

# Item 12

## Resources for the implementation of the programme of work

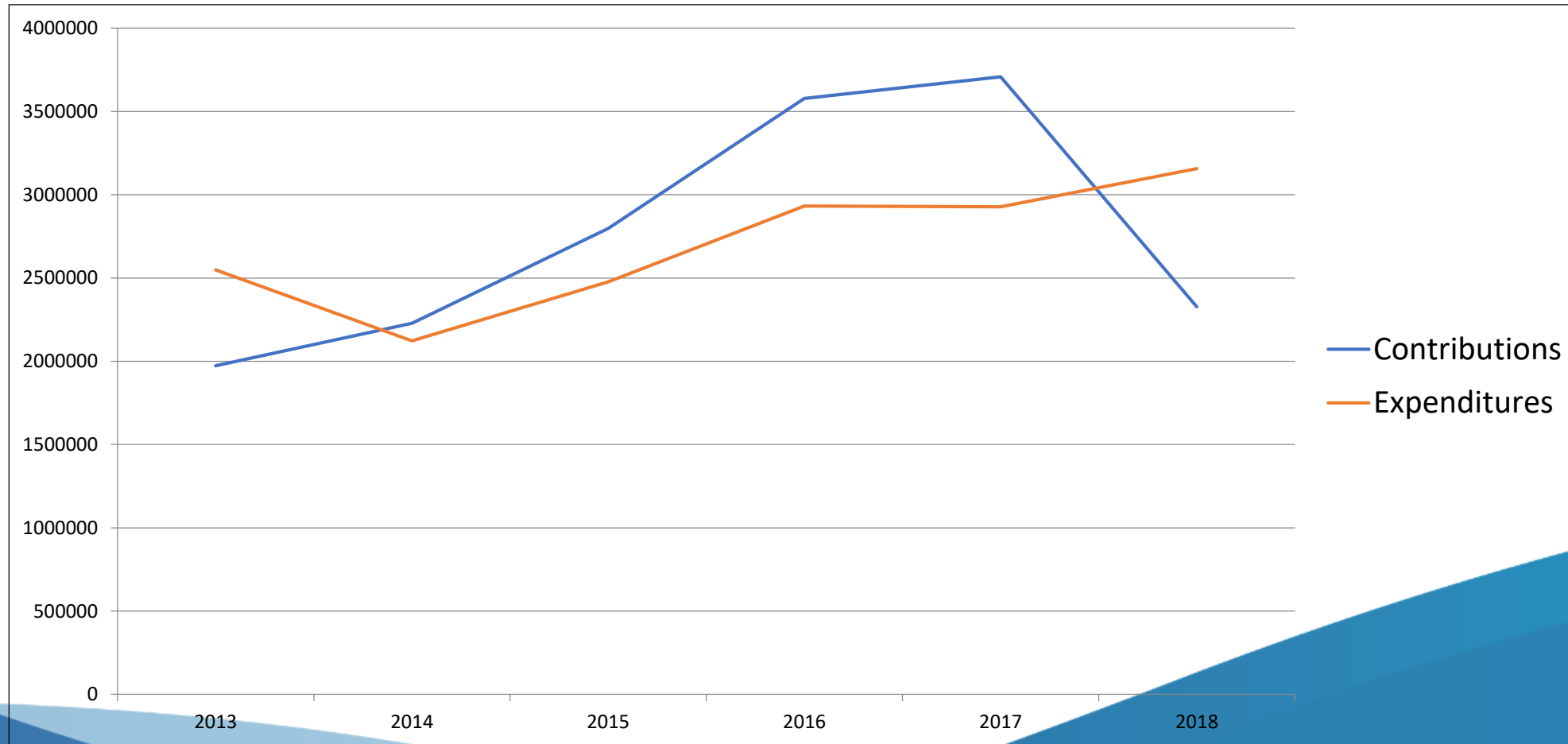
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# Evolution of expenditures and contributions in the last years



## Overview of contributions for implementation of the programme of work in 2018

Total contributions in 2018 (+): **US\$ 2,327,338**

Total expenditures in 2018 (-): **US\$ 3,156,467**

Approximate balance on 31 December 2018: **US\$ 3,111,653**

# Donor categories

More than 500,000 USD in 2015-2018:  
EU, Switzerland, Finland, Netherlands

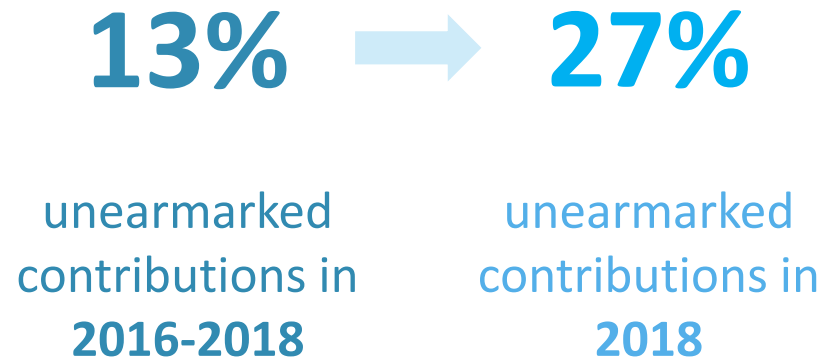
100-500, 000 USD:  
France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Italy, Norway, Sweden, GEF, UN-Water

Less than 100,000:  
Bulgaria, Hungary, Austria, Estonia, Luxembourg, USA, EIB, AFDB; IW:LEARN, University of Geneva

# Conclusions and trends

- Some new donors, even from non-Parties and from development banks
- Still reliance on a few main donors: 14 out of 42 Parties – need for other Parties and donors to get involved
- Positive examples of unearmarked contributions
- Positive example of contributions without separate reporting requirements => relying on Convention's reporting
- Increasingly fundraising together with partners - but this implies administrative complications
- Priority for staff funding – need for advance funding and reserve

# Unearmarked contributions for implementation of the programme of work in 2018



**Unearmarked funding** provides a more balanced implementation of all programme areas and simplifying donor's requirements **increases efficiency.**  
⇒ **80% of all contributions in 2016-2018 required financial or narrative reports**

# 1% coordination Levy effective 14 March 2019

- **General Assembly Resolution 72/279** of May 2018 introduced the levy to provide funding to the new United Nations Resident Coordinator System.
- The policy for the collection and management of this 1% Coordination Levy **was effective 14 March 2019**
- The 1% levy applies to **agreements that have tightly earmarked contributions with reporting** that relate to **development activities with a minimum threshold of USD 100,000.**



Thank you!



# Targets for financial sustainability

- The **eighth session** of the Meeting of the Parties requested the secretariat, in cooperation with the Bureau, to **prepare options for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention** for discussion at the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/54).
- **Bureau discussed in February 2019: no mandatory scheme, but development of targets for financial sustainability; first draft proposal** discussed by Bureau in September 2019.
- **Targets could** relate to, inter alia, equitable contributions among parties, improving reliability and predictability of funding, supporting balanced implementation of all programme areas.
- The Bureau will further discuss the proposal and submit it to the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WG IWRM in 2020.