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and the Programme Budget
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**Review of the Technical
Cooperation Activities of UNCTAD
and Their Financing**

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Presentation Outline

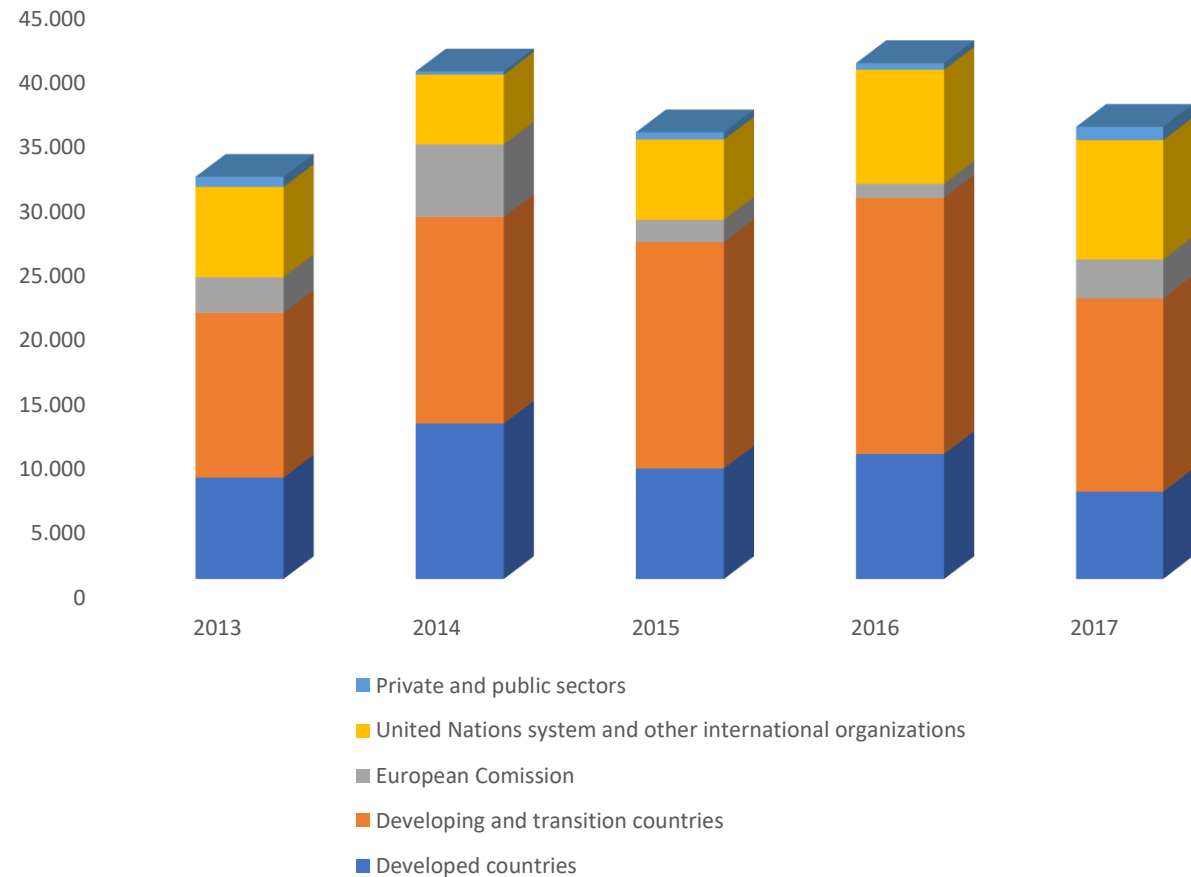
- TC Funding sources
- Expenditures and allocation of TC resources
- Structure and functioning of TC
- Way forward



Funding
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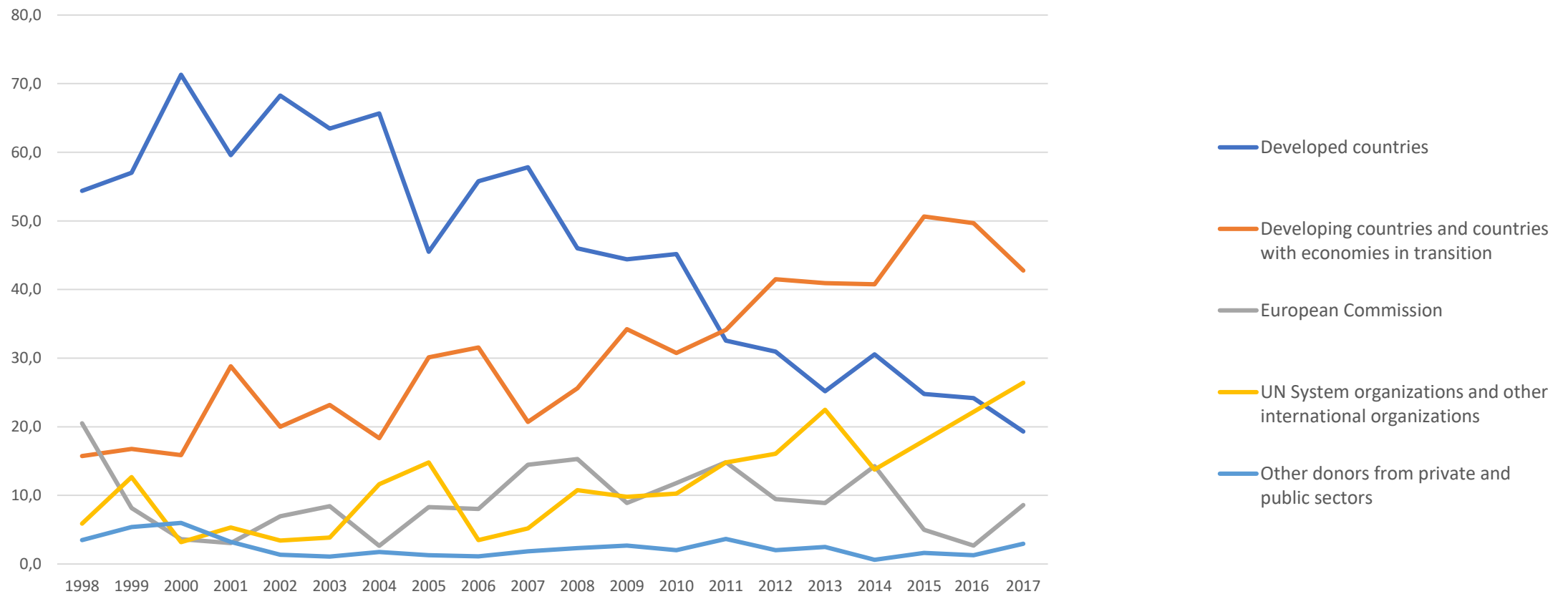
Trust fund
resources

Origins of UNCTAD trust fund resources, 2013-2017
(in thousands of US dollars)



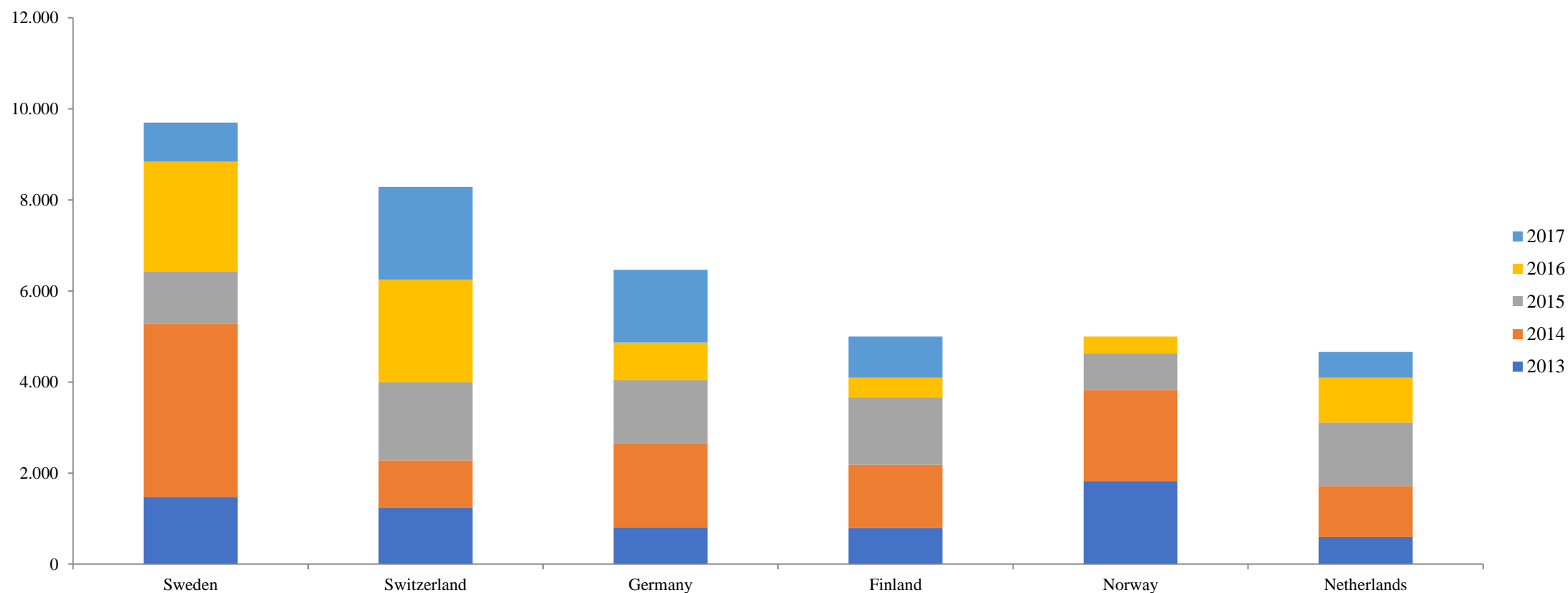
Funding source: Trust fund resources

Evolution of share of UNCTAD trust fund resources by different country/entity groupings, 1998–2017
(Percentages of total trust fund resources)



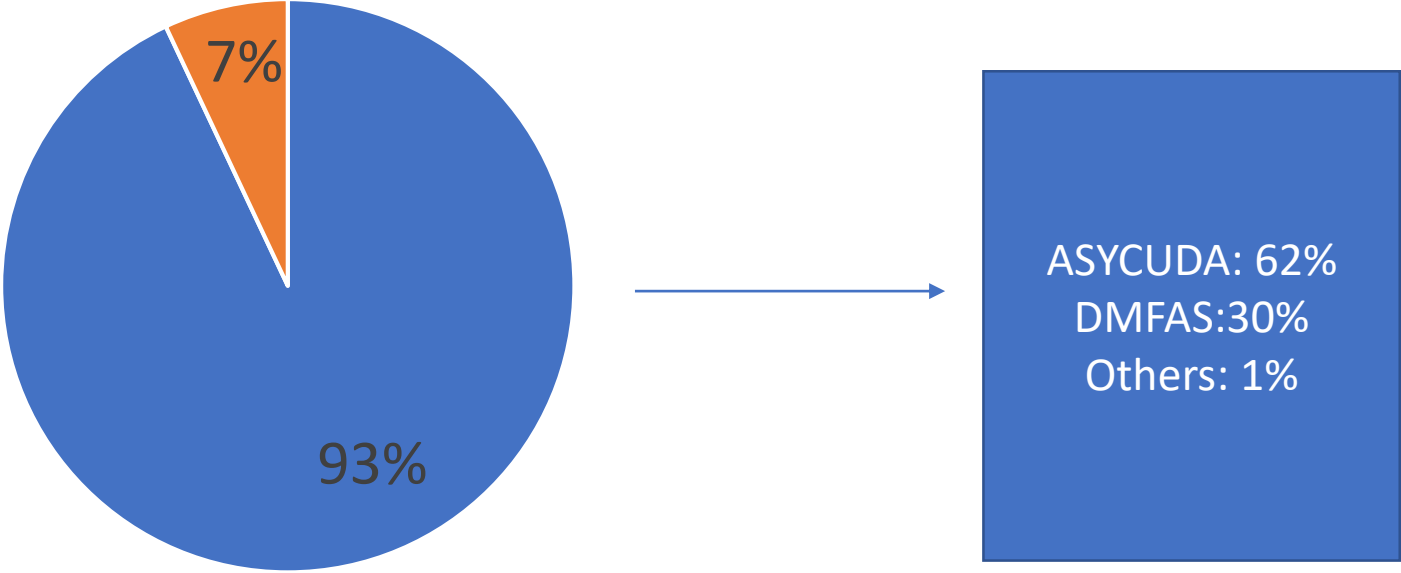
Funding source: Developed country contributions

Accumulated contributions by major developed country donors, 2013-2017
(in thousands of dollars)



Funding source: Developing country funding

Self-financing vs. financing beyond contributing countries
(share of total developing country funding, 2017)



■ Funds to support self-financed projects ■ Funds to support activities beyond contributing countries



Funding source: UN regular programme & Development Account

- **UN regular programme of TC**

- Expenditures: \$1.4 million in 2017 (+85% compared with 2016).
- Training-related resources under the regular programme of technical cooperation: mainly used to finance the UNCTAD course on key issues on the international economic agenda

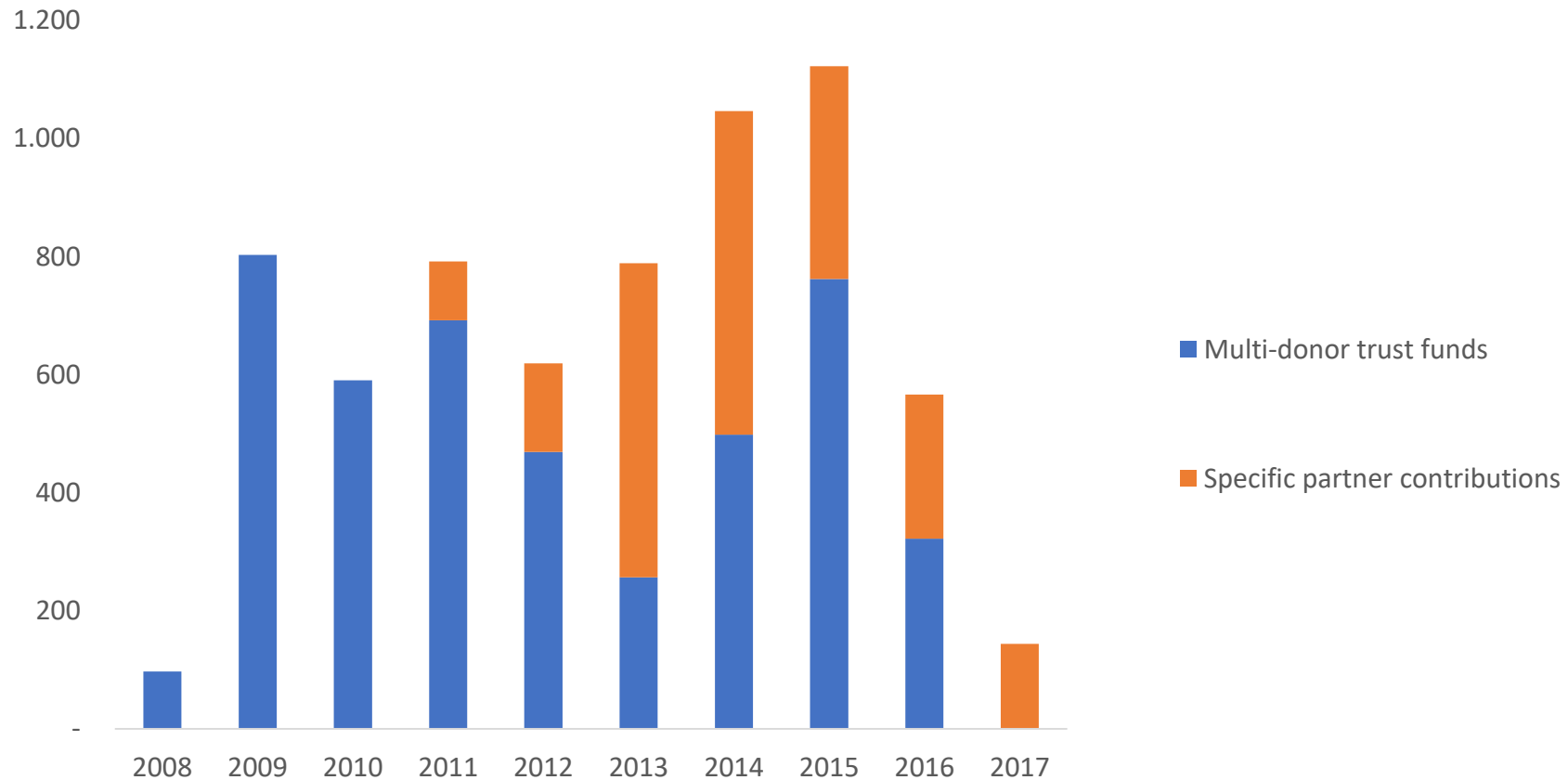
- **Development Account**

- Expenditures: \$3.2 million in 2017 (+23% compared with 2016).
- Mainly to support the implementation of projects under the 9th and 10th tranches.



Funding source: “Delivering as one” funding mechanisms

UNCTAD access to “Delivering as One” funding mechanisms, 2008-2017
(Thousands of dollars)



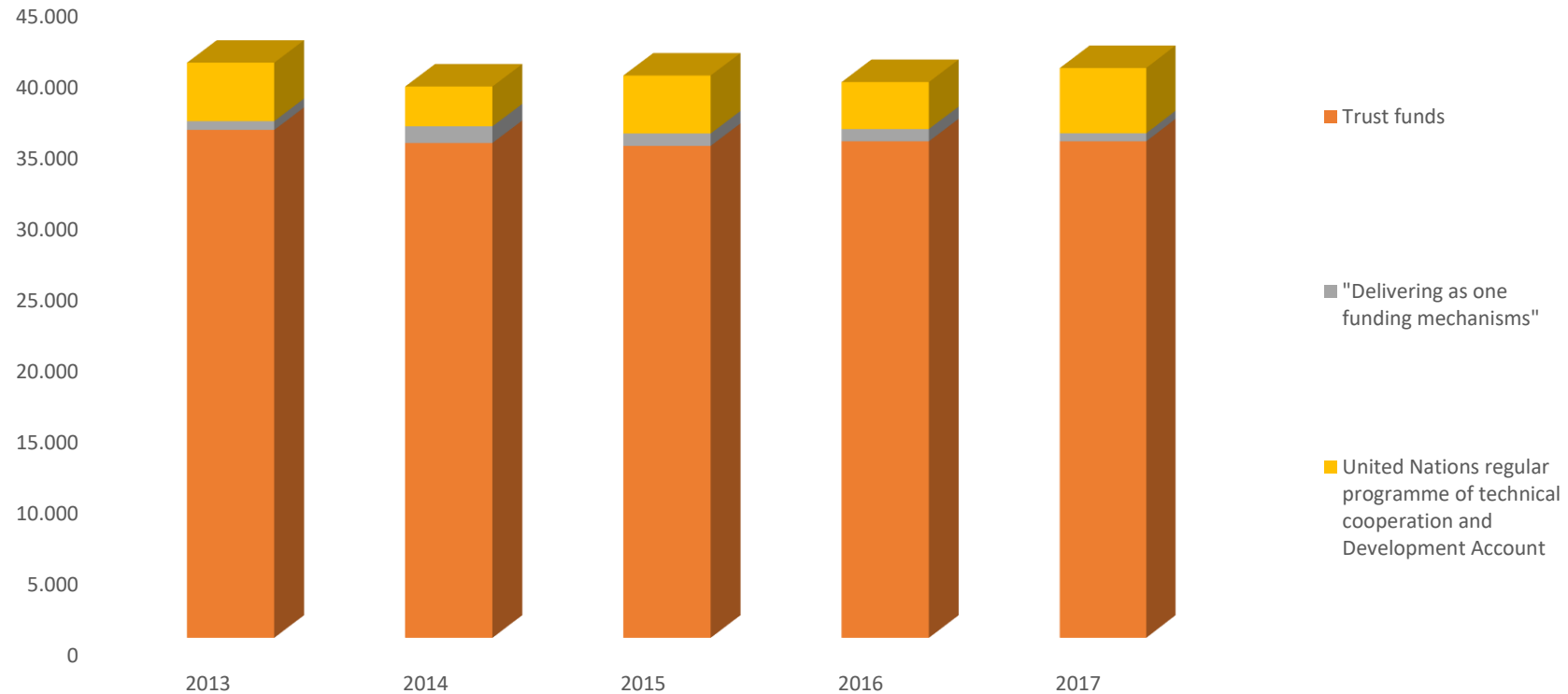
Funding source: Financing of Junior Professional Officers (JPOs)

- UNCTAD JPO programme is part of the UN JPO programme ;
- Contributions from donors for UNCTAD JPO programme are exclusive from the overall TC funding to UNCTAD trust funds;
- In 2017, Germany remained the sole contributor to the UNCTAD programme, with four sponsored JPOs;
- In the first half of 2018, China and Italy each sponsored one JPO;



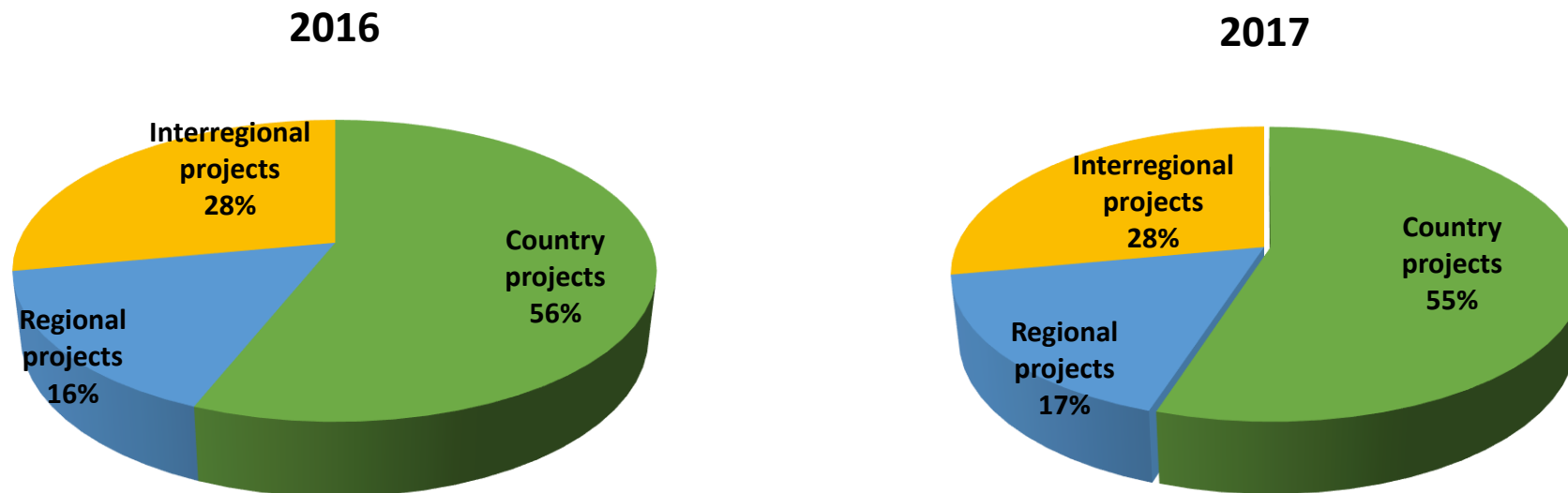
TC expenditures: Overview

TC expenditures by source of funds, 2014-2017
(Thousands of US dollars)



TC expenditures: Type of project

Technical cooperation expenditures by type of project
(Percentage of total project expenditures)



TC expenditures: Distribution by product

- 28 products under 4 thematic areas, linked to 17 thematic clusters (91% of annual TC expenditures in 2017);
- Uneven expenditures among TC products;
- The top five products in 2017:

Product	Expenditures in 2017 (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>)	Share of total TC expenditures
ASYCUDA	19'107	48%
DMFAS	4'365	11%
Business facilitation	2'444	6%
Competition and consumer protection policies and frameworks	1'850	5%
Electronic commerce and the digital economy	1'236	3%



TC expenditures: Contribution to SDGs

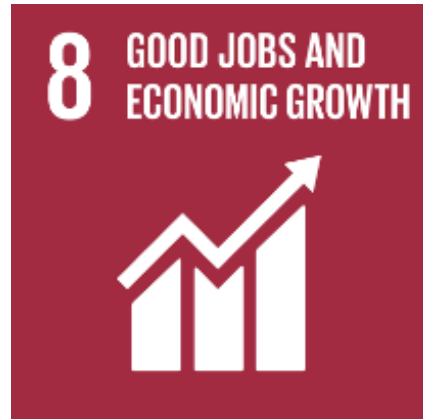
20% of total expenditures



53% of total expenditures



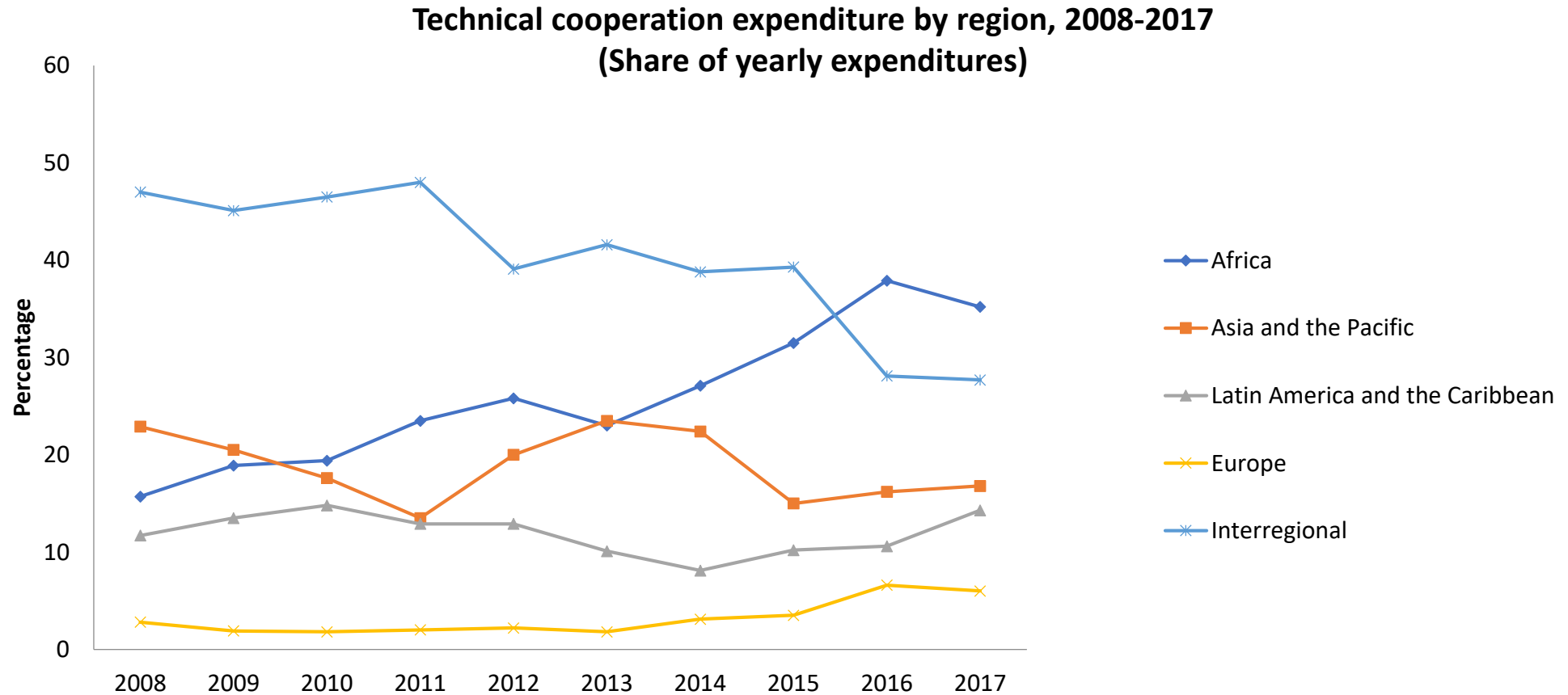
11% of total expenditures



**Mainstreaming the
SDGs into the technical
cooperation activities of
UNCTAD**

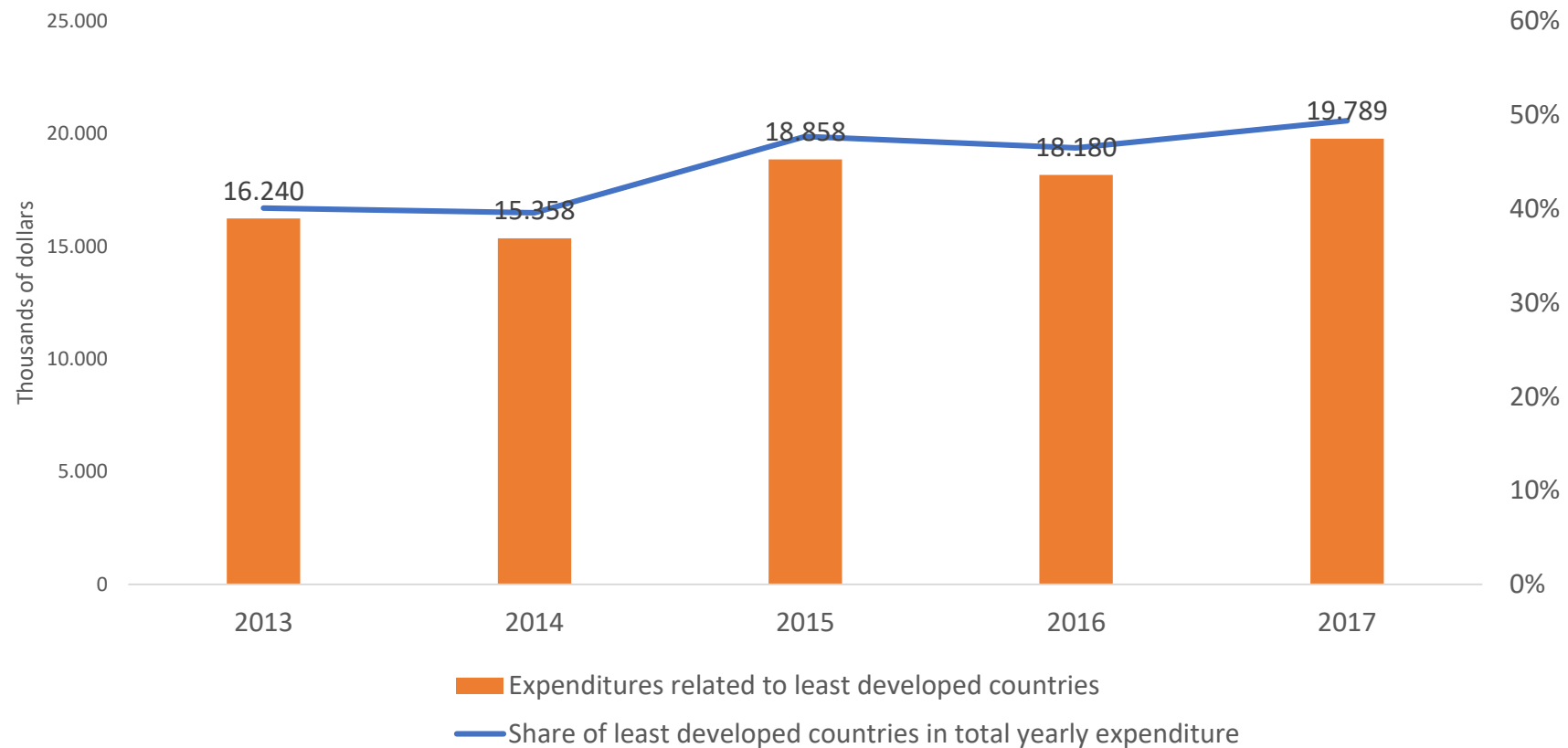


TC expenditures: Geographical distribution



TC Expenditures in support of LDCs

Technical cooperation expenditures in support of least developed countries, 2013–2017
(Thousands of dollars and percentage)



TC functioning: Follow-up to intergovernmental decisions

- Thematic rationalization
- Synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD work
- Interdivisional cooperation
- Inter-agency cooperation
- Requests from developing countries
- New funding mechanism
- Strengthening results-based management
- Gender mainstreaming



TC functioning: Thematic rationalization



- ❖ Updated *UNCTAD Toolbox* featuring 28 products;
- ❖ Some products developed or revised to further reduce fragmentation in TC activities;
- ❖ The new Toolbox represented 86% of projects or 91% of TC expenditures in 2017



TC functioning: Requests from developing countries

- External Platform

<http://unctad.org/projects/tc/en/Pages/Requests.aspx>

- Internal platform (SharePoint)

Requests

All Items ALDC DIAE ...

✓	Division	Title	CountryCode	RequestDate	Status	Division Comment (not public)	TotalBudget	FundSecured	FundToBeMobilized	Cluster	ThematicArea
	DIAE	e-Registrations system	...	Albania	04.04.2014	Funding required/Not Started	Needs funding2	400000	400000	08 - Investment facilitation	C - Fostering economic efficiency, improving governance
	DIAE	Empretec programme	...	Albania	09.12.2015	Funding required/Not Started	Reply with request to coordinate on fund-raising	300000	300000	09 - Enterprise development	D - Empowerir people, investing in th future
	DIAE	e-Registrations system	...	Algeria	09.10.2014	Funding required/Not Started	Needs fundings	400000	400000	08 - Investment facilitation	C - Fostering economic efficiency, improving governance
	DIAE	Seminar on international arbitrage	...	Algeria	16.09.2015	Ongoing Implementation	Under consideration	100000	100000	07 - Investment policies	D - Empowerir people, investing in th future
	DIAE	Implementation of the Accounting Development Tool	...	Azerbaijan	08.02.2013	Funding required/Not Started	Needs funding	35000	35000	09 - Enterprise development	C - Fostering economic efficiency, improving governance



TC functioning: New funding mechanism

- ❖ Based on consultations with regional groups and member States, a revised version of concept note was shared with member States before the 76th session of the Working Party.
- ❖ Depending on the feedback from member States, the first meeting under this new funding mechanism may be held in the last quarter of 2018 or beginning of 2019. This meeting will provide a platform to bring together donors and beneficiary countries.



TC functioning: Strengthening RBM

Pilot in-house
RBM training
sessions

Automated Trust
Fund Document
Approval System

Formal assesement of RBM pilot phase



TC functioning: Gender mainstreaming

- ❖ Further progressing in mainstreaming gender equality and women's economic empowerment in TC projects:
 - ❑ Application of the gender checklist becoming mandatory since Jan. 2018;
 - ❑ A simplified checklist developed for projects with a limited potential to integrate gender dimensions;
 - ❑ Designation of alternate gender focal points at the divisional level to support project clearance;
 - ❑ All new projects are screened through a gender lens in the Automated Trust Fund Document Approval System.
- ❖ Gender equality increasingly promoted and integrated in TC projects.



TC functioning: Contribution to the UN system-wide coherence



- ❖ In 2017, the Cluster enhanced its cooperation on research to reach a common policy understanding on key interrelated issues pertinent to trade and development, which will be turned into effective joint programmes to achieve the Goals (e.g. UNCTAD-ILO cooperation).
- ❖ In line with the United Nations reform, UNCTAD has worked on widening the scope of the Cluster (e.g. UN Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework).
- ❖ Cluster expanded its offer to advise member States and decision-makers of the role of the Cluster as part of the development pillar of the United Nations (e.g. delivery of courses in Turin).
- ❖ A task team established to better engage with donors with regard to the multi-donor trust fund of the Cluster.

Way forward

- ❖ To make UNCTAD technical cooperation fit for purpose.
 - Aligning its technical cooperation with the 2030 Agenda;
 - Enhancing the results and impact of technical cooperation;
 - Further mainstreaming gender into TC projects;
 - Optimizing its expertise for the joint delivery of technical cooperation at the regional and country levels
- ❖ To mobilize funds to ensure the availability of predictable and flexible funding for technical cooperation.
 - Expanding funding base & exploring innovative methods of funds mobilization (e.g. new funding mechanism; MPTF on Trade and Productive Capacity)



Thank You

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<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/technicalcooperation.aspx>

