

12th Annual Subcommittee of the CPR
1-5th September 2025

Agenda Item: 4

Funding base of the United Nations Environment Programme

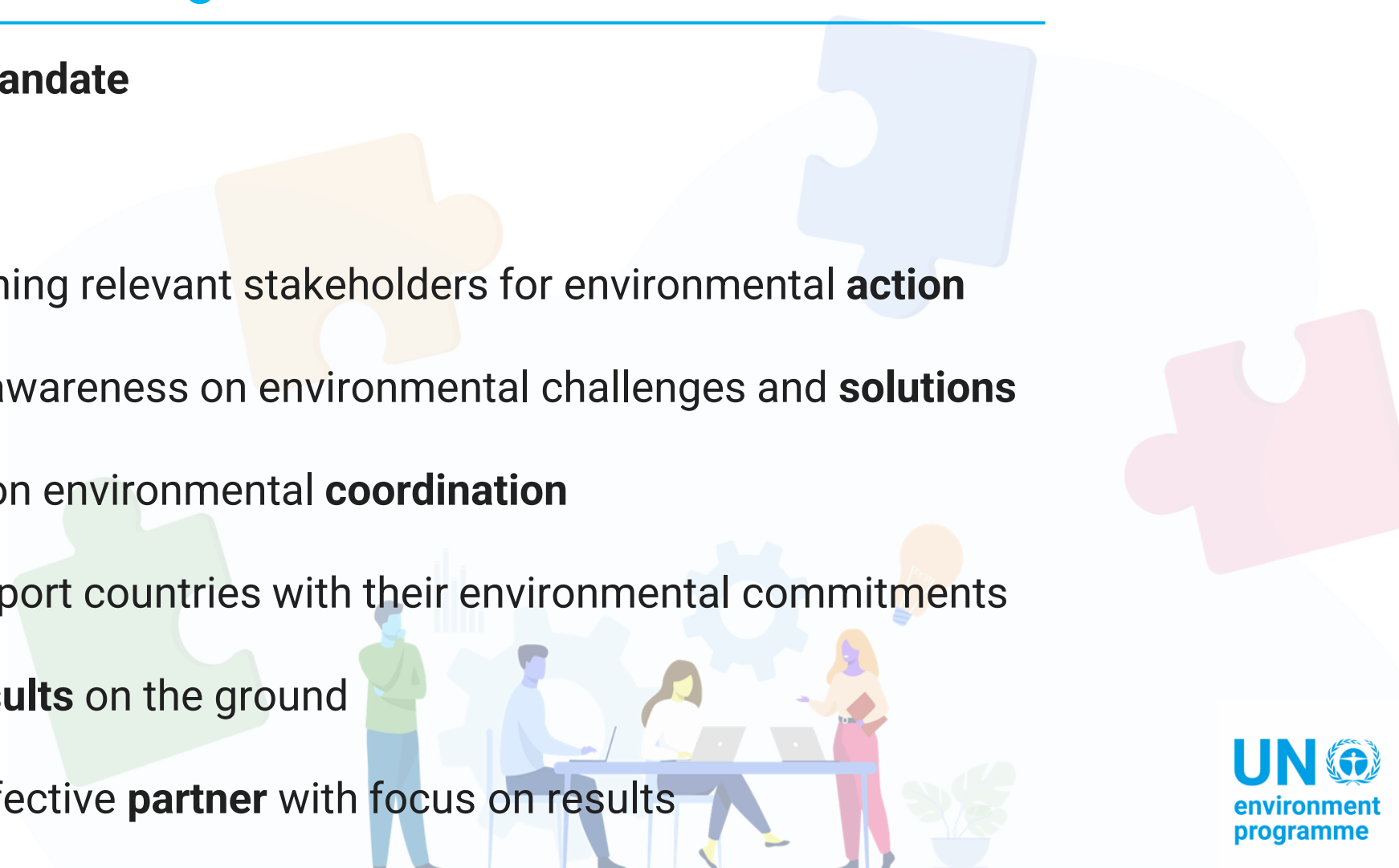


Commitment, guidance and action by Member States for UNEP's resource mobilization is delivering results

Through our joint funding dialogues, Member States have provided invaluable guidance on UNEP's resource mobilization. Acting on this direction, UNEP has secured increased funding and broader Member State participation — a testament to our shared commitment to addressing global environmental challenges.

Building on achievements: UNEP, your partner of choice in tackling environmental challenges

- 🔹 **Unique** environmental **mandate**
- 🔹 Bridging **science-policy**
- 🔹 **Coordinating** and convening relevant stakeholders for environmental **action**
- 🔹 **Advocating** and raising awareness on environmental challenges and **solutions**
- 🔹 Lead role in **UN system** on environmental **coordination**
- 🔹 **Capacity building** to support countries with their environmental commitments
- 🔹 Action and **impactful results** on the ground
- 🔹 **Trusted**, efficient and effective **partner** with focus on results



Sufficient and predictable funding for UNEP is critical for sustainable solutions



to deliver the Medium-Term Strategy (2026–2029) efficiently, effectively and at speed, and respond swiftly to emerging environmental challenges



to safeguard UNEP's role in ensuring environment remains central in UN system response – despite geopolitical/ financial landscape



Despite current global situation with competing priorities challenging the funding of environmental agenda

Appreciation and visibility to our funding partners

Since 9th ASC (Oct 2022):

- 🐦 **21 articles on UNEP-Member State funding partnerships** published on website
- 🐦 **151 appreciation posts on social media** thanking Environment Fund full share & top-15 contributors and Planetary Fund contributors
- 🐦 **75 funding partnerships with UNEP appreciated** on social media following UNEP ED engagement with their representatives, often many times
- 🐦 **Contributors of core and flexible funds publicly recognised** in presentations, reports and meetings to Member States (e.g. Governing Bodies)
- 🐦 **New Funding partners' spotlight live feed** featuring Member States funding related updates

Revised Resource Mobilization Strategy to secure resources for the 2026-2029 MTS:

- 🐦 Strengthen the **business case** of UNEP as partner of choice
- 🐦 Increase **core/flexible funding** from wider base of Member States
- 🐦 Be more **strategic** about **earmarked funding** and where it is most needed
- 🐦 Strengthen **communication** – appreciate funding partners & UNEP's value and results
- 🐦 Ensure **enabling environment** for partners to provide funding to UNEP
- 🐦 **Streamline** end-to-end processes and contextualise
- 🐦 Intensify **collaboration** on funding and action for environment across UN system



Member States are at the of core funding

By investing in UNEP – particularly through core, flexible contributions – Member States are enabling the organization to identify emerging risks, mobilize science, drive policy, and support action that improves lives and safeguards our planet.

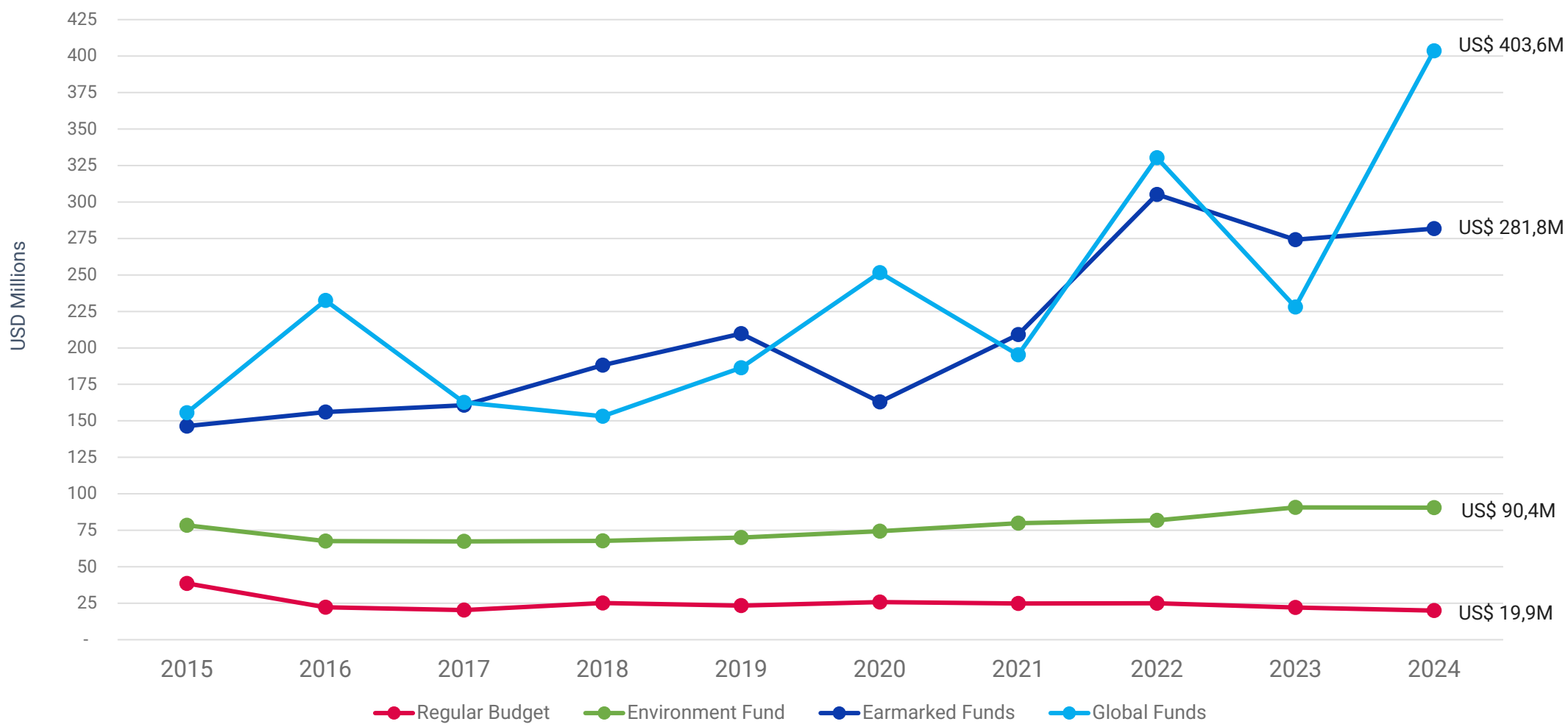
Overview of funding



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Up to 2024: Healthy income trend; stronger core = stronger integrated impact

2015-2024 Funding trends (Includes post facto as at 31 July 2025 for all years)

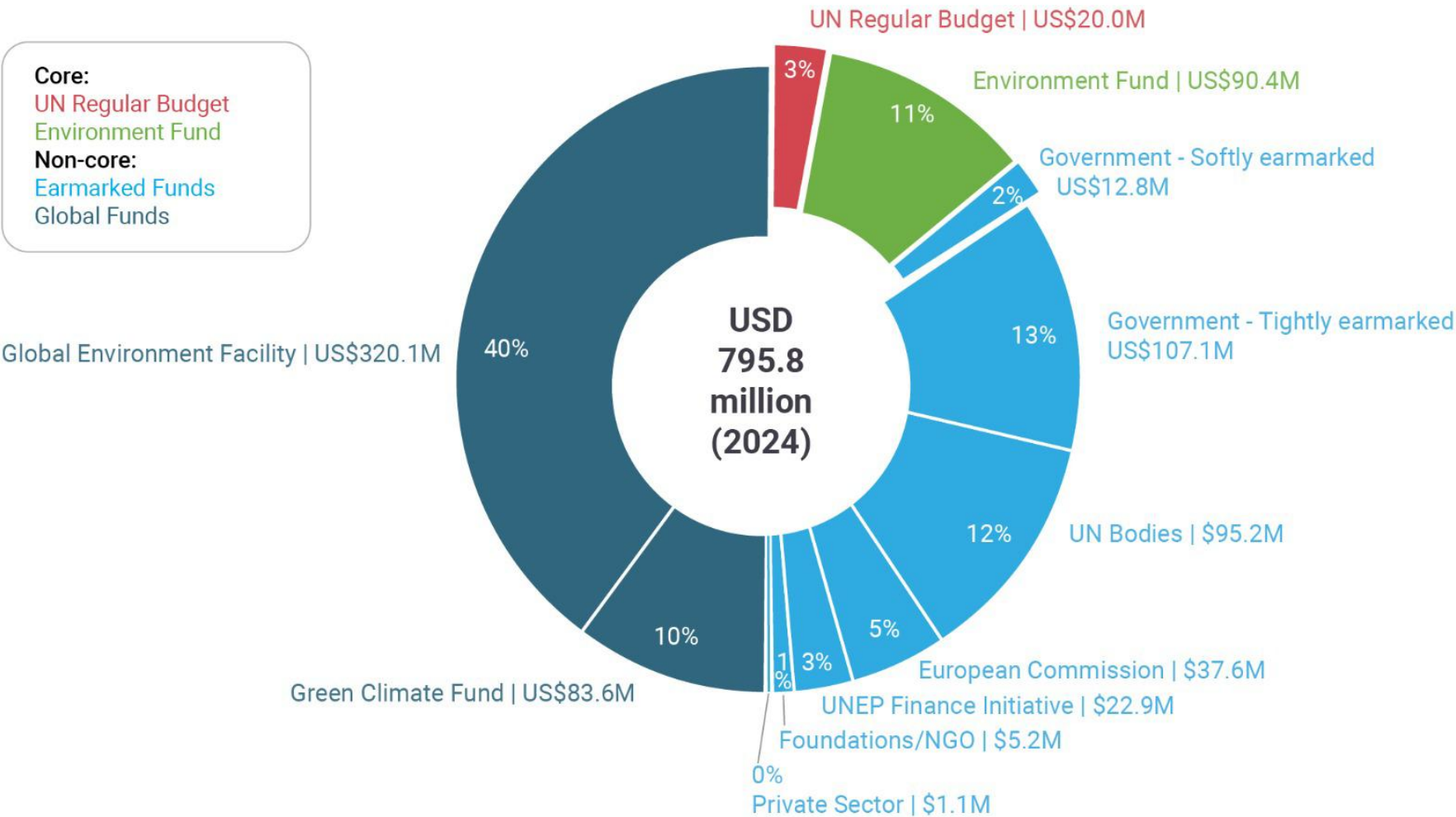


Shift from tight to soft earmarking needs acceleration

(in US\$ million)

Core:
UN Regular Budget
Environment Fund

Non-core:
Earmarked Funds
Global Funds



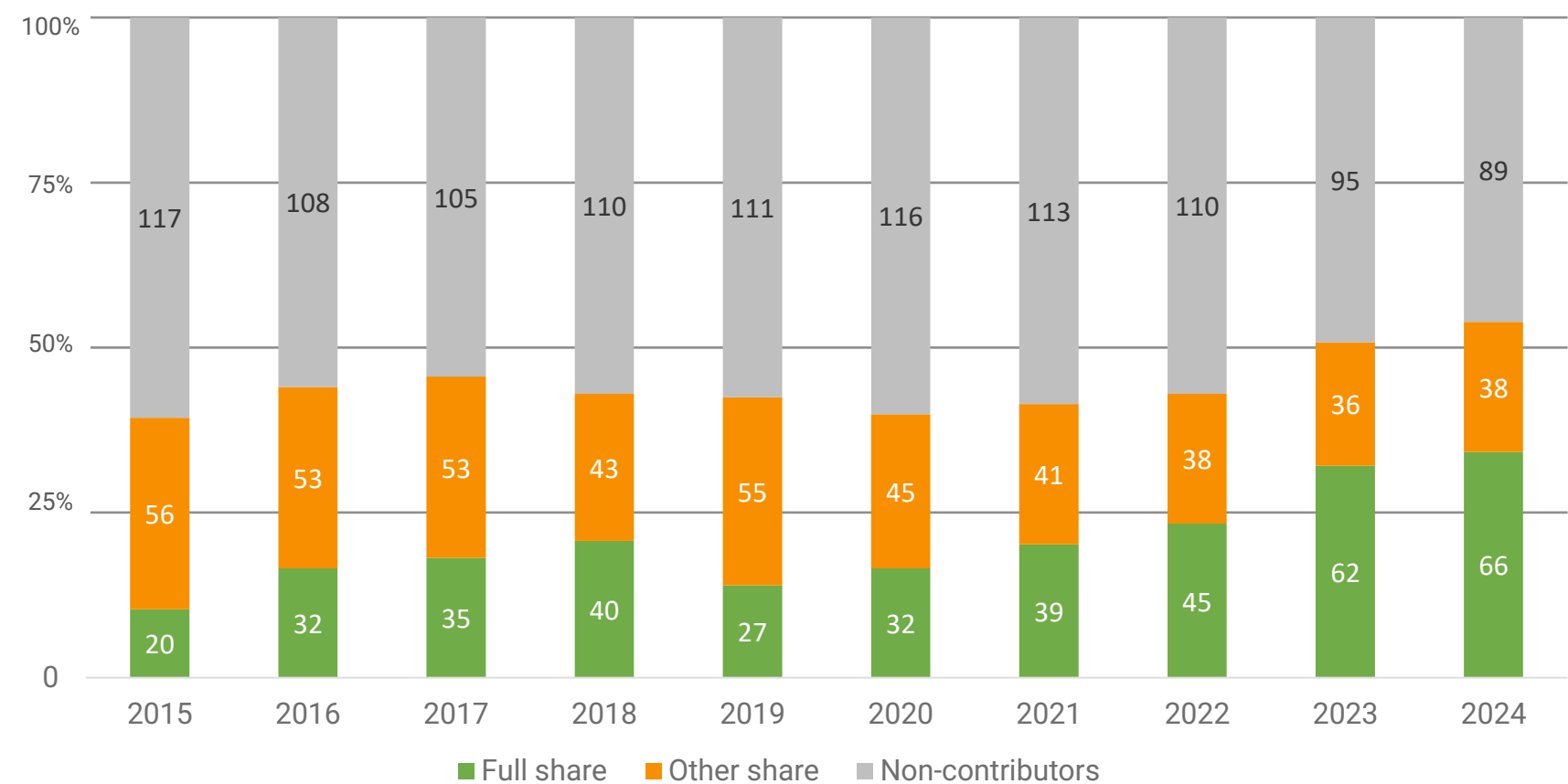
More flexibility is needed.
Of total funding:

- 14% of total income is core
- 2% of total income, or 5% of earmarked funding, is softly earmarked

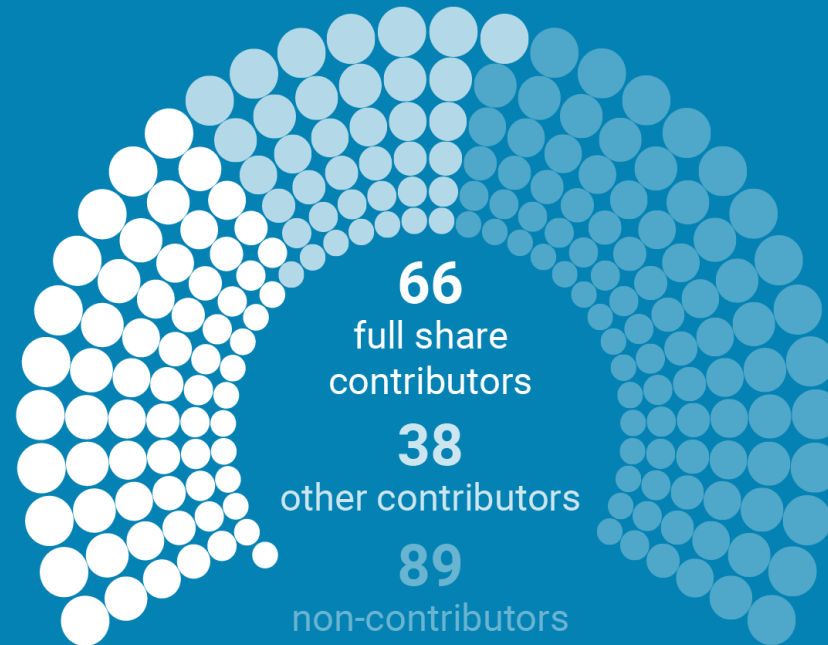
More MS honouring funding commitments, but still a way to go

Environment Fund Member State contributors 2015–2024

As at 31 July 2025



In 2024 over half of MS contributed to the Environment Fund



**as at 31st July 2025*

UNEP sees the increasing number of contributors to the Environment Fund as a testimony to the importance of its mandate - and an increased trust in the organization.



Action for resource mobilization

UN 
environment
programme

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Member States have recommended UNEP to...

- ✿ Provide more visibility and appreciation of funding partners
- ✿ Strengthen advocacy and communication related to resource mobilization, in particular core and flexible funding
- ✿ Increase funding dialogues with Member States at all levels - global, regional, national
- ✿ Better communicate results achieved with core funding



Appreciation for increased core support - 104 Member States in 2024

CONTRIBUTIONS EQUAL TO FULL SHARE ***

 Albania	 Denmark	 Guyana	 Latvia	 Mongolia	 Peru	 Tajikistan
 Armenia	 Dominica	 Honduras	 Lesotho	 Montenegro	 Philippines	 Togo
 Bahamas	 Dominican Republic	 Iceland	 Libya	 Morocco	 Saint Kitts & Nevis	 United Kingdom
 Barbados	 El Salvador	 Iraq	 Lithuania	 Nauru	 Saint Lucia	 Uruguay
 Belgium	 Eswatini	 Ireland	 Luxembourg	 Nepal	 Saudi Arabia	 Vanuatu
 Belize	 Fiji	 Israel	 Madagascar	 Netherlands	 Serbia	 Zambia
 Bhutan	 France	 Italy	 Maldives	 New Zealand	 Slovenia	
 Bosnia & Herzegovina	 Gambia	 Jamaica	 Malta	 Norway	 Somalia	
 Cabo Verde	 Georgia	 Jordan	 Mauritius	 Oman	 Sri Lanka	
 Cyprus	 Grenada	 Kenya	 Monaco	 Palau	 Sweden	

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

 Andorra	 Cambodia	 Czechia	 Japan	 Pakistan	 South Africa	 USA
 Australia	 Canada	 Finland	 Kazakhstan	 Paraguay	 Spain	 Viet Nam
 Austria	 Chile	 Germany	 Kuwait	 Portugal	 Switzerland	
 Bangladesh	 China	 Hungary	 Malaysia	 Republic of Korea	 Thailand	
 Botswana	 Costa Rica	 India	 Mexico	 Singapore	 Trinidad & Tobago	
 Bulgaria	 Croatia	 Indonesia	 Micronesia (FSO)	 Slovakia	 Uganda	

***full share of VISC

Strengthened advocacy & communication for resource mobilization

On value and strengths of UNEP

Booklet "UNEP Your Partner for People and Planet" available in 5 languages [AR](#), [EN](#), [FR](#), [RU](#), [SP](#); social media; articles on UNEP- MS partnership

On funding status, needs and importance of the Environment Fund (EF)

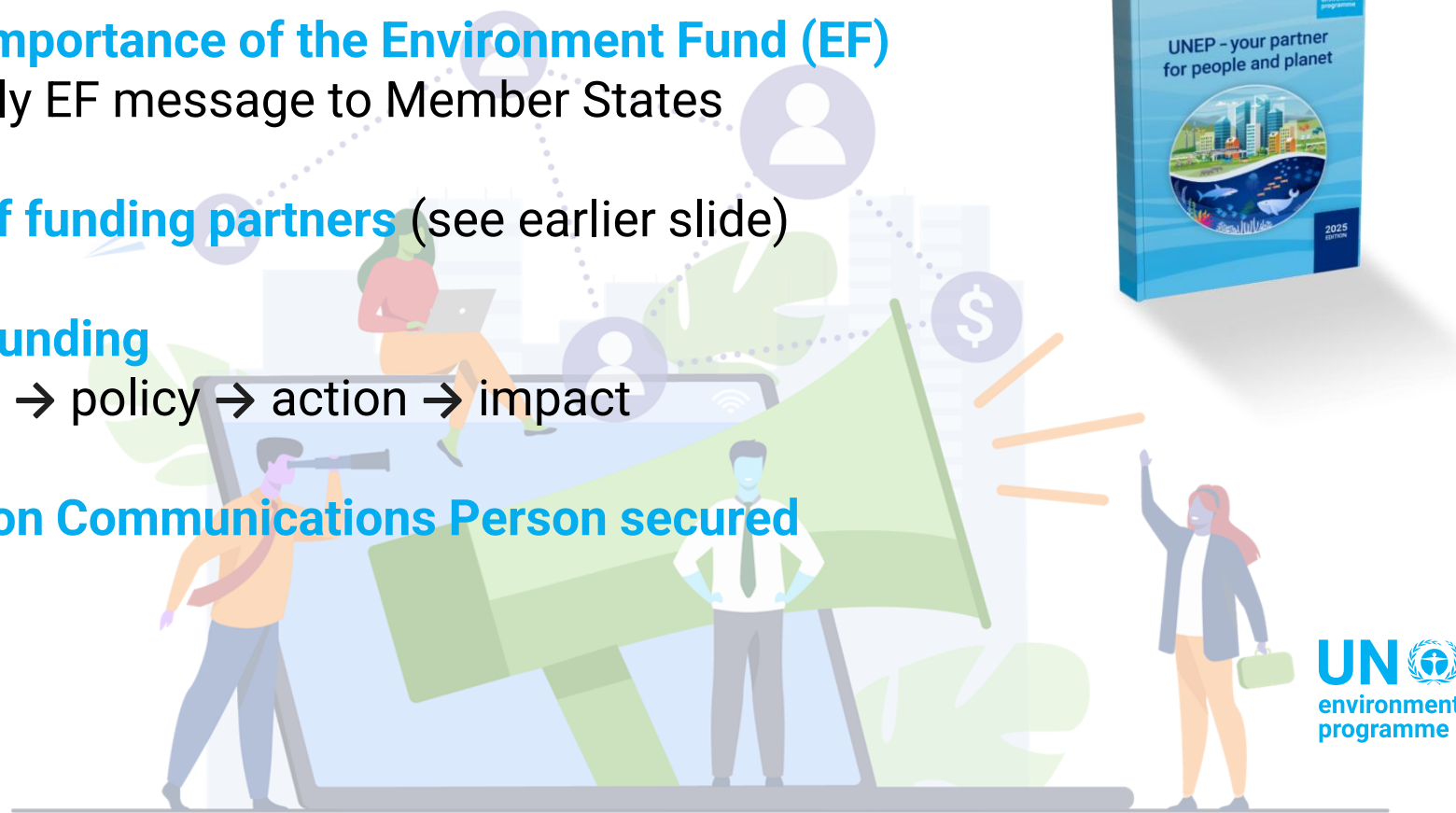
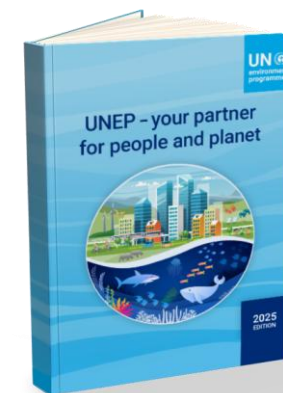
EF FAQ; VISC Factsheet; monthly EF message to Member States

On appreciation and visibility of funding partners (see earlier slide)

On results achieved with core funding

Narrative developed on science → policy → action → impact

Dedicated Resource Mobilization Communications Person secured



Intensified funding dialogue with Member States at all levels



At Global level:

- Global funding dialogue at 9th, 10th and 11th annual subcommittee of CPR, as a standing agenda item
- CPR updates: all regular CPR meetings, ED's reports and speeches, presentations etc.



At Regional level:

- At **Regional Ministerial Meetings**, value of UNEP and importance of core funding, the Environment Fund, discussed:
- AMCEN 2023 & 2025;
 - Asia and Pacific 2023 & 2025;
 - LAC 2023&2025



At National level:

- Member State-UNEP bilateral consultations
- Bilateral high-level meetings
- Individual letters from ED to Member States on expected EF contributions
- Follow-up contacts & communication at working level from HQ and regional offices.

Our Impact for our Portfolio Under Implementation (2022-4): UNEP, your partner of choice in tackling environmental challenges

Climate Action



201

Actors that **adopt climate change strategies and policies**

US\$937.68M
US\$672.39B

Mobilized per year for climate action
a. US\$ Invested for climate action
b. US\$ of decarbonized assets

156

Actors reporting **enhanced transparency arrangements**



Nature Action



108

Entities **adopting integrated approaches** to address environmental and social issues.

221

Actors **incorporating biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches**.

11,205,281ha

Increase in **territory of land- and seascapes under improved ecosystem conservation and restoration**.



Chemicals and Pollution Action



300

Governments acting to **promote sound chemicals and waste management**.

159

Measures developed to **reduce pollution in air, water, soil and the ocean**

3,289 Tons

Reduced release of pollutants to the environment.



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Science Policy



110

Authorities with **strengthened capacity to develop sound and environmental data**

170

Actors **using data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning and foresight systems**

156

UN agencies and MEA **secretariats** using data and statistics on environmental trends and assessments



Environmental Governance



134

Countries **developing/ implementing environmental rule of law** to address internationally agreed environmental goals

62

International legal agreements or instruments advanced to address emerging environmental issues

314

Policies and strategies at various government levels include environmental goals.



Finance and Economic Transformation



177

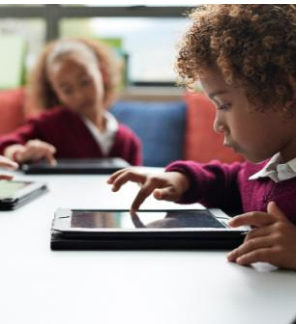
Finance and economic **initiatives** put in place or implemented to enable just transitions

1267

Number of **business alliances and frameworks** established or adopted to enhance environmental sustainability

403

Consumer information tools and **advocacy measures** that inform decision-making towards enhanced environmental sustainability



Digital Transformation



13

Digital platforms deployed for automatically **monitoring global progress against climate, nature, and chemicals and pollution targets**

14

Business alliances and **networks** leveraging environmental data and digital transformation approaches.

18

Digital platforms developed to improve governance and digital inclusion in environmental monitoring and decision-making

On results achieved with core funding

Coming up:

From Hidden Threat to Global Action - Driving Change on Mercury





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Thank you