

**Implementation support, agenda item 9 (i)**

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**UNDP contribution**

Many thanks Mme President, and thank you for your kind words.

Throughout the process of establishing a ban which you all know culminated with the Dublin Diplomatic Conference and the subsequent Signing Conference in Oslo in December 2008, UNDP contributed both with logistical and organizational support to the process in assisting hosts of the global meetings in Lima, Wellington, Vienna and in Chile as well as a number of regional events.

In addition on the basis of our presence in many countries around the world, both before, during and after conflicts have ended, UNDP contributed substantively with knowledge and information on the consequences of, and unacceptable harm caused by cluster munitions to civilians, by deadly outcome or in compromising their lives and livelihoods, their property and future prospects when affected.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> MSP in Lao PDR, UNDP was appointed Executive Coordinator to the Presidency of the CCM and has, whilst awaiting further State parties decision on an establishment of an Implementation Support Unit, repeatedly been requested to lead interim work and implementation support to the CCM at all subsequent MSPs. This support has included two main areas of work: 1) secretariat functions

and operational support to the Presidency, President-designate, the Coordination Committee and hosts of meetings as well as general support to States parties and other interested states, and 2) the administration of sponsorship programmes for low-income and affected states.

The secretariat functions and operational support have included the drafting of substantive documents and well as those of more procedural nature, the coordination and convening of meetings and process support ensuring collective and consistent outcomes, in particular when working over the 7 thematic areas of working groups. Additional aspects have entailed budget projections, resource mobilization and financial monitoring, as well as logistics, procurement and management of goods & services in the preparation and execution of meetings.

General support to Coordinators and individual States consisted of sourcing relevant technical expertise or background information necessary to realize implementation goals relating to specific thematic areas of the CCM, e.g. clearance, stockpile destruction, victim assistance, cooperation and assistance, national legislation, reporting and universalization.

In general, delivery of operational support to host countries consisted of the planning and organization of global, regional and intersessional meetings under the lead of the host country—through the appropriate offices and ministries in capitals, in liaison with UNDP and Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations in Geneva and New York and relevant UNDP Country Offices.

This core structure was applied and worked in coordination with the Cluster Munitions Coalition, ICRC and national Red Crescent societies, UN ODA and other relevant NGOs and civil society organizations to ensure an inclusive partnership. Geneva based intersessionals also included the cooperation with the GICHD.

Since entry into force, organizational support to the host countries included the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> MSPs and some 20 regional events. In all instances such support has involved close cooperation with UNDP Country Offices under joint coordination of Resident Coordinators and the Bureau management of BCPR, now the Bureau for policy and programme support.

In following the Directive adopted by States at the 2MSP in Beirut, functions also involved building the institutional memory of the CCM, including knowledge management and codification, framing and presentation of reports, information, and background papers with the primary website outlet [www.clusterconvention.org](http://www.clusterconvention.org) managed by UNDP.

The achievement of abovementioned activities, was enabled through the voluntary contributions of 8 States parties who, together w/ 3 additional donors supporting the sponsorship programmes, contributed with 4.3 million USD over the course of the last 6 years since EIF and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them sincerely for their generosity.

The implementation of sponsorship programmes to formal and informal meetings with the exception of this current, has been undertaken with the objective to

facilitate the participation and contributions of low income and affected states, providing an opportunity for developing countries to meaningfully engage in decisions that affect them, ensuring a representative global discourse on cluster munitions reflecting experiences of affected states and encouraging states that are in the process of, or interested in, ratifying or acceding to the CCM.

Since 2007, sponsorship programmes have been implemented for 32 global and regional events, since EIF this includes the five MSPs to date and four regional meetings in Africa and Latin America. The scope of the sponsorship programme has been the number of eligible low-income and affected states—with eligibility linked to DACable expenses. States were further requested to apply, on a first come first served basis, as applications often have exceeded the number permitted by the amount of funds available. On exceptional basis, sponsorship has also extended to technical experts, on the basis of agenda items requiring specific thematic/representational attendance.

The delivery of the sponsorship programme was managed by UNDP HQ in cooperation with its Country Offices and in close liaison with Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva and New York and the appropriate ministries in capitals of Member States. Under the sponsorship, beneficiaries have received economy class travel arrangements, group travel insurance, accommodation and relevant per diem for meals beyond that offered by official conference programs and hosts.

The full breakdown of income and expenses is available and is regularly reported back to individual donors but do not lend itself well for a short plenary presentation due to the complexities of multiple and not overlapping grant periods and budget lines contained therein. Some donors have contributed throughout the 6 year period and to all the budget lines whilst others have granted short term ad hoc and earmarked funds for specific items and/or events. But in short, of the USD 4.3 million raised over the period from 2010 - 2015,

- some 63 percent, or USD 2,7 million have been allocated by seven donors towards the **sponsorship programmes**, namely Austria, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland.
- an additional 24 percent, or USD 1.1 million have been allocated by six donors towards the **procurement of goods and services** in connection with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Meetings of States Parties in Vientiane, Beirut, Lusaka and San José respectively as well as to regional and intersessional meetings, namely Australia, the Holy See, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland, and finally,
- 13 percent, or USD 600,000 have been allocated by contributions from eight donors to **costs rendered by UNDP** since 2010, including staff cost for a specialist, cost sharing of administrative staff and travels, namely, Australia, France, the Holy See, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland.

In light of discussions here this week, and for the sustainability of the new ISU, I cannot but add, that although efforts were made to broaden the donor base

throughout these six years, statistics show that five of the eleven donors, contributed with approximately 92 percent, and two of these with 80 percent of the total amounts raised. As such, and despite the in-kind and back office contributions from UNDP, the predictability and sustainability of the work was fairly low and completely dependent on the voluntary nature and well wishes of a few.

Nevertheless, in handing over to Sheila and her future team, and on behalf of the leadership of UNDP, I wish to thank the six Presidents of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> MSP and the Review Conference and their extended teams in Geneva and in capitals, for their trust in UNDPs executive coordination, advice and services; all the coordinators throughout, all States Parties and other observer States as well as partner organisations and individuals that have poured their personal engagement into the work of this Convention. It has been a great pleasure to work with you all.

Handing over to Sheila, I wish you the best in your new endeavor together with the Convention, I am sure it will all go well, [**HAND OVER THE HARD DISC**] and I would like to conclude by thanking and congratulating my team for its excellent work and dedication.