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Budget and Programme of Work 2018-2020

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CMS proposed budget 2018-2020

- As stated in the Resolution 11.1. Financial and Administrative matters, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to prepare budget proposals for consideration by the Conference of Parties at its 12th meeting, including, as a minimum, a zero nominal growth budget scenario, a zero real growth budget scenario and, in consultation with the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee, if necessary, a third scenario.
- CMS Secretariat has prepared a draft budget proposal for 2018-2020 with three scenarios.



Background behind Scenarios

- Consecutive nominal growth budgets have led to a situation whereby secretariat can no longer absorb further nominal growth budgets;
 - Staff salaries are set by the UN organization and International Civil Servant Organization not by the CMS
 - Salaries have an embedded 2% inflation rate that increases each year and step increase.
 - The accumulated inflation has meant CMS salary costs have increased each year while the budget has remained the same;
 - Secretariat has managed to absorb the costs through various means
 - Situation is no longer sustainable



Implications of Nominal growth Budget

- Mandate is increasing more species more parties the secretariat has to cope with this pace and the scale of its work
- Nominal Growth budgets do not reflect the reality that the countries membership fees are going down because more members and mandates are going up but members insisting on same budget
- Nominal Growth budget is completely unsustainable and Secretariat will not be able to do its work as the implications will severely affect the functioning of the secretariat



UN Standard Salary Cost

- CMS has not used standard UN salary cost rather it has used historic/actual costs
- UN is insisting we use Standard costing that have full costs built into each salary
- UNEP Nairobi Standard cost approx. 7% higher, Vienna Standard Cost approx. 10% higher
- Alternative is a Bonn Standard costs which is lower
- Allows the secretariat to have available the full cost of each salary such as indemnities, recruitment costs, education subsidies and repatriation grants
- CMS is facing a number of these costs in the 2018-2020 budget period which is cannot for it there if standard costs are not used



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Option 1: zero nominal growth

- is prepared based on the standard salary cost plus 2% inflation across all items
- no **funds could be** allocated for servicing of Governing bodies
- no support for developing countries' participation
- total budget to be shared by the Parties – **Eur 7,442,630**



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Option 1: zero nominal growth

Implications of zero nominal budget are the following:

- Stopping translations, interpretation services and report writing for COP;
- Stopping of Core Functions such as the coverage of costs for Standing Committee and Scientific Council including funded delegates to attend the meetings of these bodies.



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Option 2: zero real growth (status quo compared with current budget)

- is prepared based on the standard salary cost plus 2% inflation across all items
- Servicing of Governing bodies would be included
- total budget to be shared by the Parties – **Eur 7,971,806**
- Variance from the budget 2015-2017 is 7.1%



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Option 2: zero real growth (status quo compared with current budget)

Implications of zero real growth budget are the following:

- Translations, interpretation services and report writing for COP would be covered;
- Core Functions such as the coverage of costs for Standing Committee and Scientific Council including funded delegates to attend the meetings of these bodies would be included.



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Option 3: subject to consultation with the Finance and Budget Subcommittee

- is prepared based on the standard salary cost plus 2% inflation across all items
- additional budget item:
 - Eur 25K for analysis of national report Eur 163K for a 50% IT officer - --market condition make it impossible to have a part-time IT officer
 - Eur 74K for 18% of P3 for coordination of Common Information Management Unit
- total budget to be shared by the Parties – **Eur 8,268,842**
- Variance from the budget 2015-2017 is 11%



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- Scale of contributions

Parties' assessed contributions for each of the budget scenarios are contained in Annex II of the UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc14.2 document. The assessed contributions are

- based on the current United Nations scale of assessments for 2016-2018, which was adopted by the General Assembly by resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2016
- adjusted to take account of the fact that not all Members States of the United Nations are Parties to the Convention.



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- should be considered in conjunction with the proposed Budget
- includes all mandates which fall under the Secretariat (and those under Standing Committee, Scientific Council and their Working Groups which have an implication for the Secretariat) including:
 - instruments such as MOUs, Action Plans, Programmes of Work, Concerted Actions etc;
 - Resolutions and Decisions (those updated for COP12, partly repealed, consolidated and retained in full);
- indicates both human and financial resources (from the core budget and those to be raised through voluntary contributions) contributing to each area;
- provides the basis for resource mobilization activities and reporting to Standing Committee and COP on the status of implementation of Secretariat's mandates.



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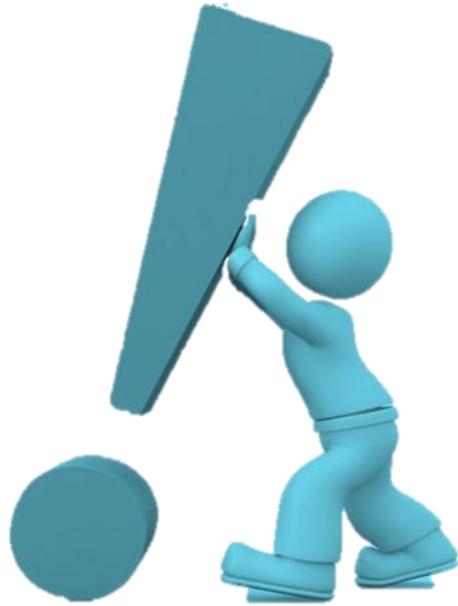


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