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Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme (34 C/5) (01 January - 31 December 2008)

Fellowships Programme

Part II.C – Programme-related services

Paragraph 10203

Chapter 2 – Fellowships Programme

Regular budget: Activities (rounded to \$ thousand)

Planned: \$1 137

Actual: \$794

34 C/5 Expected Results	Achievements	Challenges/ Lessons Learnt	Cost- Effectiveness	Sustainability (Indicators or Measures)	Recommendations by the Executive Board
National capacities enhanced in areas of UNESCO programme priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced capacity-building in Member States, as well as better coordination with programme sectors, has been achieved through the award of 336 fellowships in priority programme areas within the framework of the UNESCO Fellowships Programme. Total value of extra-budgetary contributions to this programme amounts to US\$ 918,116 in cash. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member States although given ample time, often experience difficulty in identifying deserving candidates, owing to age limit (particularly for African women). 	Contribution-in-kind from the donor countries to the Co-Sponsored Programme amount to US\$ 1,687,800. This is an important contribution compared to UNESCO's seed money which is in the amount of US\$ 244,190, i.e. 14.8 % of the resources earmarked under the Co-Sponsored Programme.		
Fellowship beneficiaries empowered in programme priority areas through the sharing of knowledge and upgrading of skills at the graduate and postgraduate levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO fellowships are in high demand, and, the Fellowships Programme, which remains a very popular programme, provides a service to Member States by enabling the Organization to manage and administer fellowships with a view to intensifying exchanges of information, to sharing knowledge and experience among beneficiaries, to upgrading the skills of young researchers and to enhancing capacities in a number of priority areas and programmes. 43% of fellowship awards were in support of Major Programme II "Natural Sciences". The remaining 57% of the fellowships were in support of the following Major Programmes: 35% for Education, 14% for Social and human sciences; 4% for Communication and information; and 4% for Culture. In all cases, fellowships are awarded to human resource development and to education in all UNESCO fields of competence. 				
Thematic areas aligned to strategic programme objectives and biennial sectoral priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity-building was enhanced in the sound management of the environment, including water resources and their associated ecosystems, in particular under the UNESCO/Israel Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme in Science & Technology (including Water Research), the UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme (funded by Japan), and the 				

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	<p>UNESCO/China (The Great Wall) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme. It is especially important to mention the partnership with L'OREAL, under the UNESCO-L'OREAL Co-Sponsored Fellowships for Young Women in Life Sciences, which have contributed significantly to enhancing research capacities among young women in the life sciences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human resources were enhanced in: (1) the formulation of educational policy, planning and management; (2) the social and human sciences on issues relating to the "Ethics of science & technology", to knowledge societies and ways of participating in the democratic process; (3) promoting cultural diversity and cultural pluralism and intercultural dialogue; and (4) promoting communication development and advancing the use of ICTs for education, science and culture. • One of the noteworthy results of the Fellowships Programme is the gender distribution achieved so far: 55% of fellowships were granted to women. • By region the distribution is as follows: Africa 85 awards (i.e. 33.5%), Arab States 85 beneficiaries (33.5%) (this high number of awards is mainly attributable to the UNESCO-administered Saudi funded fellowships for Palestinian students), Asia & the Pacific 36 beneficiaries (14%) Europe & North America 22 beneficiaries (9%), and Latin America & the Caribbean 25 beneficiaries (10%). 				
<p>Administrative procedures for fellowships harmonized through consultations with the United Nations system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowships administration policies and standards have continued to be better harmonized with other United Nations specialized agencies as a result of the rich exchanges of views that took place at the United Nations Senior Fellowships Officers Meeting that was held in London (17-19 November 2008). At that meeting, consensus was reached on several issues of common concern (i.e. policies, procedures, evaluation of impact, delivering as one UN, stipend rate, book allowance, insurance, etc.). 				

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<p>Fellowship opportunities expanded through new partnerships with Member States, civil society and non-governmental organizations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programmes has proven to be a true success story. It represents about 85% of beneficiaries administered under the UNESCO Fellowships Programme, which is funded through generous in-kind contributions from Member States (including China, Czech Republic, Israel, Italy, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation), as well as seed money from the RP. 			<p>Fellowships programmes are governed by MOU, MOA or TOR signed by UNESCO and the various donors. These legal instruments are of 3 or 5 years' duration and subject to extension.</p>	