

Implementation of the programme of work for 2016-2018

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1. Overall progress in the PoW implementation

- * (Nearly) all planned activities are well on track
- * More work in some areas than expected, especially on reporting
- * Some additional products such as words into action guide
- * Several publications still to be published

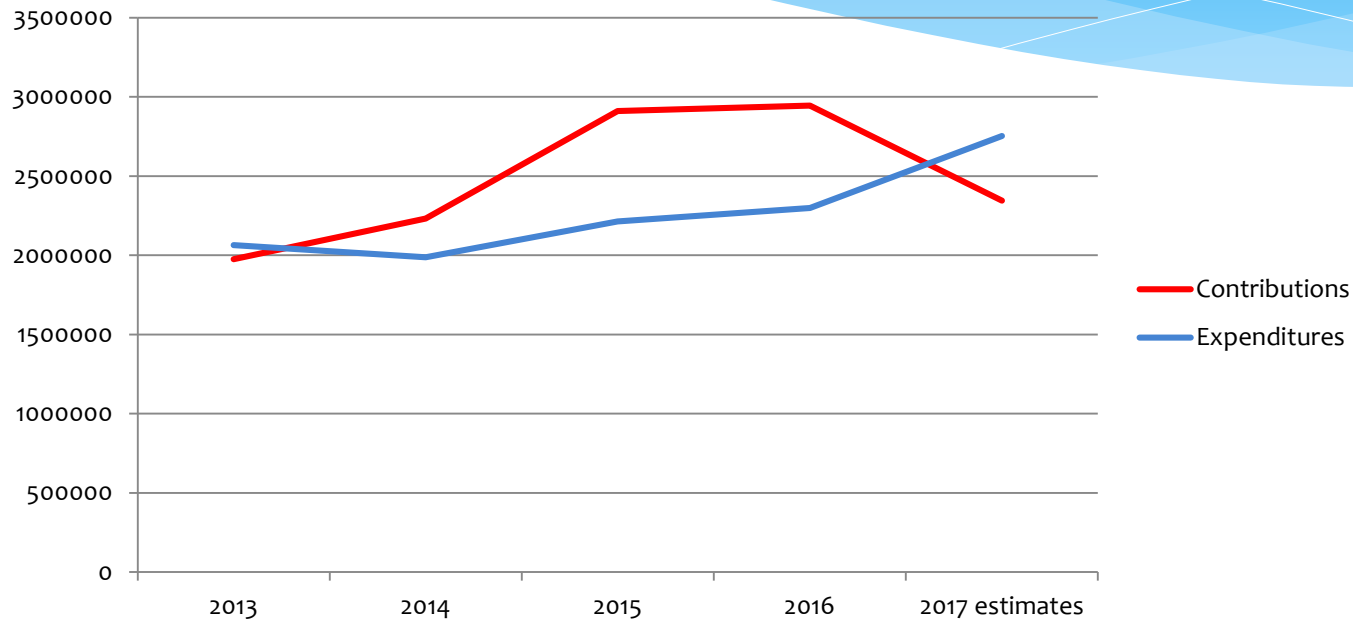


2. Main Lessons learned

- * Global opening gives a new dynamic to the Convention: new funding and partnership opportunities, new experiences and priorities, but also challenges
- * Cooperation with partners is crucial, some new partners in last triennium, especially financial institutions and regional organizations
- * Importance of closer linkage between different areas of work, e.g. nexus-benefits, NPDs-nexus, climate-nexus, opening-all activities outside the ECE region
- * Need to have good balance between policy advice/ guidance development, exchange of experience and projects on the ground
- * Importance of ownership by countries, role of lead Parties
- * Administrative difficulties to work on the ground



3. Financial situation



Conclusions regarding financial situation

- * Except NPDs, there seems to be a decreasing trend in contributions
- * Challenge due to the fact that most of the big contributions are in the form of projects with deriving burden on the secretariat in addition to implementation (e.g. reporting)
- * Positive examples of the contributions from the Swiss Development Cooperation and Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs which are unearmarked or softly earmarked
- * The biggest funding gaps are related to the work on reporting, water allocation workshop, global opening



Conclusions regarding financial situation

- * Some new donors, even from non-Parties, but still reliance on a few main donors: 13 out of 41 Parties – need to approach new donors
- * Sustainability and predictability of funding sometimes problematic, e.g. late receipt of some funds
- * Increasingly fundraising together with partners - but this implies administrative complications
- * Fund-raising is time-consuming and should not only be the responsibility of secretariat
- * Priority for staff funding – need for advance funding and reserve
- * Still difficulties of financial reporting with UMOJA
- * Consider in-kind contributions such as providing expertise to support the secretariat



Thank you



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Additional slide on funding

- * Main donors: Switzerland, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, France, Norway, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy
- * For projects: Sweden, Finland, Russian Federation, Austria
- * For NPDs: EU, Norway, Finland

