

Further Contribution Agreements needed for the GCF to start programming its resources

By accrediting its first seven implementing entities (including three entities using the direct access track) at its last meeting in March 2015, the GCF Board made important progress towards putting in place all the necessary arrangements for making its first funding decisions in October this year. While the Fund is getting ready to disburse resources, it still awaits authorization to start committing its resources to specific projects : According to the Fund’s contribution policies, this commitment authority is triggered when contributors realize their pledges through signing official legally binding contribution agreements for 50 per cent (USD 4.7 billion) of the total pledges made to the GCF at the Fund’s High Level Pledging Conference in November 2014.

To enable the Fund to start making programming decisions in this critical year for the international climate negotiations, the Board set a deadline for reaching the 50 per cent threshold by 30 April 2015.

Signed contribution agreements cover 42 per cent of the pledges to the Fund as of 30 April 2015

After the expiry of the deadline set by the Board, the threshold was missed by a few percentage points with 42 per cent (USD 3.97 billion) of the pledges covered by contribution agreements. The threshold applies only to the USD 9.35 billion in pledges that were made at the Fund’s High Level Pledging Conference in November 2014. Since then a further USD 844 million have been pledged to the Fund bringing total pledges to the GCF so far to USD 10.2 billion.

Over 90 per cent of the pledges covered by contribution agreements are **by European Member States. Developed countries** that have shown

the most seriousness in realizing their pledges have signed contribution agreements for **their full pledges** and include Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg,

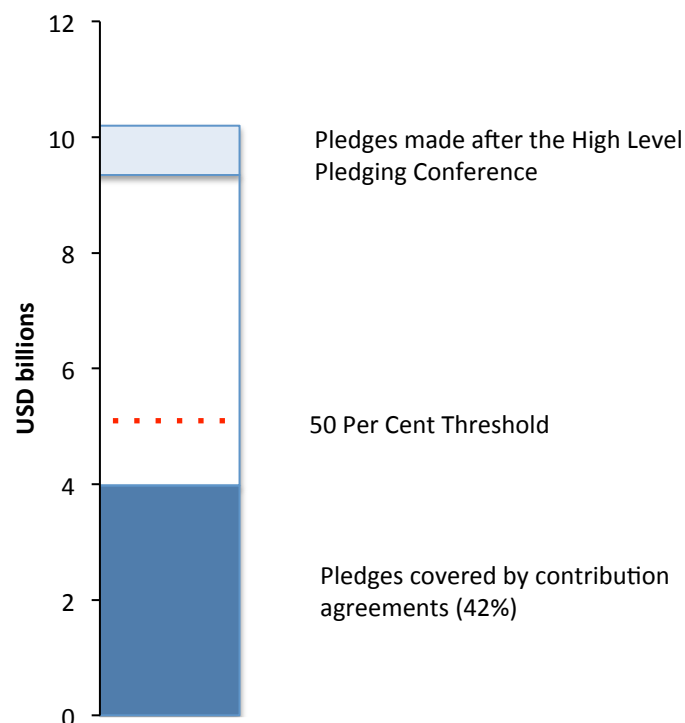


Figure 1 Status of Pledges covered by Contribution Agreements

Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Sweden and the UK. It is worth noting that **two developing countries, Chile and Indonesia have also signed agreements** that cover their **total pledge** to the Fund and Panama has signed 50% of their pledge. France (59%, the “grants” part of its pledge), Switzerland (30%) and Belgium (79%) signed agreements that only **partially cover their total pledge** to the GCF. **Countries that do not have signed any contribution agreements yet** include Australia, Canada, Finland, Italy, Japan, Monaco, Spain and the United States. Taken together, these countries have pledged half of the initial capital of the Fund with USD 5.46 billion.

Country	Pledge (million USD)	Signed (million USD)	Per Cent of Pledge Signed
Australia	186.9	0	0.00%
Austria	25	26.8	107.20%
Belgium	69	54.3	78.70%
Canada	277	0	0.00%
Chile	0.3	0.3	100.00%
Colombia	6	0	0.00%
Czech Republic	5.3	0.5	9.43%
Denmark	71.8	71.8	100.00%
Finland	107	0	0.00%
France	1035.5	577.9	55.81%
Germany	1000.3	1000.3	100.00%
Iceland	0.2	0.2	100.00%
Indonesia	0.3	0.3	100.00%
Italy	334.4	0	0.00%
Japan	1,500	0	0.00%
Korea	100	14.2	14.20%
Latvia	0.5	0.5	100.00%
Liechtenstein	0.1	0.1	100.00%
Luxembourg	6.7	6.7	100.00%
Mexico	10	0	0.00%
Monaco	0.3	0	0.00%
Mongolia	0	0	0.00%
Netherlands	133.8	133.8	100.00%
New Zealand	2.6	2.6	100.00%
Norway	257.9	257.9	100.00%
Panama	1	0.5	50.00%
Peru	6	0	0.00%
Poland	0.1	0.1	100.00%
Spain	160.5	0	0.00%
Sweden	581.2	581.2	100.00%
Switzerland	100	30	30.00%
UK	1211	1211	100.00%
US	3000	0	0.00%
Total	10,193.5	3,973.6	

Table 1. Overview of Status of Contribution Agreements

- No Contribution Agreement
- Partial Contribution Agreement signed
- Contribution Agreement signed for full pledge