

**Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund
for South-South Cooperation
(PGTF)**

April 2020

INTRODUCTION

- **PGTF was established in 1983 by UN General Assembly Resolution 38/201 with a core capital of US\$ 5 million, increased to US\$ 7 million through contributions from two member countries of the Group of 77 (G-77) made in 2004 and 2015. Only interest accrued on PGTF could be used to support projects so as to preserve intact the core capital.**
- **PGTF provides catalytic financial support to cooperative projects carried out by three or more developing countries. Preference is given to projects that have the largest impact and country coverage, in particular interregional or regional projects.**
- **Proposals submitted to PGTF should address the priority areas of the Caracas Programme of Action on ECDC adopted in 1981, namely food and agriculture, trade, energy, raw materials, technology, industrialization, finance and TCDC, as well as the priority areas for South-South cooperation of the Havana Programme of Action, adopted in 2000.**

INTRODUCTION

- **A Trust Fund Agreement was established by the UNDP in 1984 and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation is responsible for managing PGTF resources.**
- **A set of guidelines for utilization of PGTF resources was approved by the G-77 in 1986 and provides the decision-making framework with regard to project selection, follow up of approved projects, operational arrangements and mobilization of additional resources. The guidelines have been updated and improved throughout the years**
- **The guidelines established a six-member Committee of Experts, constituted by two representatives of each one of the regions of the G-77 acting in their personal capacities, responsible for selecting eligible project proposals and recommending them for approval by the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77**

INTRODUCTION

- **The G-77 and the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) have developed a long-lasting cooperation scheme regarding PGTF activities. On several occasions improvements have been introduced aimed at streamlining processes and reducing operating costs.**
- **The G-77, through the PGTF Committee of Experts and the Executive Secretariat of the G-77, has been mainly responsible for project selection, approval and follow up, as well as mobilization of additional resources**
- **UNOSSC and UNDP have been responsible for the management of PGTF resources and for all the administrative processes related to the implementation of approved projects, including disbursement of funds to beneficiaries, administrative follow up and financial reporting**

PROJECT CYCLE AND HOW TO APPLY

ANNUAL PROJECT CYCLE

January	Chair of the G-77 sends invitations to submit proposals
30 April	Deadline for submitting proposals
July-August	Meeting of the Committee of Experts to consider proposals and recommend those that will be supported
September	Approval of proposals by the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77, after review by the Senior Officials Meeting
October	Notification to beneficiaries
November+	Beneficiaries complete formalities, 90% of approved funds are disbursed and implementation is launched

HOW TO APPLY

When	Before the 30 April deadline
Where	Send proposal to the Executive Secretariat of the G-77
How	Follow guidelines and use model format and checklist
Instructions	G-77 website: www.g77.org

PGTF activitiesat a glance (1986-2019)

Participating/beneficiary countries

134 direct participating and/or beneficiary G-77 member countries

143 collective beneficiary G-77 member countries

(including former members of the Group)

Allocation by priority area

TCDC	28%
Food and Agriculture	26%
Trade	12%
Technology	8%
Energy	7%
Other	19%

Allocation by country coverage

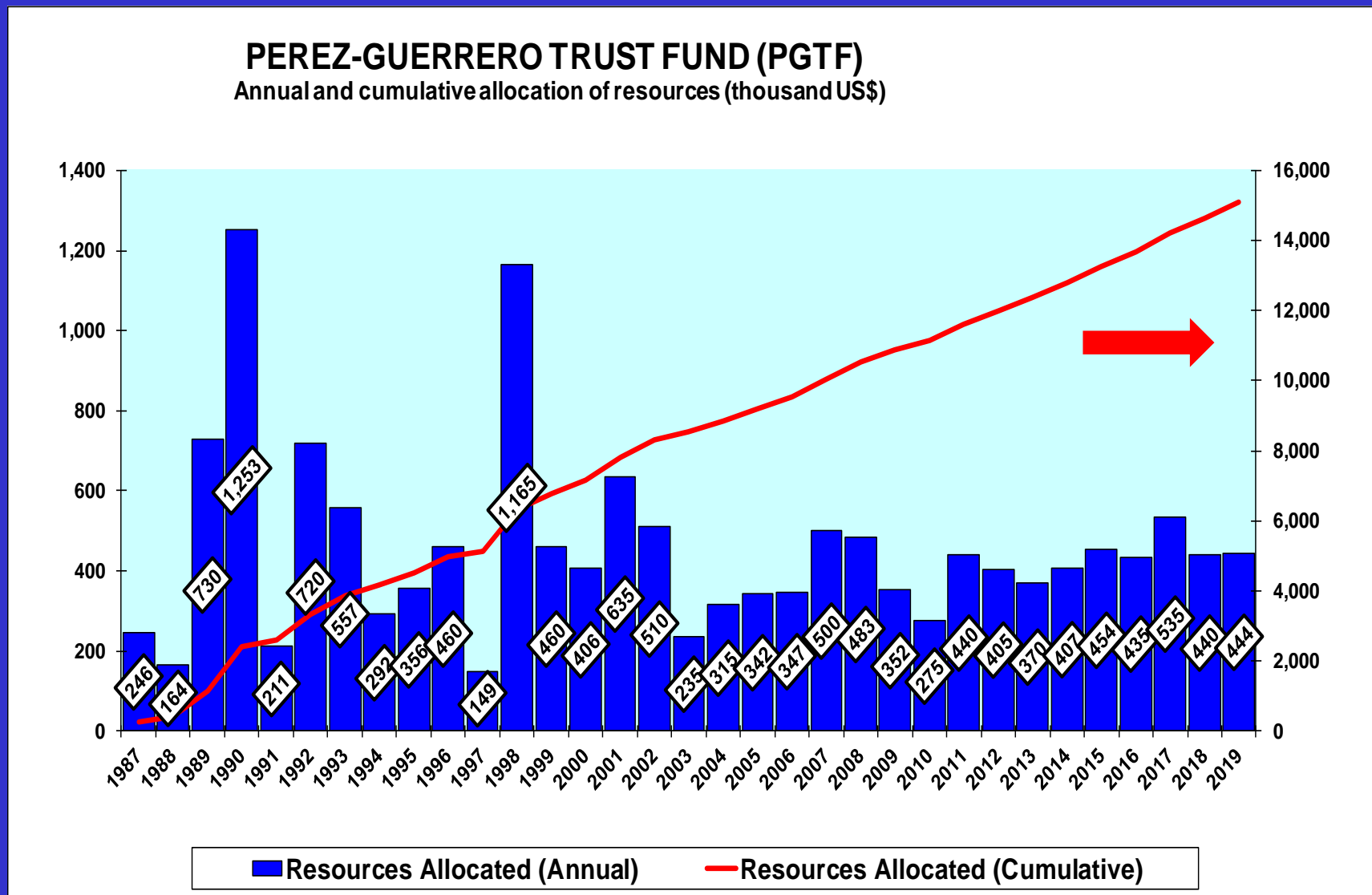
Interregional	42%
Sub regional	36%
Regional	21%
Action Committees	1%

Total allocation
US\$ 15.1 million

344 projects supported

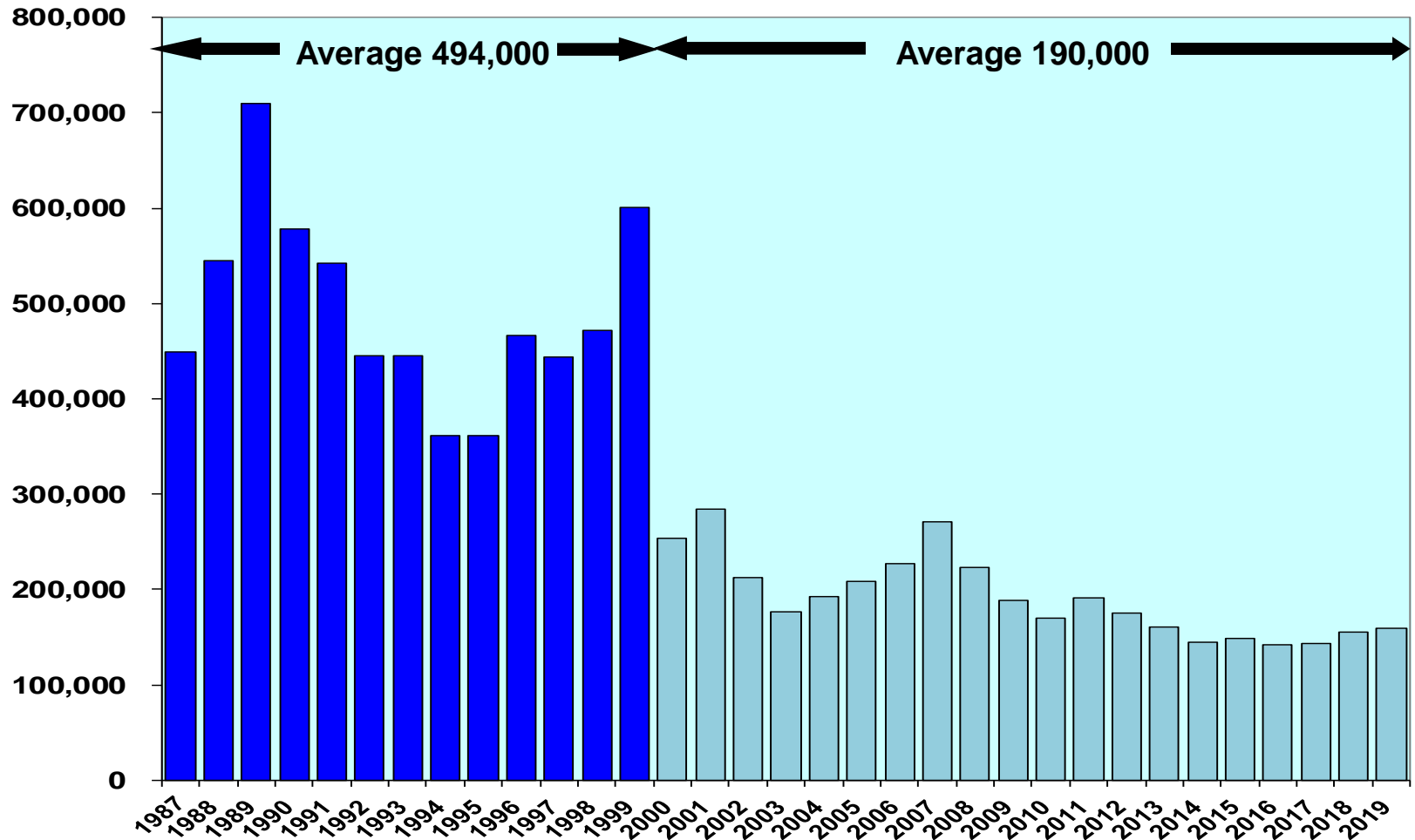
945 project proposals submitted

Cumulative allocation of resources 1987-2019 totals US\$ 15.1 million, more than 3 times the amount of the initial core capital ...



Average interest earnings for 2000-2019 have been 62% lower than for 1987-1999

PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF)
Interest earnings of the initial US\$ 5 million core capital (US\$)



EXPANSION OF PGTF RESOURCES

- **Decided in 1996 by the 20th Annual Ministerial Meeting of the G-77, based on recommendations by the PGTF Committee of Experts**
- **Three (3) modalities were identified:**
 - **Increase of PGTF resources through contributions by G-77 member countries and other potential donors**
 - **Increase of the yield of PGTF portfolio through appropriate investment strategies**
 - **Increase of the multiplier effect of PGTF resources through cofinancing with other institutions**

INCREASE OF PGTF RESOURCES

- **Enlisting of contributions, both to the core capital and general resources of PGTF, from G-77 member countries and international institutions.**
- **Fund-raising effort launched in 1997 aims at:**
 - **Small contributions (notional figure US\$ 2,000) from the largest possible number of member countries, as evidence of commitment and support**
 - **Larger contributions from countries in a position to contribute more**
 - **Contributions from international institutions**
- **Member countries are invited to announce their contributions at the annual U.N. Pledging Conference for Development Activities. About 30% of contributions received in 2004-2019 were announced at the Pledging Conferences, while the rest were made directly.**

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF)

(as of 29 February 2020)

<i>Contributions by G-77 member countries</i>	Number of countries	Number of contributions	Contributions (US\$)	Average contribution (US\$)
Smaller contributions (up to US\$ 5,000)	43	102	302,171	2,960
Larger contributions (more than US\$ 5,000)	19	87	1,648,006	18,940
Contributions to PGTF core capital (*)	2	2	2,000,000	1,000,000
	49 (**)	191	3,950,177	

Contributions by international organizations

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)		2	200,000	100,000
--	--	---	---------	---------

(*) Current yield aprox. US\$ 51,000 per annum

(**) Fifteen countries have made both smaller and larger contributions

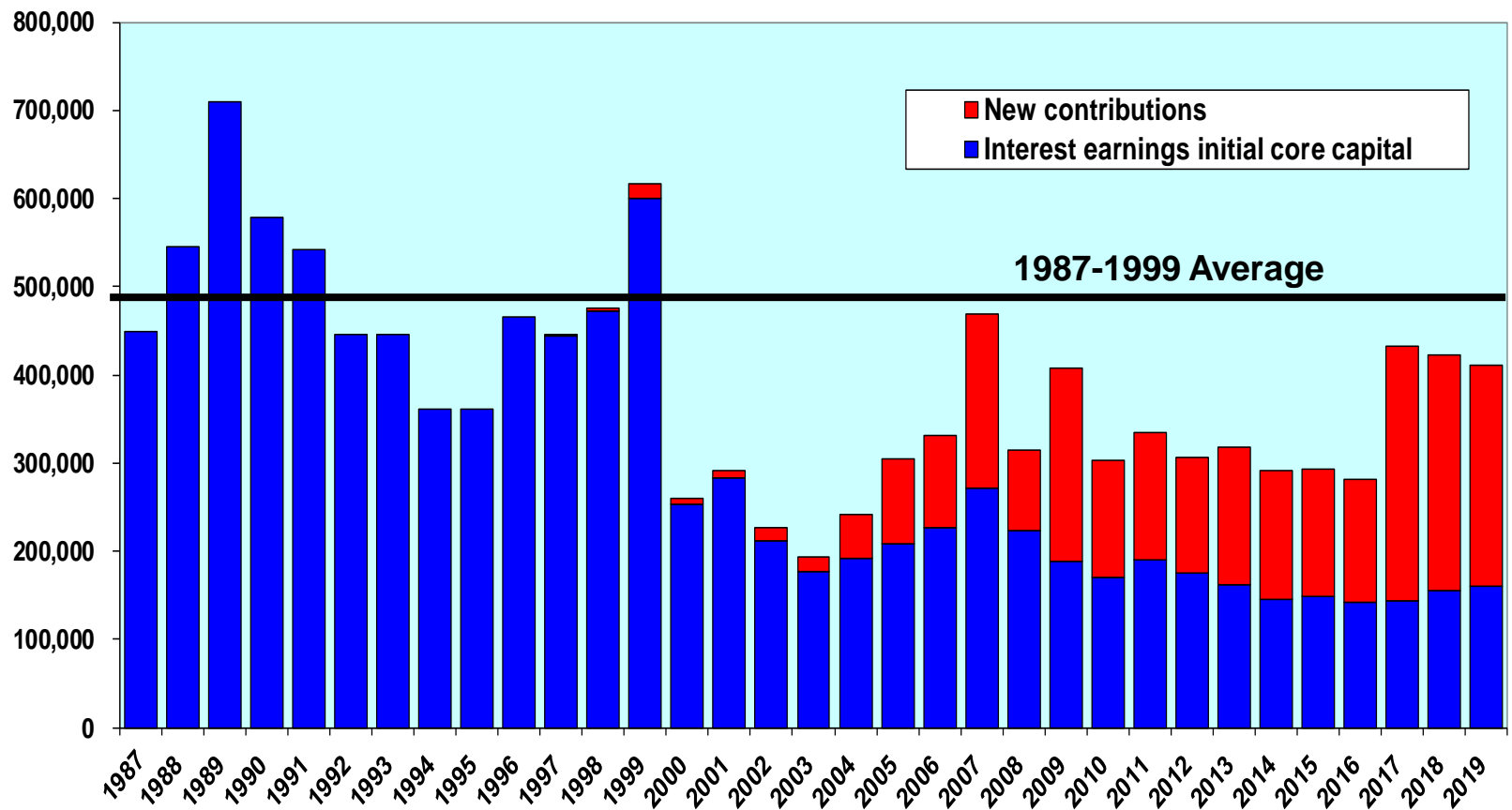
IMPACT OF CONTRIBUTIONS ON PGTF RESOURCES

- As of 29 February 2020, PGTF has received 191 contributions from 49 G-77 member countries totaling US\$ 3.95 million. 31 countries have made multiple contributions.
- Contributions by international institutions represent another avenue for expanding PGTF resources. A Grant Agreement with IFAD (US\$ 200,000) provided support to six projects
- Contributions have permitted to partially restore the availability of resources of the 1990s (around US\$ 500,000 per annum). In 2018 and 2019 they increased respectively by 173% and 157% the availability stemming from the interest earnings of the initial core capital

Contributions have permitted to partially reduce the gap with respect to the level of earnings of the 1990s

PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND

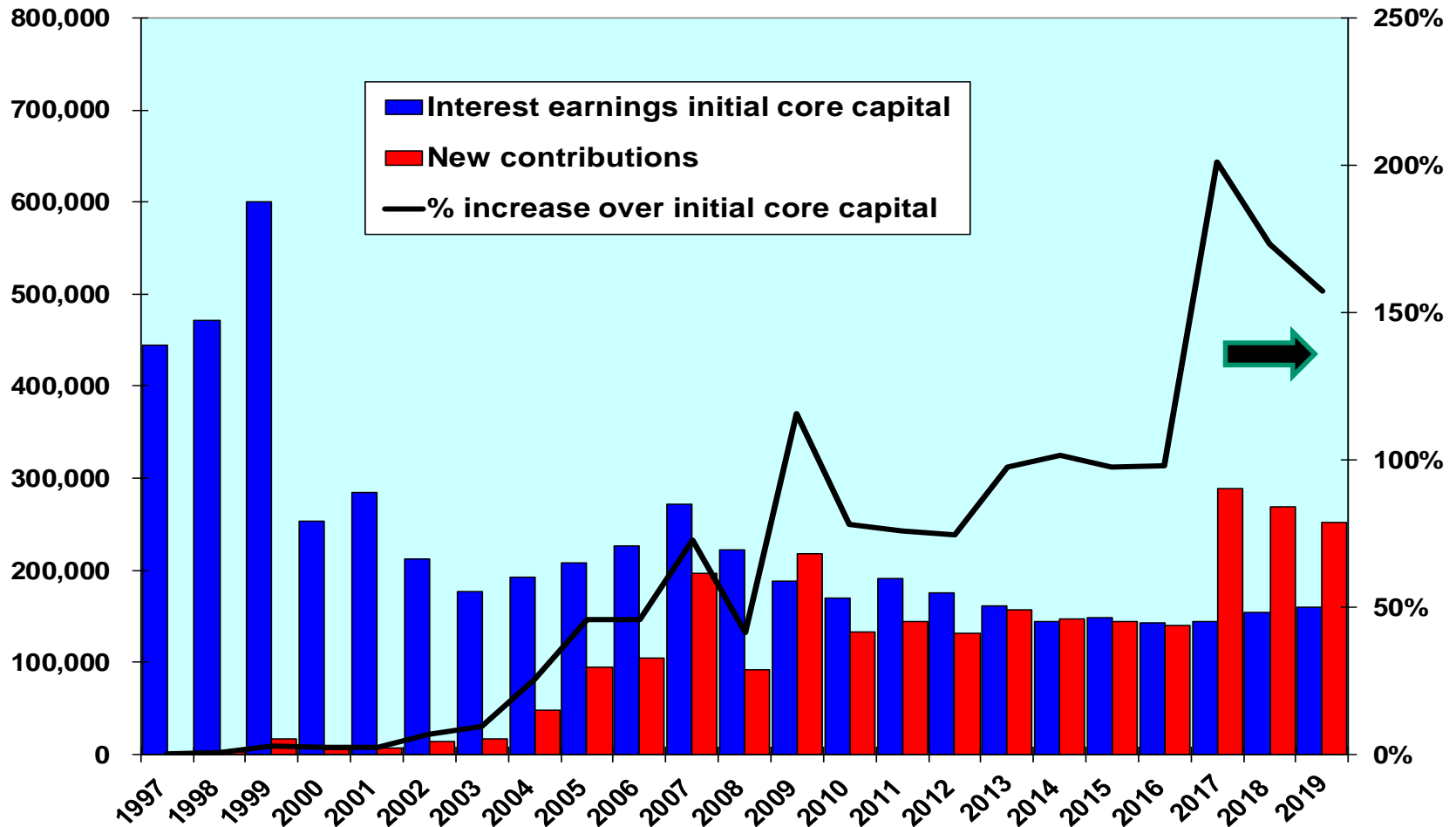
Impact of new contributions (US\$)



In 2019 new contributions increased by 157% the availability of resources vs. interest earnings of initial core capital

PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF)

Impact of new contributions on resource availability
(US\$ and % increase over interest earnings of initial core capital)



INCREASE OF THE YIELD OF PGTF PORTFOLIO

- Preservation of PGTF resources is the paramount consideration when exploring investment options
- Investment strategy agreed upon with the UNDP Treasury Division, on the basis of a close monitoring of financial markets situation and outlook
- UNDP Investment Committee approved that the totality of PGTF portfolio could be invested in securities with maturities exceeding five years, so as to increase yields (currently these investments represent 44% of PGTF portfolio)
- Effective yield of PGTF portfolio has been steadily decreasing due to lower interest rates, partially offset by the investment strategy adopted

	<u>Effective yield of PGTF portfolio (%)</u>
2010	3.02
2011	3.25
2012	3.06
2013	3.06
2014	2.67
2015	2.73
2016	2.30
2017	2.60
2018	2.71
2019	2.50

COFINANCING OF PROJECTS

- On a case-by-case basis, this has been a standard practice since PGTF guidelines require that project sponsors secure inputs from other sources of an amount at least equal to the resources requested from PGTF (this condition became mandatory in 1997).
- In this regard PGTF has worked with almost every regional or sub-regional institution from the South
- Aggregate amount of other sources contribution is US\$ 1.87 for every US\$ of PGTF resources
- In addition, consultations are being held with some institutions with a view to establishing multi-year collaboration frameworks

PEREZ-GUERRERO TRUST FUND (PGTF) COFINANCING OF PROJECTS

	Number of projects supported	PGTF contribution (US\$ million)	Others contribution (US\$ million)	Projects overall cost (US\$ million)	Ratio of others to PGTF contribution
1987-1996	57	5.0	4.4	9.4	0.89
1997-2019	287	10.1	23.8	33.9	2.36
1987-2019	344	15.1	28.2	43.3	1.87

Examples of cofinancing of projects

Cofinancing institution	Number of projects cofinanced	Contribution by cofinancing institution (US\$)	PGTF contribution (US\$)
International Center for Small Hydropower (ICSHP)	15	1,340,300	600,000
Latin American Economic System (SELA)	14	1,172,000	582,000
Islamic Chamber of Comm., Indust. & Agricult. (ICCIA)	14	732,900	433,000
Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)	4	710,000	225,000
Mercosur Economic Research Network (MercoNet)	8	683,000	220,100
Third World Network (TWN)	2	323,000	180,000
Inter Press Service (IPS)	4	194,600	265,800
Caribbean Council for Science & Technology (CCST)	5	184,500	150,000
NAM Science & Technology Center	4	170,000	127,000
International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)	2	164,000	126,500
UNIDO	2	148,000	87,000

CONCLUSION

- **PGTF has been in operation for 33 years and has proven to be a useful mechanism for supporting South-South cooperation**
- **It was originally conceived to operate solely on the basis of interest earnings from its initial core capital. However, the decline in interest rates of the early 2000s called for action to expand its resources**
- **A sustained fund-raising effort launched in 1997 has permitted to preserve the responsiveness of PGTF by supplementing interest earnings with contributions from G-77 member countries and international institutions, and by increasing the multiplier effect of its resources through cofinancing with other institutions**
- **New avenues for expanding PGTF resources are being explored, in particular through collaborative agreements with international institutions.**