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Report on contributions and expenditures in 2015-2016 for the implementation of the programme of work

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 2016–2018 (ECE/MP.WAT/49/Add.1), which was adopted at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties in November 2015.

The document contains detailed contributions and expenditures from 1 July 2015 until 31 December 2016, following up the official report submitted to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties see ECE/MP.WAT/2015/2).

The document also contains details of the contributions received from 1 January until 30 June 2017, together with estimated of expenses for the same period. Finally, the document contains a projection of contributions and expenditures until the end of 2017.

I. Balance on 30 June 2015

1. The balance of the Water Convention's trust funds on 30 June 2015 was US\$ 2,252,324.

II. Contributions received from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2016

A. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015¹

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD^a</i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
Finland	7/22/2015	EUR	51 160	56 530	WGIWRM, MOP7
Hungary	8/6/2015	USD	100 700	100 700	MOP7
Germany	10/27/2015	EUR	50 000	56 116	MOP7
Norway	11/2/2015	EUR	91 746	100 599	Implementation Committee, NPDs
Germany	11/9/2015	EUR	50 000	54 824	MOP7
Finland	12/14/2015	EUR	140 000	148 148	Chu Talas
Finland	12/14/2015	EUR	100 000	105 820	Afghan-Tajik cooperation
Finland	12/14/2015	EUR	100 000	105 820	Water quality in Central Asia
Netherlands	12/17/2015	EUR	200 000	219 780	Climate change activities
Estonia	12/29/2015	EUR	10 000	10 989	Benefits
Italy	12/29/2015	EUR	120 000	131 868	Nexus and benefits in Balkans
OECD on behalf of the EC	10/21/2015	EUR	150 000	164 473	EUWI NPDs
Total				1 255 667	

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

B. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD^a</i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
Switzerland	1/21/2016	CHF	50 000	49 603	Climate change
Finland	1/22/2016	EUR	76 000	82 429	nexus
France	6/10/2016	CHF	43763	44 116	Opening
Finland	8/5/2016	EUR	20 000	22 197	WGIWRM and nexus workshop
Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean	8/5/2016	EUR	157 000	174 250	Opening (MENA region)
Switzerland	8/23/2016	USD	428 105	428 105	Benefits, climate change, nexus, opening

¹ 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.

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD^a</i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
Switzerland	8/25/2016	CHF	160 000	164 439	Climate change workshop, WGIWRM and nexus
Germany	8/25/2016	EUR	25 000	27 932	Implementation Committee
Germany	10/3/2016	EUR	47 000	52 690	WGIWRM and train the trainer
Netherlands	11/1/2016	EUR	200 000	212 314	Climate change
European Commission	11/3/2016	EUR	25 000	26 539	unearmarked
Italy	11/22/2016	EUR	165 000	174 603	Drina nexus assessment
Norway	11/23/2016	USD/N OK	130 000	89 632	Implementation Committee, NPDs
Finland	11/24/2016	EUR	150 000	158 730	Chu-Talas climate change
Finland	11/24/2016	EUR	15 000	15 923	unearmarked
Finland	11/24/2016	EUR	75 000	84 175	nexus
Finland	12/5/2016	EUR	100 000	106 157	unearmarked
Hungary	12/6/2016	USD	10 000	10 000	unearmarked
Germany	12/9/2016	EUR	30 976	32 778	nexus
Germany	12/16/2016	EUR	19 000	20 169	nexus workshop
OSCE	4/22/2016	EUR	110 434	124 502	Climate change (Dniester)
European Commission	3/14/2016	EUR	233,303	255 814	EUWI NPDs
European Commission	12/28/2016	EUR	600 000	636 942	EUWI NPDs
Total				2 994 039	

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Total contributions: 4,249,706 USD

III. Expenditures in July to December 2015

2. These expenditures were to cover the costs of organization and running of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties as well as the finalization of the Convention's programme of work for 2013-2015.

Trust fund	Expenditures
Water Convention trust fund	730,310 USD
EU Water Initiative trust fund	218,524
ENVSEC trust fund	72,657
Total	1,021,491

IV. Expenditures in 2016

3. Total expenditures from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2016 were US\$ 2,313,118
A breakdown of costs by programme area is set out in the table below.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
(a) Official meetings	
Working Group and Bureau meetings	

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
Travel	123 727
Staff	36 959
Interpretation	28 362
Subtotal (a)	189 047
(b) Programme area 1: Support to implementation and application	
Staff	65 878
Travel	52 312
Grants	67 235
Subtotal (b)	185 426
(c) Programme area 2: Benefits of transboundary cooperation	
Staff	91 194
Travel	13 428
Consultancies	41 810
Subtotal (c)	146 433
(d) Programme area 3: Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus	
Staff	144 386
Travel	102 948
Consultancies	101 965
Grants	135 102
Subtotal (d)	484 402
(e) Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins	
Staff	183 045
Travel	174 725
Consultancies	124 303
Subtotal (e)	482 074
(f) Programme areas 5: Global opening and promotion of the Convention	
Staff	173 194
Travel	123 995
Consultancies, contractual services (translation)	139 452
Subtotal (f)	436 641
(g) Programme area 6: European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues	
Staff and consultancies	283 108
Travel	44 777
Grants	58 541
Subtotal (g)	389 094
Total ((a)-(g))	2 313 118

^a Included in programme area 1.

V. Approximate balance on 31 December 2016

4. The approximate balance of the various trust funds as at 31 December 2016 was US\$ 3,167,421

VI. Contributions in 2017

A. Contributions from 1 January until the 30 June 2017

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount in USD^a</i>	<i>Earmarked/explanation</i>
UNESCO/ IW:LEARN	10/02/2017	USD	40 000	40 000	Climate, nexus
Netherlands	24/04/2017	EUR	200 000	217 155	Climate
Germany	10/05/2017	EUR	2 743	2 978	Nexus
IUCN	18/05/2017	USD	33 000	32 980	Benefits
Switzerland	30/05/2017	CHF	80 000	83 420	Climate, WGIWRM
Total				376 533	

B. Expected contributions from 1 July until 31 December 2017

5. This projection of contributions is based on payments in accordance with contribution agreements already signed, as well as pledges for which the contribution hasn't been received yet, as well as contributions which haven't been pledged but should be received later in the year, based on Parties' support in the past years, on the assumption that the level of contribution will remain the same.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
Expected approximate contributions for Water Convention trust fund:	1 018 105
Subtotal	1 394 638
Expected contributions for EU Water Initiative NPDs (late 2017)	950 000
Total	2 344 638

VII. Expected expenditures until the end of 2017

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount in USD</i>
Approximate overall expenditures until 30 June 2017	1 253 400
Expected expenditures until end of 2017*	1 500 000
Subtotal	2 753 400
Expected approximate balance end of 2017	2 758 660

Explanations:

*Expected expenditures in the second half of 2017 are higher than in the first half of 2016 due to the recruitment of two additional staff members: one for the National Policy Dialogues and one for the analysis of the national reports.

6. Contributions seem to be decreasing towards the end of the triennium, as usual for Water Convention activities. The trend is different for the National Policy Dialogues in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, financed by the European Commission. Around 1,300,000 USD from the balance will need to be set aside at the end of 2017 in order to reserve funds for all staff member's salaries for 2018.

Evolution of expenditures and contributions in the last years:

