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Draft decision on targets for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention

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Background



- Convention mainly relies on extrabudgetary resources
- Only a bit more than a third of all the Parties contribute
- Fundraising and reporting is time-consuming

In 2016–2018:

- Only 38 per cent of the Parties financed the programme of work (16 out of 42 Parties).
- 26 per cent of the Parties regularly contributed (11 out of 42 Parties).
- Only 17 per cent of all contributions were unearmarked and did not require individual reports

=> **Challenge for effective implementation of programme of work**



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Process towards a draft decision



- MOP8: 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 MOP9
- Bureau Feb. 2019: no mandatory scheme, but development of targets for financial sustainability
- Bureau in Sept. 2019 discussed draft proposal
- 15th WGIWRM (30 September – 2 October 2020) welcomed the targets
- WGIWRM & WGMA (26-28 April 2021) endorsed the draft decision to be submitted to the MOP
- Draft decision: ECE/MP.WAT/2021/8



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Why financial targets?



- Contributing to the Convention has numerous benefits:
⇒ countries benefit from the capacity-building, exchange of experience, guidance and tools, pilot projects, networking etc.
- Achieving the long-term objectives requires sustainability and predictability in funding

Financial targets => a system of drivers to address the main challenges and uncertainty encountered in financing the programme of work



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Proposed targets



Objective 1: Achieve a fairer sharing of the burden of financing the implementation of the programme of work (PoW).

Targets: By 2024, at least 50 % and by 2030, at least 66 % of all Parties finance the PoW.

Baseline in 2016–2018: 38 % of Parties

Objective 2: Improve reliability and predictability of funding

Targets: By 2024, 50 % and by 2030, 66 % of all Parties contribute regularly to the implementation of the PoW.

Baseline in 2016–2018: 26 % of Parties

Objective 3: Support a balanced implementation of all programme areas and simplify donors' requirements to increase efficiency

Targets: By 2024, 50 % and by 2030, 66 % of all contributions are unearmarked and do not require individual reports.

Baseline in 2016–2018: 17 % of all contributions



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Thank you



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