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STATUS REPORT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME TO THE ATT

2018 ATT Sponsorship Programme

The 2018 UNDP sponsorship programme for the Arms Trade Treaty include the *CSP4 Preparatory process meetings* (March and May 2018) in Geneva, Switzerland and the *CSP4 sponsorship programme* that will be convened in Tokyo, Japan (20-24 August 2018). Resource mobilization towards the 2018 Sponsorship programme was initiated in November 2017 with a sponsorship proposal circulated to States Parties to the ATT in November 2017 with a budget totalling 490,493 USD. Further to this, UNDP has reached out directly to existing donors to solicit approvals for the reallocation of remaining funds from 2017 and/or new contributions.

Currently, the UNDP Sponsorship programme is financially supported by six (6) donors (Australia, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland). As of today, with approved transfers from 2017, the 2018 Sponsorship programme has available 584,000 USD¹ (out of which pledges are in the amount of 136,000 USD¹). Approximately 14.5 percent, or 84,680 USD of the total amount is earmarked for the CSP4 preparatory process and about 85.5 percent, or 499,320 USD to the CSP4 sponsorship programme. This entails that the original budget of 389,923 USD that will allow a participation of 85 delegates to the CSP4 has been reached (granted pledges come through). In discussions with the President, interest has been expressed of increasing the scope of the programme for CSP4 as the venue off site from the seat of the Secretariat may entail that additional States may have difficulties to attend.

<i>Transfers</i>	<i>40,000 USD</i>
<i>New Contributions</i>	<i>408,000 USD</i>
<i>Pledges</i>	<i>136,000 USD</i>
TOTALS	584,000 USD

CSP4		Preparatory Meetings	
<i>State Delegates</i>	<i>NGO Representatives</i>	<i>March Prep Meeting</i>	<i>May Prep Meeting</i>
<i>469,320</i>	<i>30,000</i>	<i>30,000</i>	<i>54,680</i>

The March sponsorship programme for the preparatory meetings covered 7 delegates from the following countries: Cameroon, Comoros, Ghana, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, and Tuvalu. The interim expenditures are estimated at approx. 30,000 USD. The programme opened for application on 31 January with a deadline of 20 February 2018. The information was circulated to States Parties to the ATT, signatory States, and other observer States by the ATT Secretariat and also placed on the ATT website. The maximum number of delegates was reached well before the set deadline.

¹ Estimated amount due to currency exchange rates.

The May sponsorship programme for the preparatory meetings will open for application on 20 April with a deadline of 14 May 2018. The programme has a preliminary estimate to provide coverage for 14 delegates. The information will again be circulated by the ATT Secretariat and posted on the ATT website.

The CSP4 sponsorship programme will be open for applications well in advance of the Conference. More details will be communicated to States in due time.

Sponsorship programme specifics

The sponsorship programme is administered on a ***first come, first serve basis*** with a maximum of one delegate per eligible country.

The ATT sponsorship programme for the CSP4 preparatory process provide roundtrip economy air tickets to Geneva, accommodation, applicable per diem and travel insurance. The sponsorship programme for CSP4 will provide roundtrip economy air tickets to Tokyo, accommodation, applicable per diem and travel insurance.

As in the past, all information relevant to the sponsorship programme, either for any of the preparatory meetings or the CSPs, has been be posted on the ATT website and circulated by the ATT Secretariat to Member States to ensure widespread information that can enable broad participation.

As per the long-standing practice, in applying to the sponsorship programme, States are requested to submit to UNDP a Note Verbale from relevant Ministries outlining the request and details (name, contact details) of nominated delegate to benefit from the sponsorship to allow efficient processing.

Other information

The UNDP office of Audit and investigations (OAI) conducted [a performance audit](#) of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support in 2016. The report can be accessed on the UNDP public website <http://audit-public-disclosure.undp.org/index.cfm>. The overall audit rating was evaluated as **satisfactory**, which means “The assessed governance arrangements, risk management practices and controls were adequately established and functioning well. Issues identified by the audit, if any, are unlikely to affect the achievement of the objectives of the audited entity/area.”

In addition, in its long-standing commitment to transparency, UNDP continues to publish accurate project and financial information to the global standard of the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) since 2011. UNDP's online portal can be accessed at open.undp.org.

States considering contribution to the sponsorship programme, please contact Simona Chladkova (simona.chladkova@undp.org) for more information.
