

# The Regional Programme for Africa

## Partnerships & Resources Mobilization



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### I. Changing Development Finance Landscape

UNDP's Regional Programme for Africa operates within a changing development landscape, globally and in Africa. Global ODA totalled USD 131.4 billion in 2015 with ODA to sub-Saharan Africa at USD 42.8 billion, both up around 6% from 2014. ODA remains critical for most of Africa's developing economies, at least in the short-to-medium term.

ODA has helped Africa's development efforts but with limitations, as it has been insufficient and unpredictable, particularly since the onset of the global financial crisis in 2008, among other factors. To achieve the SDGs, ODA will have to play a more catalytic role leveraging other types of development finance such as domestic resources, development bank and private sector resources.

Within this context, the Regional Programme has been progressing in the implementation of its Regional Programme Partnerships & Resource Mobilization Strategy, as outlined below.

### II. Towards the SDGs and Africa's Agenda 2063

In support of Agenda 2030 and the African Agenda 2063 and its vision of "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful" continent by 2063, UNDP's Regional Programme for Africa 2014-2017 seeks to support governments and regional organizations to address regional and cross-border risks and opportunities.

Three years into its implementation, the Regional Programme for Africa has proved to be at the forefront of regional development work in Africa. It has enabled UNDP in Africa to demonstrate thought leadership in a number of critical areas.

Furthermore, it has become an incubator for regional dialogue and for new, widely consulted and owned, approaches in tackling today's development challenges.

### III. Building Regional Strategic Partnerships

Anchored in the Regional Programme for Africa and through an inclusive and highly consultative partnership approach, a series of new initiatives has been developed. Central to the development of these initiatives is a comprehensive, external consultation process with the early involvement of interested funding partners. The new and pipeline initiatives involved more than 200 partners.

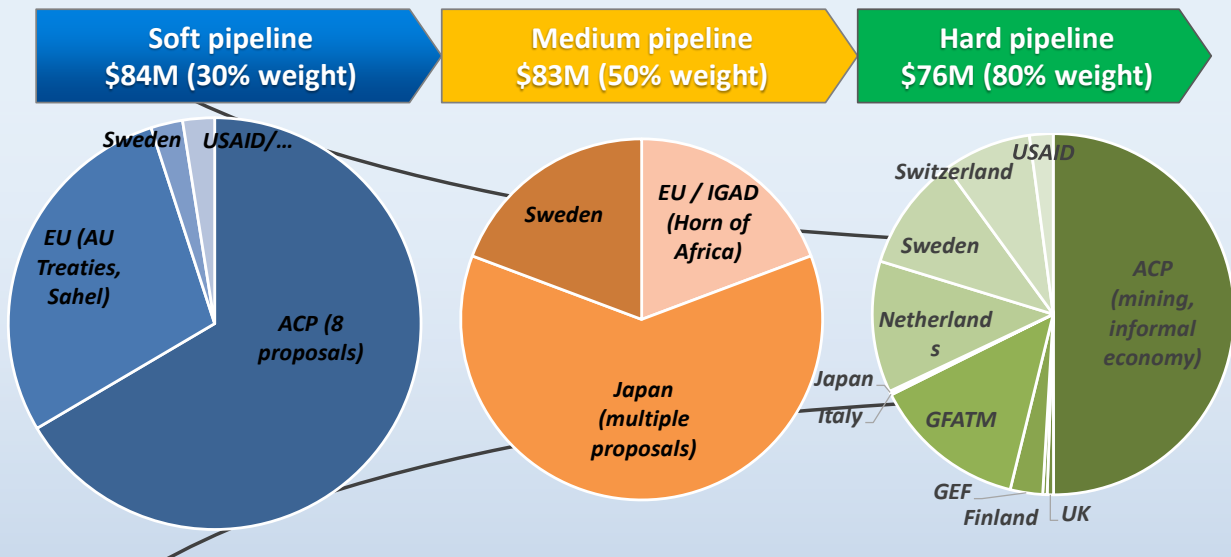
Inclusiveness in the design stage of projects not only granted a voice to vital actors and critical inputs, but also safeguarded the feasibility and future funding of projects through mutual ownership and engagement. As part of this consultation process, the Regional Center continued its partner and donor roundtables in 2016 with regional partners such as the African Union Commission (AUC) and its organs, IGAD and other key Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

The process also involved UN system partners as well as bilateral development partners such as Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, EU, France, Finland, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. Development banks such as the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank and the World Bank have also been regularly involved in the process.

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## RSCA Resource Mobilization Pipeline

as of December 2016



#### IV. The Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) in Africa Initiative

As a thematic example, the Regional Programme identified the development dimensions of violent extremism early on and engaged high-level experts from the continent and beyond in developing a development approach to address violent extremism at national and regional levels. Within a year, this approach has been recognized globally as a best practice and has been integrated into UNDP's corporate approach.

Regionally, multiple donors have contributed or are committed to contribute financially as well as through staff secondments to the RSCA to this initiative. Financial contributions have been provided by Sweden/SIDA (US\$ 3.3 million), and the Netherlands (US\$ 815,000 plus a project staff) and the UK (US\$ 430,000), to prevent violent extremism in Africa. The initiative also received an earlier contribution of US\$ 2 million from the Government of Japan.

#### V. Strong Resource Mobilization Pipeline

The Regional Programme as part of the Regional Service Center for Africa (RSCA) has developed genuine strategic partnerships with numerous regional entities as above mentioned. Despite a changing overall funding landscape, a growing resource mobilization pipeline has been built, illustrated above as of December 2016.

Additional efforts are being undertaken to continue the development of strategic partnerships and advancing thematic funding opportunities for (sub-)regional initiatives, aiming to maximize positive development impact towards the advancing of the SDGs and the African Agenda 2063.

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