

Item 15

Draft future Programme of Work for 2022-2024

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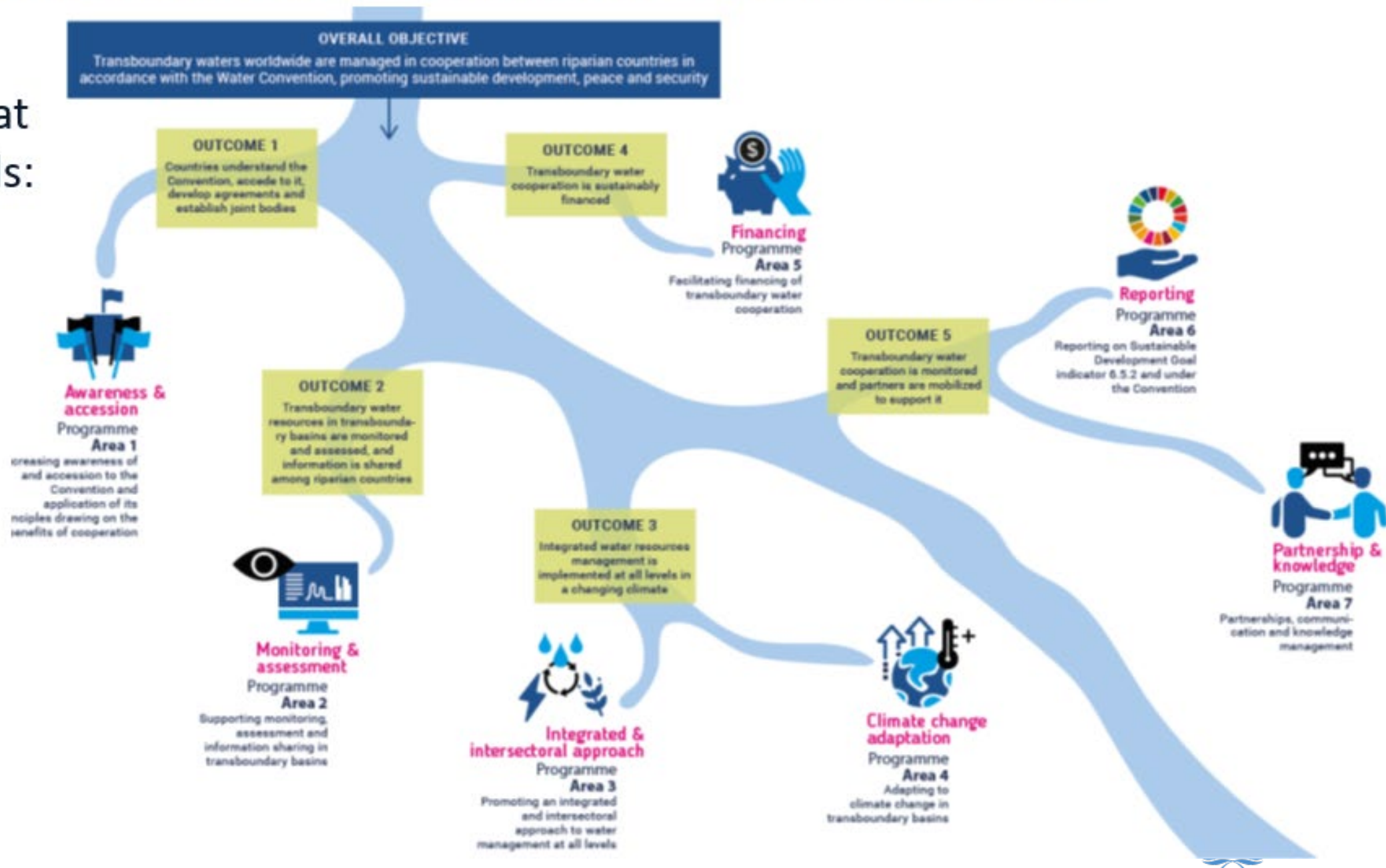


3rd joint meeting of the Working Group on IWRM and Working Group
on Monitoring and Assessment (26-28 April 2021)



Water Convention Programme of Work 2019-2021

Delivering at different levels:



Comments received on the draft programme of work for 2022-2024

- By Zoi
- By UfM
- By the Water Diplomacy centre of the Jordan University of Science and Technology
- By Argentina yesterday
- By INBO
- By GWP

Programme Area 1: Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation

1.1 Increasing capacity for implementation of the Convention and supporting national processes towards accession (*Budget: \$1,732,000*)

Lead Parties: Finland, France, Hungary, Germany, Ghana, Hungary



- Promotion of the Convention in global and regional events
- 2 *Train the Practitioners* events
- study documenting the Convention's impact in different regions, to support countries in understanding the benefits of acceding thereto.
- 2 Convention-led workshops/training sessions on the global water conventions and international water law
- Support accession processes in interested countries:
 - Up to 7 national tailor-made workshops will be organized to build capacity on the Convention and its implementation;
 - Up to 4 regional/sub-regional/ basin events in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- Exchange of experience through twinning between countries in accession and Parties

1.2 Promote and communicate the benefits of transboundary cooperation (Budget: \$158,000)

Lead Party: Estonia

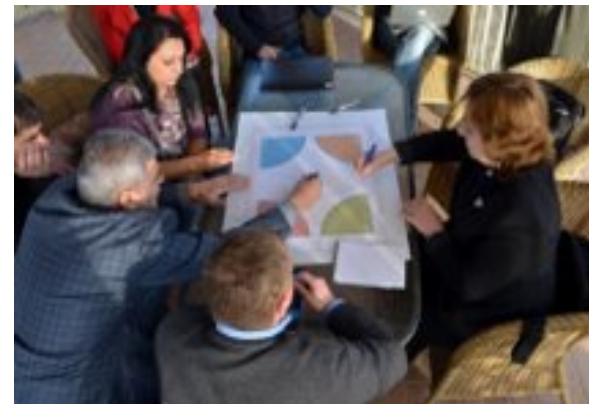
- Design training modules in/facilitate dialogues with a “benefit lens” under activities promoting accession to the Convention and provide assistance to up to three basin-level projects carried out under other Programme areas

1.3 Support the development of agreements and the establishment of joint bodies (Budget: \$352,000)

Lead Parties: Germany/Hungary

- Development of an online tool kit on developing legal framework for TB cooperation
- Two regional or basin workshops on developing agreements and establishing joint bodies
- Upon request/if resources, basin-level projects supporting the development of agreements and strengthening of institutions
- Support to regional cooperation

1.4 Implementation Committee (Budget: \$205,500)



Programme area 2: Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins

Lead Parties: Finland and Senegal (Budget: \$ 561,000)



- The Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters will be updated as a global edition and printed in Arabic, Spanish, English, French and Russian;
- Up to 3 training or regional workshops/sessions on monitoring, information and data will be organized;
- Good practices and lessons learned in transboundary data exchange will be collected
- Tailored assistance and support for developing joint or coordinated monitoring or information and data exchange will be provided upon request;
- Synergy will be sought with other programme areas, notably with National Policy Dialogues on IWRM

Programme area 3: Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water resources management at all levels

3.1 Promoting IWRM in transboundary basins (Budget: \$ 359,000)

Lead Parties: Estonia/Slovenia

- Organize thematic sessions at WGs on IWRM
- Up to two global workshops on different aspects of integrated water resources management will be organized in 2022 and 2023, one on source-to sea approach

3.2 Supporting intersectoral dialogues and assessments through the application of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus approach (Budget: \$ 1,221,000)

Lead Party: Finland

- Promotion of the methodology for assessing the WFEE nexus in transboundary basins
- Support to the operationalization of the nexus solutions in up to 4 regions/basins
- 2 meetings of the Task force on WFEE nexus
- Tool kit for policymakers

3.3 Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation (Budget: \$ 401,500)

Lead Parties: Finland /Hungary

- Promotion of the handbook on water allocation in transboundary context
- 2 regional workshops and 1 basin workshop to build capacity of countries

3.4 Supporting National Policy Dialogues on IWRM under the EUWI+ (Budget: \$ 2,642,000)

Lead Organizations: Secretariat, OECD, European Commission



Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins



4.1 Supporting development of transboundary adaptation strategies and implementation of priority measures (Budget: \$ 1,147,000)

Lead Parties: Switzerland/Netherlands

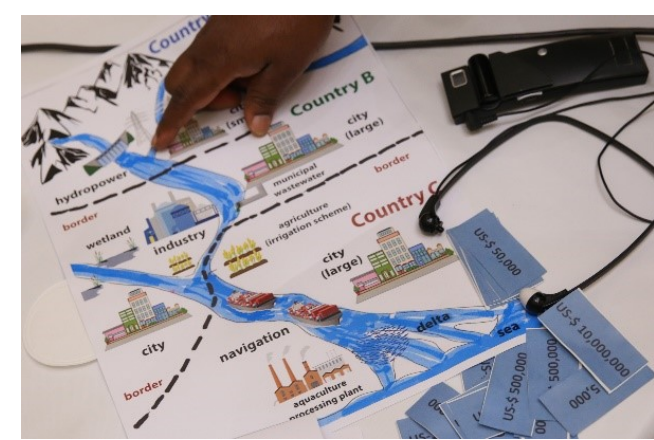
- Max. 3 projects in pilot basins
- 1 in-person and 1 virtual meeting of the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation
- 2 meetings of the Task Force on Water and Climate and 2 global thematic workshops in 2022 and 2023
- Mainstreaming of water and transboundary cooperation into national climate-related documents
- Cooperation with global policy processes on climate and disasters, such as under the UNFCCC, UNDRR and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Creating an online compendium of good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

4.2 Supporting transboundary basins in financing climate change adaptation (*Budget: \$ 448,000*)

- Organization of up to 2 sessions/webinars/trainings on preparing bankable project proposals for climate change adaptation in transboundary basins in partnership with multilateral development banks and climate funds;
- Contributing to developing bankable projects proposals;
- Intensification of cooperation with global climate funds to raise the importance of water and transboundary cooperation for climate funding mechanisms.



Programme area 5: Facilitating funding and financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development



Lead Parties: Switzerland/Netherlands (Budget: \$ 472,000)

- Further increase cooperation with IFIs and other relevant organizations, to raise awareness of the importance of financing transboundary water cooperation and basin development;
- Provide support to up to 3 basins in facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation;
- Based on basins' needs, organize one global workshop/event and up to 2 regional workshops to reinforce capacities of countries on how to enhance resources mobilization for transboundary water cooperation and management activities.

Programme area 6: Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention

Lead organizations: The secretariat in cooperation with UNESCO

6.1. Supporting reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention (Budget \$567,000)

- Carry out the 3rd reporting exercise in cooperation with UNESCO (2023-2024)
- Development of an online reporting system/database for the 3rd reporting exercise;
- Organization of training sessions on how to report under 6.5.2

6.2 Promoting the use of the reports for enhancing transboundary water cooperation (Budget \$224,000)

- Capacity building activities at global regional and national level on how to use the results to address gaps
- Cooperation with partners to promote the results and accelerate achievement of target 6.5.2



SDG INDICATOR 6.5.2
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Programme area 7:

Partnerships, communication and knowledge management

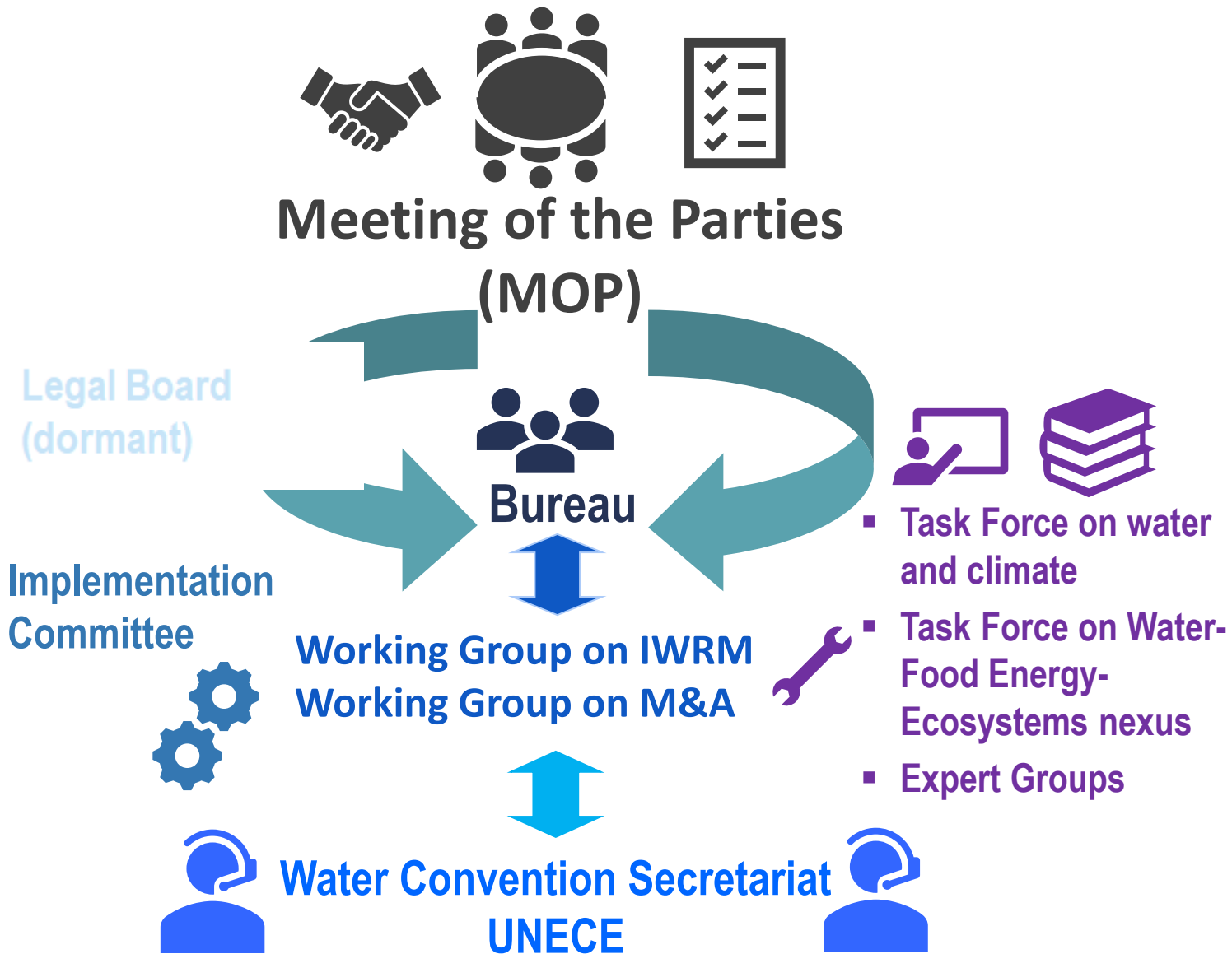
7.1 Cooperation with UN-Water, global and regional partners and other multilateral environmental agreements (Budget: : \$176,000)


7.2 Activities of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (Budget: : \$45,000)

- Promotion and translation of guidance developed by the Joint Expert Group and good industry practices
- Development of a catalogue/web page for accidental water pollution events and good practices of countries and river basin commissions
- Organization of a workshop on good practices for preventing accidental water pollution

7.3 Communication and knowledge management (Budget:\$167,000); newsletter, social media, press releases, videos etc.

Institutional framework of the Water Convention



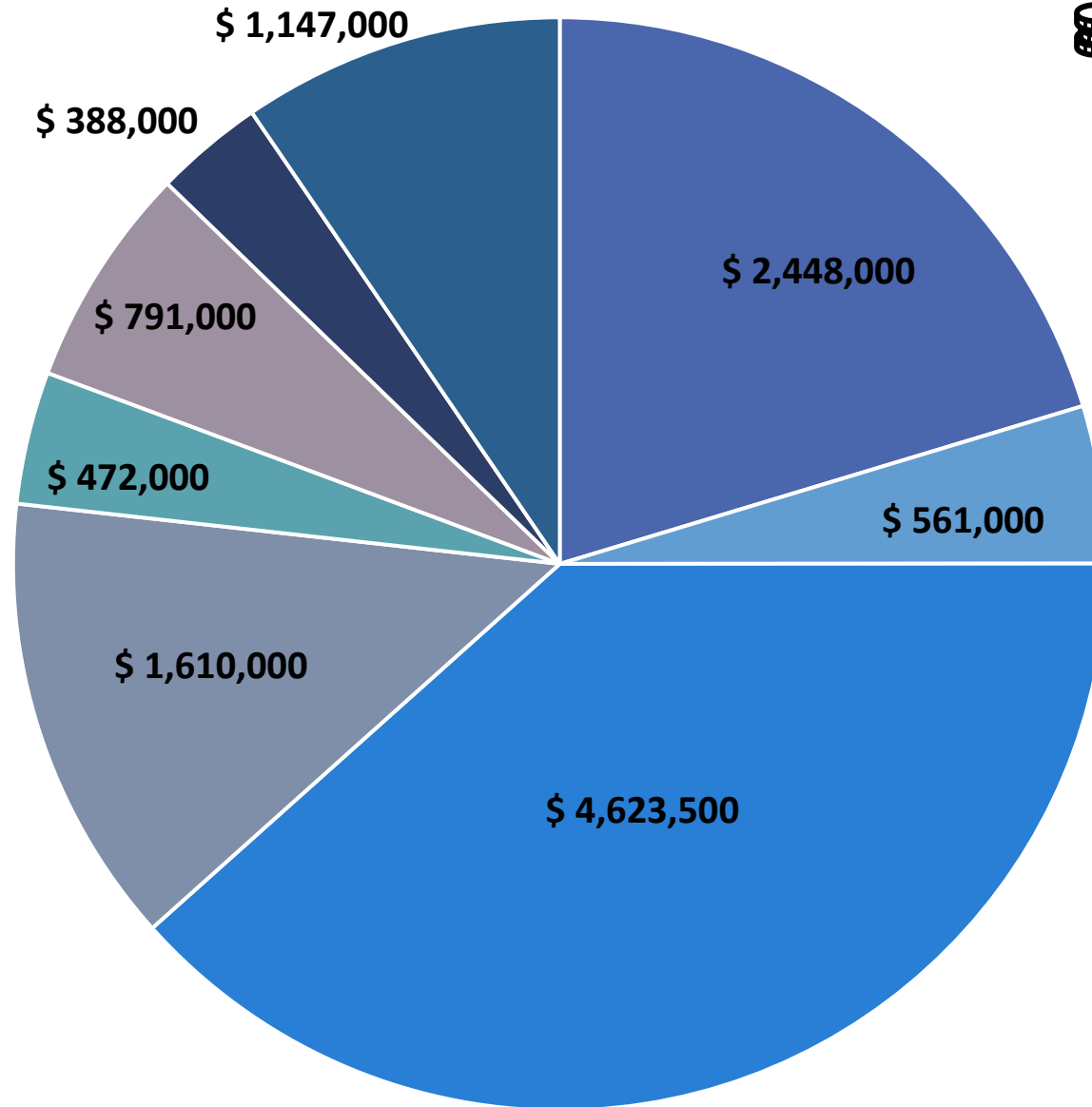
 Meeting of the Convention bodies-
Budget: 1,147,000 USD

- WG on IWRM (3 meetings), WG on M&A (2 meetings) and Bureau meeting (4 meetings)
- MoP 10

Overview of resources needed for the implementation of proposed activities

- Total resources required for the entire programme of work, including 7-13 % overhead costs: \$ 13,413,800
- Slight increase compared with costs for 2019-2021
- Higher resources requirements mostly linked to opening activities and for activities on the water-food-energy ecosystems nexus
- Most important part of the activities are staff costs
- Some pledges but do not cover all resource needs
- Importance of having clear indications on the financing of programme of work by MOP9

Budget by programme area:



Total: \$ 13,413,800

- P1- Awareness raising Convention
- P2- Monitoring and Assessment
- P3- Intersectoral management
- P4- Climate Change
- P5- Financing
- P6- reporting
- P7- Communication/Partnerships
- Bodies

Next steps for the finalization of the draft programme of work 2022-2024

By 15 May 2021:

Countries, organizations and partners can send additional comments on the draft PoW



May/June 2021:

Secretariat will revise the draft PoW based on discussions/comments from the Working Groups, countries and partners in cooperation with the Bureau



Mid-July 2021

Submission of the revised draft PoW for adoption at 9th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention
(29 Sept-1 Oct 2021)

