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Fellowships Programme

Paragraph 14005

Fellowships Programme

Regular budget (rounded to \$ thousand)	
Planned: \$1,262,000	Actual: \$1,262,000

33 C/5 Expected Results	Achievements	Challenges/ Lessons Learnt	Cost- Effectiveness	Sustainability (Indicators or Measures)	Recommendations by the Executive Board
National capacities enhanced in areas related to UNESCO's programme priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced capacity-building in Member States, as well as better coordination with programme sectors, was achieved through the award of 336 fellowships in priority programme areas within the framework of the UNESCO Fellowships Programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member States, although given ample time, often find difficulty in identifying deserving candidates, particularly for African women. In addition, certain countries in this region still do not have modern communication facilities (i.e. e-mail, fax, etc.). Hence, a grace period of 2 weeks (after the deadline of submission of candidatures) is usually given. 	The total value of extra-budgetary contributions amounts to US\$ 3,713,140, including contribution-in-kind from the donor countries which amounts to \$2,306,400. This is an important contribution compared to UNESCO's seed money under the Co-Sponsored Programme of \$227,347. The seed money UNESCO spent represents therefore around 6% of the whole budget of the Co-Sponsored Programme.	Education and capacity-building of highest academic quality is assured, thereby guaranteeing a sustainable impact of the programme.	
Fellowship beneficiaries empowered in areas of programme priorities 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 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. Thus, 58% of the fellowships were in support of Major Programme II "Natural Sciences". The remaining 42% of the fellowships were in support of the following Major Programmes: 18% for Social and human sciences; 10% for Communication and information; 8% for Culture; and 6% for Education. 				
Fellowship opportunities expanded through new partnerships with Member States, civil society and non-governmental organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme has proven to be a true success story. It represents 41% of awards administered under the UNESCO Fellowships Programme, thanks to the fruitful negotiations that led to generous donations from Member States which have offered extrabudgetary contributions-in-kind in the form of fellowship, and, thanks to the seed money made 			Fellowships offered are governed by MOU, MOA or TOR signed between UNESCO and the various donors. These contracts are of three or five years' duration and subject to extension.	

	available by UNESCO.				
Administration of fellowships harmonized through cooperation with the United Nations system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowships administration policies and standards have continued to be better harmonized with other United Nations specialized agencies thanks to the rich exchanges of views that took place at the United Nations Senior Fellowships Officers Meeting that was hosted by UNESCO (6-8 November 2006). Indeed, the discussion of several issues of common concern (i.e. stipend rate, book allowance, insurance, etc.) enabled the reaching of consensus by all United Nations specialized agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO should be represented regularly during the UN Senior Fellowships Officers Meeting that takes place once every two years. 			
Alignment accomplishment between thematic areas for which fellowships are granted and the strategic objectives of document 31 C/4 and priorities of document 33 C/5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building was enhanced in the sound management of the environment (with special attention to the programmes on 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 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, as the financial contribution from L'OREAL has enabled UNESCO to have contributed to impact significantly on the enhancement of research capacities among young women in the basic sciences. • 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 excellent results of the Fellowships Programme is the remarkable gender distribution achieved: 59% of awards 				

managed by the Section are in favour of women.

- As for distribution by region, Africa occupies the highest place with 103 awards (i.e. 31%). The remaining awards are distributed as follows: Arab States: 39 awards (12%); Asia & the Pacific: 85 awards (25%); Europe & North America: 51 awards (15%); and Latin America & the Caribbean: 58 awards (17%).