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##### **Review of past activities and discussion of future activities in the different areas of work**

### Overview of contributions and expenditures in 2013–2015

#### Note by the secretariat

##### *Summary*

The present document reports on the contributions and expenditures related to the implementation of the programme of work for the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes for the period 2013–2015 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.1), which was adopted at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

At its tenth session (Geneva, 24–25 July 2012), the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management considered the implementation of the current programme of work and requested the secretariat to submit the present document to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties.

The Meeting of the Parties may wish:

- (a) To endorse the report on contributions and expenditures;
- (b) To express its gratitude to Parties to the Convention, especially to the lead Parties of activities, as well as to organizations and partners that have provided human and financial resources to implement the programme of work;
- (c) To call upon Parties and partners to continue providing financial support also for the implementation of the future programme of work.

## I. Balance on 31 July 2012

1. The balance of the Water Convention's trust funds on 31 July 2012 was US\$ 1,302,847.

## II. Contributions received in 2012–2015

### A. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 August 2012 to 31 December 2012<sup>1</sup>

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
Switzerland	10/08/2012	CHF	15 000	15 306	Promotion
Sweden	31/08/2012	USD	49 970	49 970	Drin project
European Union (EU) through the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	13/09/2012	EUR	307 486	385 804	National Policy Dialogues (NPDs)
Italy	29/10/2012	EUR	45 000	57 915	sixth Meeting of the Parties
Italy	29/10/2012	EUR	25 000	32 175	sixth Meeting of the Parties
Finland through the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)	22/11/2012	USD	26 108	26 108	Climate change pilot projects
Germany	23/11/2012	EUR	26 000	33 679	sixth Meeting of the Parties
Norway	27/11/2012	USD	272 325	272 325	NPD Turkmenistan, implementation, promotion
Switzerland	03/12/2012	EUR	80 000	86 022	sixth Meeting of the Parties
Finland through ENVSEC	20/12/2012	USD	79 287	79 287	Climate change pilot projects
Switzerland	27/12/2012	CHF	365 000	394 168	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consultation
	27/12/2012	CHF	50 000	53 996	Climate change
	27/12/2012	CHF	20 000	21 598	Benefits of cooperation
Estonia	28/12/2012	EUR	20 000	25 974	Benefits of cooperation
Netherlands	28/12/2012	EUR	200 000	259 740	Climate change, SDGs
<b>Total</b>				<b>1 794 067</b>	

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

<sup>1</sup> This includes the Water Convention trust fund and trust funds for Water and Security (i.e., the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)) and National Policy Dialogues (NPDs), but not projects implemented by the Regional Adviser. For funds provided by the European Commission for NPDs and ENVSEC, programme support costs are 7 per cent; programme support for all other funds 13 per cent.

## B. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
Switzerland	11/01/2013	CHF	50 000	54 885	Nexus
Finland	14/01/2013	EUR	5 000	6 494	Unearmarked
Hungary	31/01/2013	USD	4 975	4 975	Unearmarked
Bulgaria	20/02/2013	EUR	6 000	8 141	Benefits
Switzerland	02/05/2013	CHF	350 000	373 134	Climate change pilots, nexus, benefits, opening
Finland	07/05/2013	EUR	15 000	19 634	Joint bodies workshop
EU through ENVSEC	23/05/2013	EUR	26 690	34 935	Dniester Climate Change pilot project
Hungary	28/05/2013	USD	4 981	4 981	Unearmarked
Eurasian Development Bank	03/07/2013	USD	24 000	24 000	Dam safety
EU through OECD	10/07/2013	EUR	181 900	237 158	NPDs
Germany	22/07/2013	EUR	40 000	52 910	Joint bodies workshop
Switzerland	22/07/2013	CHF	50 000	79 365	Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Working Group on IWRM)
Switzerland	30/07/2013	CHF	75 000	52 151	Climate change workshop
Finland	30/08/2013	EUR	15 000	19 894	Joint bodies workshop
Finland/Sweden through ENVSEC	18/09/2013	EUR	112 985	149 649	Climate Change pilot projects
EU through OECD	30/09/2013	EUR	252 812	334 850	NPDs
France	09/10/2013	USD	26 178	26 178	Opening of the Convention, promotion
Luxembourg	17/10/2013	EUR	5 000	6 784	Joint bodies workshop
Finland	30/10/2013	EUR	74 000	100 407	Nexus assessment
Finland/Sweden through ENVSEC	13/11/2013	EUR	42 901	42 901	Climate Change pilot projects
Germany	19/11/2013	EUR	10 000	13 405	Translation of publications into Arabic and Spanish
Switzerland	10/12/2013	CHF	40 000	44 101	SDG Consultations
Norway	17/12/2013	USD	252 596	252 596	Implementation Committee, NPD Turkmenistan
France	19/12/2013	CHF	24 631	27 156	Opening of the Convention, promotion
Estonia	26/12/2013	EUR	10 000	13 587	Joint bodies workshop and assessment of benefits of transboundary cooperation
<b>Total</b>				<b>1 984 271</b>	

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

### C. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
Finland	29/01/2014	EUR	39 000	53 793	Nexus assessment
	12/02/2014	EUR	10 000	13 569	Joint bodies workshop
Netherlands	26/03/2014	EUR	12 500	17 100	Climate change
Germany	31/03/2014	EUR	45 000	61 560	Joint bodies workshop
Hungary	24/04/2014	USD	9 972	10 000	Unearmarked
International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC)	29/04/2014	EUR	1 200	1 651	Joint bodies workshop
Finland	30/04/2014	EUR	20 000	27 510	Joint bodies workshop
France	30/04/2014	CHF	36 496	40 778	Opening of the Convention, promotion
Switzerland	21/05/2014	CHF	400 000	450 958	Benefits, nexus, opening of the Convention, climate change pilot projects
EU through OECD	30/05/2014	EUR	421 934	583 588	NPDs
Finland	30/05/2014	EUR	20 000	27 510	Working Group on IWRM
Germany	17/06/2014	EUR	10 000	13 831	Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents
France	09/07/2014	EUR	20 000	27 662	Opening of the Convention, promotion
Switzerland	09/07/2014	CHF	50 000	56 625	Working Group on IWRM
	09/07/2014	CHF	50 000	56 625	Climate change workshop
	09/07/2014	CHF	15 000	16 988	Promotion
Germany	31/07/2014	EUR	15 000	20 380	Nexus Task Force
Switzerland	31/07/2014	CHF	189 400	211 620	Opening of the Convention
Eurasian Development Bank	29/09/2014	USD	6 000	6 000	Dam safety
Finland	13/11/2014	EUR	15 000	18 916	Nexus Task Force
Germany	26/11/2014	EUR	20 000	24 907	Core Group on Reporting
EU through ENVSEC	11/12/2014	EUR	29 641	37 097	Dniester climate change project
Finland	30/12/2014	EUR	230 000	285 006	Nexus assessment
	30/12/2014	EUR	10 000	12 392	Unearmarked
Norway	30/12/2014	NOK	884 126	121 680	NPD Turkmenistan, Implementation Committee
<b>Total</b>				<b>2 197 746</b>	

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

## D. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Shared Waters Partnership	09/01/2015	USD	30 000	30 000	Benefits workshop
Italy	13/01/2015	EUR	20 000	24 390	Isonzo assessment
	09/04/2015	EUR	100 000	108 342	Opening of the Convention, climate change, seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP7)
Switzerland	06/05/2015	CHF	585 600	617 722	Climate change pilot projects, nexus, benefits, opening of the Convention
EU through ENVSEC	21/05/2015	EUR	63 048	69 743	Climate change pilot project
France	29/05/2015	CHF	52 083	54 940	Promotion, opening, MOP7
Germany	29/05/2015	EUR	15 000	16 593	Flood workshop
	16/06/2015	EUR	20 000	21 786	Working Group on IWRM
	25/06/2015	EUR	21 135	23 023	Nexus
Switzerland	16/07/2015	CHF	130 000	136 986	Working Group on IWRM, MOP7, climate change
<b>Total</b>				<b>1 103 525</b>	

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

2. A total of US\$ 7,079,609 was received in the period from 1 August 2012 to 30 June 2015.

## III. Expenditures

3. Total expenditures from 1 August 2012 until 30 June 2015 were US\$ 6,318,041. A breakdown of costs by programme area is set out in the table below.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
<b>(a) Official meetings</b>	
Seventh Meeting of the Parties	205 476
<b>Working Group and Bureau meetings</b>	
2015	97 000
2014	94 360
2013	<sup>a</sup>
<b>Subtotal (a)</b>	<b>396 836</b>
<b>(b) Programme area 1: Support to implementation and accession</b>	
Staff	166 570

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
Staff travel	20 529
Expert travel	322 281
Consultancy	64 984
Interpretation, etc.	72 975
<b>Subtotal (b)</b>	<b>647 339</b>
<b>(c) Programme area 2: European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues</b>	
Staff	935 588
Staff travel	159 131
Expert travel	171 466
Consultancies	136 088
Grants	355 928
<b>Subtotal (c)</b>	<b>1 758 201</b>
<b>(d) Programme area 3: Quantifying the benefits of transboundary cooperation</b>	
Staff	159 293
Staff travel	9 765
Expert travel	117 490
Consultancies	94 601
<b>Subtotal (d)</b>	<b>381 149</b>
<b>(e) Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins</b>	
Staff	392 250
Staff travel	63 973
Expert travel	351 795
Consultancies	277 509
Grants	59 787
<b>Subtotal (e)</b>	<b>1 145 313</b>
<b>(f) Programme area 5: Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus</b>	
Staff	348 329
Staff travel	22 941
Expert travel	135 046
Consultancies	131 301
Grants	193 114
<b>Subtotal (f)</b>	<b>830 731</b>
<b>(g) Programme areas 6 and 7: Global opening and promotion of the Convention</b>	
Staff	482 679
Staff travel	144 599

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
Expert travel	305 063
Consultancies	164 054
Grants, exhibition, translation/ interpretation, miscellaneous	62 075
<b>Subtotal (g)</b>	<b>1 158 470</b>
<b>Total ((a)-(g))</b>	<b>6 318 041</b>

<sup>a</sup> Included in programme area 1.

#### IV. Approximate balance on 30 June 2015

4. The approximate balance of the various trust funds as at 30 June 2015 was US\$ 2,064,417.

#### V. Expected expenditures until the end of 2015

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
Meeting of the Parties	250 000
Staff costs	500 000
Staff travel (excluding the Meeting of the Parties)	50 000
Expert travel (excluding the Meeting of the Parties)	80 000
Consultancies	100 000
Grants	100 000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1 080 000</b>
Need to reserve funds for staff members' extension for 2016 by end of 2015	1 000 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 080 000</b>

#### VI. In-kind contributions

5. The Netherlands hosted and partly funded the Expert Scoping Workshop on Quantifying the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation (Amsterdam, 6–7 June 2013).

6. Estonia hosted and partly funded the expert workshop “Beyond water: Regional economic integration and geopolitical benefits of transboundary water cooperation” (Tallinn, 28–29 January 2015).

7. The Netherlands provided in-kind expertise in the form of one of the lead experts for programme area 4 on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins.

8. Estonia supported the preparation of the publication *Counting our Gains: Policy Guidance Note on Identifying, Assessing and Communicating the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation* (ECE/MP.WAT/47).

9. Numerous experts contributed to the preparation of the following publications: *Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Lessons Learned and Good Practices*;<sup>2</sup> *Counting our Gains: Policy Guidance Note on Identifying, Assessing and Communicating the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation*; and *Reconciling Different Resource Uses in Transboundary Basins: Assessment of the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus* (ECE/MP.WAT/46).<sup>3</sup>
10. Several institutions hosted meetings of the Implementation Committee: the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, the United Nations Office at Vienna, the University of Bologna and the University of London.
11. Lithuania provided in-kind support to the project on river basin management and climate change adaptation in the Neman Basin, e.g., by hosting and partly funding several project events.
12. Lebanon and Jordan provided in-kind support for their national events on the Water Convention that they hosted: “Workshop on the UNECE Water Convention: Key aspects and opportunities for Lebanon” (Beirut, 4–5 February 2015); and the “National workshop on frameworks for transboundary water cooperation: Focus on the UNECE Water Convention” (Amman, 10 March 2015).
13. The Alliance for Water Adaptation and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources provided support for the Dniester pilot project by funding several studies on the Dniester reservoirs and organizing technical workshops in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.
14. The Centre for Water Law Policy and Science of the University of Dundee provided in-kind support for promoting the Convention outside the ECE region.
15. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) provided support for the global opening of the Convention, including by translating the publication *Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwaters*<sup>4</sup> (ECE/MP.WAT/40) into Arabic.
16. Several organizations and partners supported the global opening of and awareness-raising on the Convention, such as the Global Water Partnership (GWP), the International Network of Basin Organizations, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and many others.
17. The Global Environment Facility (GEF)/UNDP assisted in the organization of the workshop on “Assessing the water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus in transboundary basins under the Water Convention: Alazani/Ganikh pilot project” (Kachereti/Tbilisi, Georgia, 25–27 November 2013).
18. The GWP Central Asia supported the organization of the workshop on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus Assessment in the Syr Darya River Basin (Astana, 2–4 December 2014).

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<sup>2</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.15.II.E.1. Available from: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=39417>.

<sup>3</sup> The last two documents cited are being prepared as publications for presentation to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session. They will subsequently be made available through the publications page for the Water Convention at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub.html>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35126>.



19. The International Network of Basin Organizations financed the translation of the publication *Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Lessons Learned and Good Practices* into French.

20. Several partners, such as GWP and especially the GEF International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network directly funded travel of eligible experts to different events held within the framework of the Convention, including workshops on climate change, joint bodies and others.

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