

Funding Mechanisms

Work Package 18 | Leads: Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Reform, Assistant Secretary-General (DCO)

OBJECTIVE

To make core and pooled funding more attractive and effective.

HOW WE GET THERE

- **Action 76: Assess pooled funding arrangements across the UN system.**
- **Action 77: Develop recommendations to improve the portfolio of major pooled funds.**
- **Action 78: Develop proposals to make core funding more attractive.**
- **Action 91: Develop a more coherent Funding Compact review architecture.**

PROGRESS TO DATE

System-wide mapping and analysis have been completed across pooled funding, core funding and Funding Compact review mechanisms. This work has been supported by consultations with Member States, contributors and UN system entities. Initial findings show fragmentation across pooled funds, uneven costing and governance, structural disadvantages affecting core funding, and gaps in current Funding Compact review arrangements.

NEXT STEPS AND DECISIONS

- **Actions 76, 77:** Consultations will continue through May and June, leading to a final assessment and recommendations on better pooled funding by the end of June for consideration by the Secretary-General and an information brief for Member States in **July**. No decision of an intergovernmental organ is envisaged at this stage.
- **Action 78:** Further work and consultations with Member States will continue through May and June, leading to recommendations by the end of June for consideration by the Secretary-General, and information brief in **July**. No decision of an intergovernmental organ is envisaged at this stage.
- **Action 91:** Recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's report on QCPR implementation in **May** will be considered during the **ECOSOC** Operational Activities Segment.

QUICK SUMMARY: PATHWAYS AND PRODUCTS

Action	Pathway to decision	Products (dates)	Intergovernmental consideration
Action 76, 77: Assess pooled funding and develop recommendations	Work package leads → Secretary-General	• Secretary-General's information brief (July)	-
Action 78: Develop proposals on core funding	Work package lead → Secretary-General	• Secretary-General's information brief (July)	-
Action 91: Map Funding Compact review mechanisms	Work package lead → Secretary-General → ECOSOC and General Assembly, as relevant	• Secretary-General's report on QCPR implementation (May) • Secretary-General's information brief (July)	As relevant, for consideration of ECOSOC at the Operational Activities for Development Segment (2026 session) and General Assembly (eighty-first session)

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