations General Fund	26,187
Total liabilities	94,692
 <u>Fund balance</u>	
Balance available 1 January 1986	459,247
Excess of income over expenditure	(98,819)
Balance available 31 December 1986	360,428
Total liabilities and fund balance	455,120

10. Since the commencement of the new biennium, 1986-1987, a total of \$US 226,200 has been allotted from the Trust Fund for projects, leaving an unencumbered balance of \$US 109,204 as at 31 December 1986.