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# Programme of work for 2022–2024, terms of reference of the bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation

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# POW 2022-2024 developed in a consultative manner:



Time	Action
30 Sept- 2 October 2020	First discussions at the 15th meeting of the WG IWRM
October 2020	Discussion of suggestions for further work by the subsidiary bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force on Water and Climate (2 October 2020);</li> <li>• Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (22–23 October 2020)</li> </ul>
November – December 2020	Online survey
December- January 2020	Survey analysis
20-21 January 2021	Draft document for POW 2022–2024 discussed by the Bureau
31 March – 28 April 2021	Discussion at the Task Force on Water and Climate, Expert Meeting on Monitoring and Assessment, and by the WG IWRM
May-June 2021	Revision based on comments received
End June 2021	Submission of the revised version to the Bureau for final review
21 July 2021	Official document submission
29 September – 1 October	Final discussion and adoption at the 9th Meeting of the Parties



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# Considerations and approach for POW 2022-2024



**Overall vision:** transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries to promote sustainable development, peace and security

- ❑ The Convention has a long-term perspective, and its programme of work does too
- ❑ Convention work should respond to needs, but also reassess its focus over the years (weight and importance of programme areas vary over time) => **continuity with change**
- ❑ POW should be easy to communicate
- ❑ Global opening => Activities at national, regional/basin, global levels and need for **balance** between them
- ❑ Limited number of basin projects due to limited capacity in the secretariat (need to prioritize)
- ❑ Ensure synergies between activities under different areas
- ❑ Programme of work to be read together with strategy for the implementation at global level



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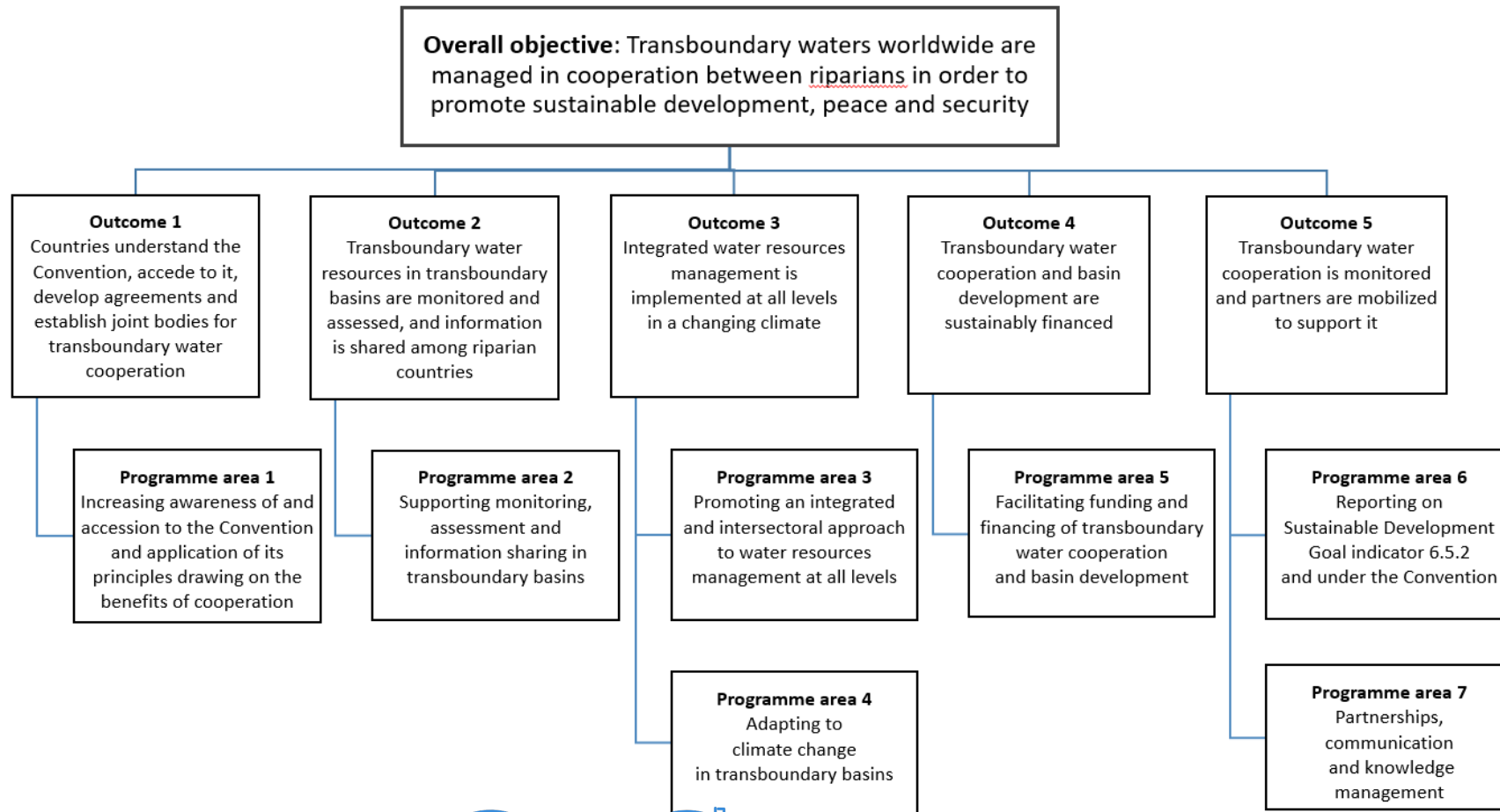
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# Overall structure of the POW

Programme areas = key results for successful transboundary cooperation.  
Some topics, e.g., gender, to be mainstreamed in the overall POW

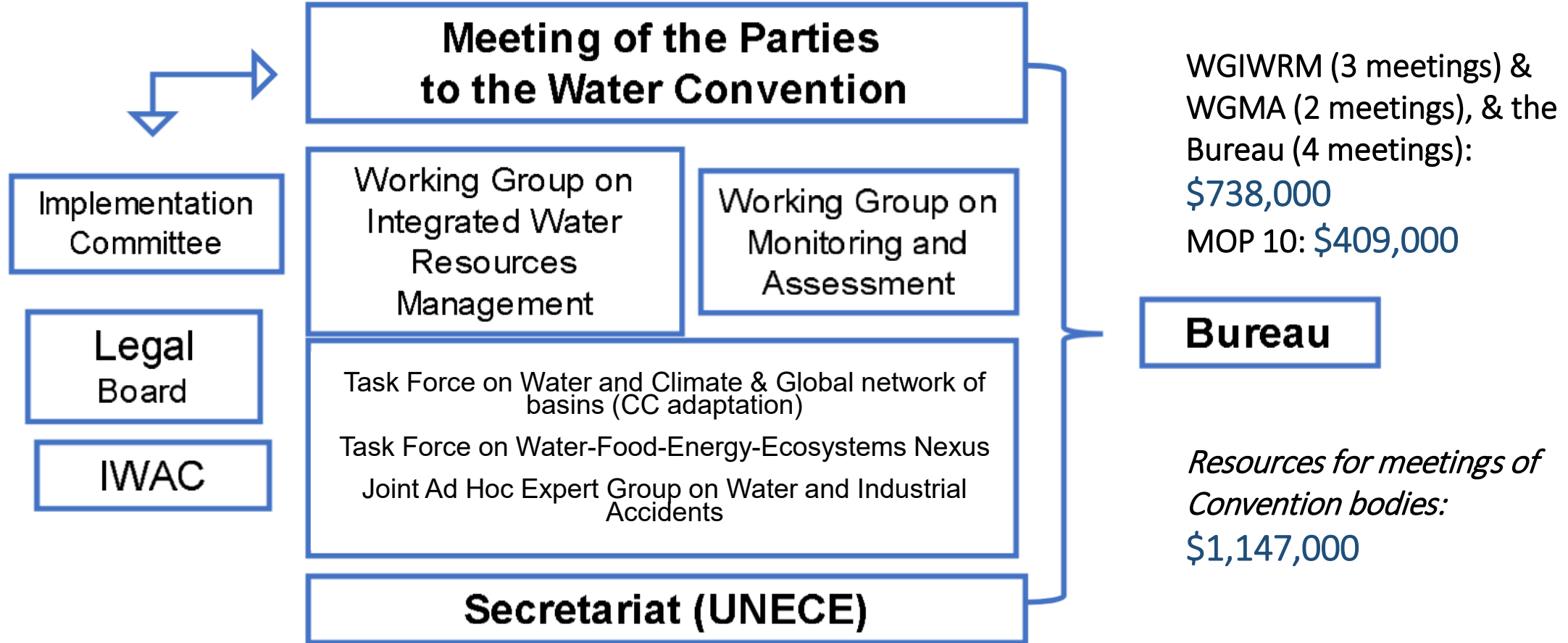


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# Institutional structure





## Programme Area 1 (1/2)

Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation



*PA responsible bodies: The WG IWRM, national focal points, the Bureau and the secretariat.*

**Activity 1.1:** Increasing capacity for implementation of the Convention and supporting national processes towards accession

*Lead Parties:* Finland, France, Germany, Ghana and Hungary, *Budget:* \$1,732,000.

### *1.1.1 Raising awareness and knowledge of the Convention*

- ✓ Promotion of the Convention at up to 10 global and regional meetings, such as the World Water Forum.
- ✓ 2 training sessions for practitioners, 1-2 Convention-led workshops/training sessions on the global water conventions and international water law, contributions to training sessions organized by partners.
- ✓ Communication materials, including a **study documenting the Convention's impact in different regions** (in AR, EN, FR, RU, SP)
- ✓ **Suggestion: an event for parliamentarians**

### *1.1.2 Supporting accession to and implementation of the Water Convention for new Parties*

- ✓ Legal and technical support to countries in acceding to the Convention
- ✓ Support to implement the Convention eg implementation plans
- ✓ Up to 7 national capacity-building workshops, up to 4 regional, subregional and basin events in Africa, Asia and Latin America to prompt accession to the Convention
- ✓ Twinning of countries working on accession with Parties, or new Parties with experienced Parties



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## Programme Area 1 (2/2) – Activities 1.2 – 1.4

Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation



### **Activity 1.2** Promoting and communicating the benefits of transboundary cooperation

*Lead Parties: Estonia, Budget: \$158,500.*

- ✓ Promoting the benefits of cooperation: design training modules and provide assistance to up to 3 basin-level projects carried out under activities 1.3, 3.2 or 4.1 or programme area 5.

### **Activity 1.3** Supporting the development of agreements and the establishment of joint bodies

*Lead Parties: Germany and Hungary, Budget: \$352,000.*

- ✓ Develop *The Practical guide on the development of agreements and other arrangements* into an online toolkit
- ✓ 2 regional or basin workshops
- ✓ a few basin-level projects on the development of agreements and establishment/ strengthening of institutions + support to regional cooperation

### **Activity 1.4**

## Implementation Committee

*Budget: \$205,500*

Work governed by decision VI/1.

- ✓ Support to countries in implementing the Convention, including through advisory procedure
- ✓ Support the secretariat in assisting countries interested in accession



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## Programme Area 2

### Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins



*Responsible bodies:* The WGMA

*Lead Parties:* Finland and Senegal

*Budget:* \$561,000.

- ✓ Develop a publication based on good practices and lessons learnt in transboundary data exchange
- ✓ Update *Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters* (in AR, EN, FR, RU, SP)
- ✓ **Up to 3 training or regional workshops/sessions** on monitoring, information and data;
- ✓ **Tailored assistance** for developing joint or coordinated monitoring or information and data exchange - upon country request, pending availability of resources



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## Programme Area 3 (1/2) Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water resources management at all levels



*Responsible bodies:* The WG IWRM & the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (activities 3.2 and 3.3)

### **Activity 3.1** Promoting integrated water resources management in transboundary basins

*Lead Parties:* Estonia and Slovenia  
*Budget:* \$359,000.

- ✓ Up to 4 thematic sessions and up to 2 global workshops in 2022 & 2023 on different aspects of IWRM

### **Activity 3.2** Supporting intersectoral dialogues and assessments through the application of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus approach

*Lead Party:* Finland, *Budget:* \$1,221,000.

- ✓ Support for the operationalization of nexus (intersectoral) solutions in up to 4 regions/basins
- ✓ Printing a brochure
- ✓ Promotion and dissemination of the publication *Towards sustainable renewable energy investment and deployment: Trade-offs and opportunities with water resources and the environment*, continued cooperation with other ECE divisions



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## Programme Area 3 (2/2) Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water resources management at all levels



### *Activity 3.3* Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in a transboundary context

*Lead Parties:* Finland and Hungary, *Budget:* \$401,500.

- ✓ A global session/webinar to build capacity and promote the use of the *Handbook on water allocation in a transboundary context*, + a brief for policymakers based on the Handbook's main messages (in EN, FR, RU, SP)
- ✓ 2 regional workshops and 1 basin workshop on the options to address and reconcile sectoral water demands

### *Activity 3.4* Supporting NPDs on IWRM under the European Union Water Initiative

*Lead Parties/org-s:* The secretariat, in cooperation with OECD, the European Commission, the EU member states and their entities, *Budget:* \$2,642,000.

- ✓ Within EUWI, focus on the improvement of the legal, regulatory, administrative, technical and economic frameworks and water and health
- ✓ Policy packages to be produced as a result of dialogues led by **national steering committees**
- ✓ Promotion of exchange of experience between countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia and other regions through regional meetings



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## Programme Area 4 Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins



*Responsible bodies:* The WG IWRM & The Task Force on Water and Climate

*Lead Parties:* The Netherlands and Switzerland

**Activity 4.1: Supporting development of transboundary adaptation strategies and implementation of priority measures,**  
*Budget: \$1,162,000*

- ✓ Up to 3 basin-level projects on transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation
- ✓ **exchange of experience and good practice** through Global network of basins working on adaptation (with INBO), 2 meetings of the Task Force on Water and Climate, and 2 global adaptation workshops in 2022 and 2023.
- ✓ Communication with climate change and disaster communities and joint sessions and/or events with partners
- ✓ Develop **an online compendium** of good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

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

- ✓ Up to 2 regional/basin training sessions/webinars and assistance to 1 or 2 basins on preparing bankable project proposals for climate change adaptation in TB basins
- ✓ Increase cooperation with global climate funds, such as the Adaptation Fund, GCF



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## Programme Area 5 Facilitating funding and financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development



*Responsible bodies:* The WG IWRM

*Lead Parties:* The Netherlands and Switzerland

*Budget:* \$472,000



- ✓ Increase cooperation with financial institutions such as ADB, AfDB, EIB, etc.: contribute to their events & jointly develop a policy brief
- ✓ Support up to 3 basins, upon request
- ✓ 1 global workshop/event and up to 2 regional workshops to reinforce capacities on how to enhance resources mobilisation for transboundary water cooperation



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# Programme Area 6

## Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention



*Responsible bodies:* The WG IWRM & the WG on Monitoring and Assessment

*Lead organisation:* UNECE in cooperation with UNESCO

**Activity 6.1: Supporting reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention, Budget: \$567,000**

- ✓ **3d reporting exercise:** communications with countries, data collection, validation, and analysis for the preparation of global reports on indicator 6.5.2 and on the implementation of the Convention
- ✓ **Online** reporting system and database + guidance for countries

**Activity 6.2: Promoting the use of the reports for enhancing transboundary water cooperation, Budget: \$224,000**

- ✓ Global, regional and national capacity-building and other acceleration activities, including in cooperation with partners, such as UN regional commissions or GWP to assist countries



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## Programme Area 7 Partnerships, communication and knowledge management



*Responsible bodies:* The WG IWRM, national focal points, the Bureau and the secretariat

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

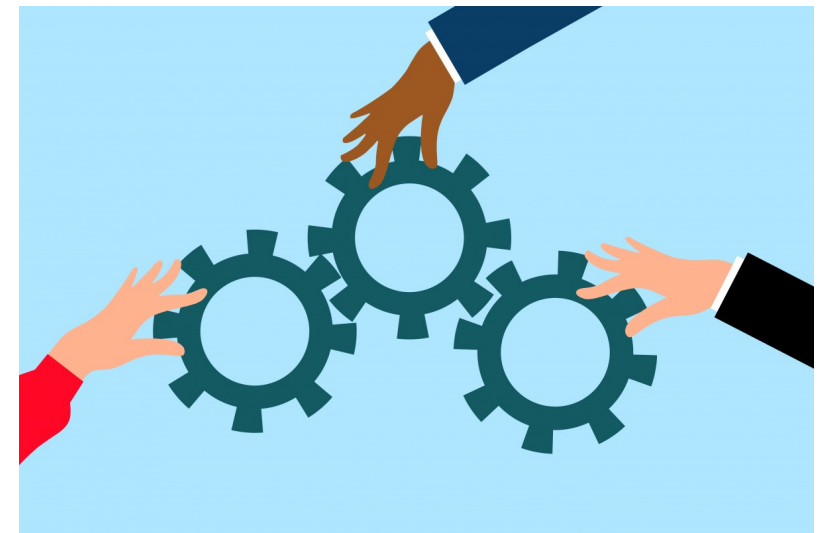
- ✓ Strengthen cooperation and synergies with UN-Water, other UN agencies and bodies and relevant MEAs, including on the delivery of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework

### Activity 7.2: Activities of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, *Budget: \$224,000*

- ✓ Promotion of guidance developed by the Joint Expert Group, development of a catalogue/web page for accidental water pollution events, a workshop on good practices for preventing accidental water pollution.

### Activity 7.3: Communication and Knowledge Management, *Budget: \$167,000*

- ✓ Communication materials - leaflets, brochures, and booklets on the Convention, media work, interviews and press releases, updates of the Convention website, newsletter, etc.



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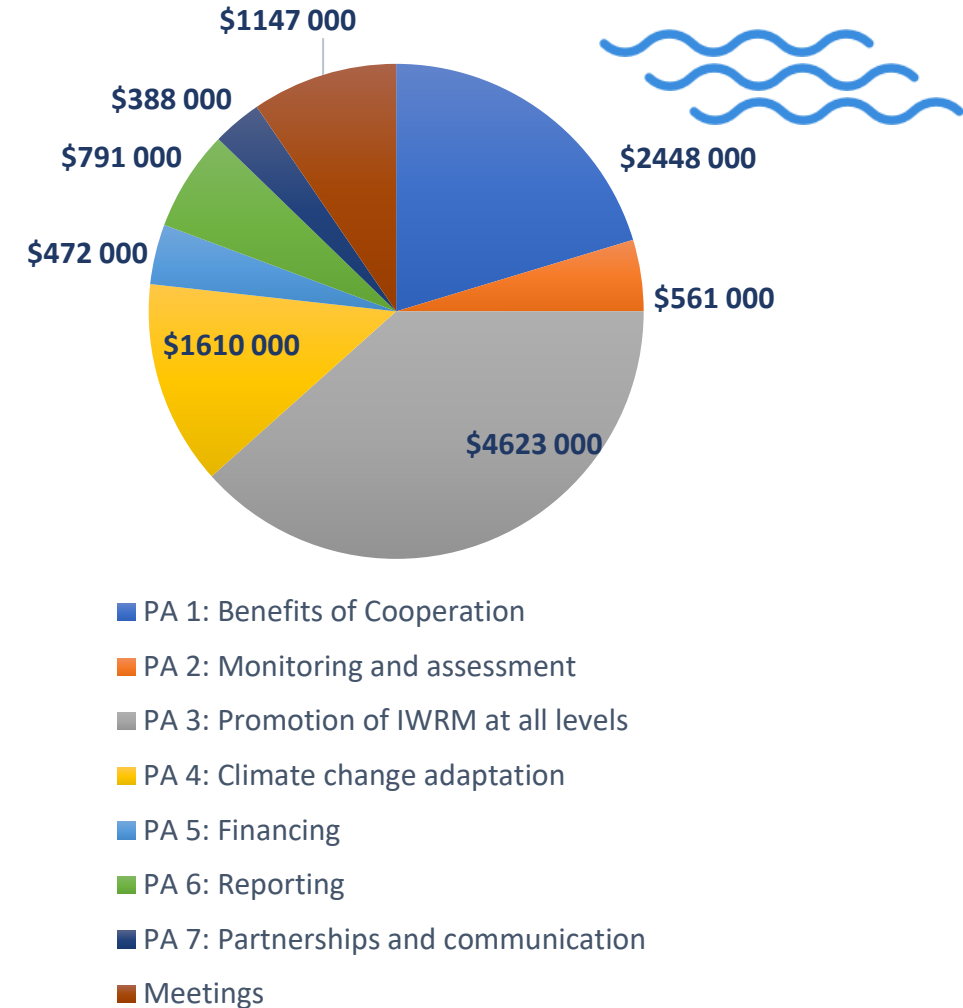
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## Overall resource requirements

- ❑ Total resources required for the entire programme of work: \$12,040,500
- ❑ Total, including 7-13 % overhead costs: 13,413,800
- ❑ 11% increase compared to POW for 2019-2021
- ❑ Some pledges but do not cover all resource needs
- ❑ Important to have clear indications on the financing of programme

## POW 2022-2024 breakdown



# Thank you!



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