

## PoW and Budget

Switzerland welcomes UNEP's efforts to further move towards a result based organization. To make sure that UNEP has the capacity to achieve the expected outcomes of the PoW, it is important that UNEP can rely on a budget that is reflecting UNEP's needs. It is therefore in our view important to ensure that the budget does not decrease compared to the year before in real terms. Zero real growth is therefore in our opinion the minimum we should aim at.

In a result based UNEP the ED should have some reasonable freedom to decide himself if he uses his funds for staffing or non-staffing costs. We note that a result based approach is limiting the member-states control and responsibility on each single budget line. It focuses the oversight function towards results. Switzerland has highlighted this when this new approach was discussed at the special session of the UNEP GC 3 years ago. We therefore have the impression that imposing a strict ratio for staff and non staff cost is against the shift towards a result based approach. We should avoid micro-managing UNEP, now that we have agreed on a result based management for UNEP. At the same time, accountability and the possibility to give direction to UNEP with regard to its priorities remains crucial for Switzerland as a main donor of UNEP.

Moreover, it is important that UNEP is supported by a predictable and reliable source of funding. Switzerland therefore fully supports the indicative scale of contribution, which UNEP should further develop on the agreed principle that those making contributions about their UN share should continue to maintain their high contributions to UNEP, while those contributing less than their UN share should increase their contributions gradually.

Finally, we have taken note of the need to clarify the budgetary and administrative relationship between UNEP and the MEAs. Switzerland fully supports the ED in his endeavors to further analyse the complexity of this relationship and to bring this relationship on a more predictable and stable basis.