

Implementation of the programme of work for 2016-2018

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1. Overall progress in the PoW implementation

- * Most activities are progressing well, but less contributions received in some areas than expected, which impacted the work
- * 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

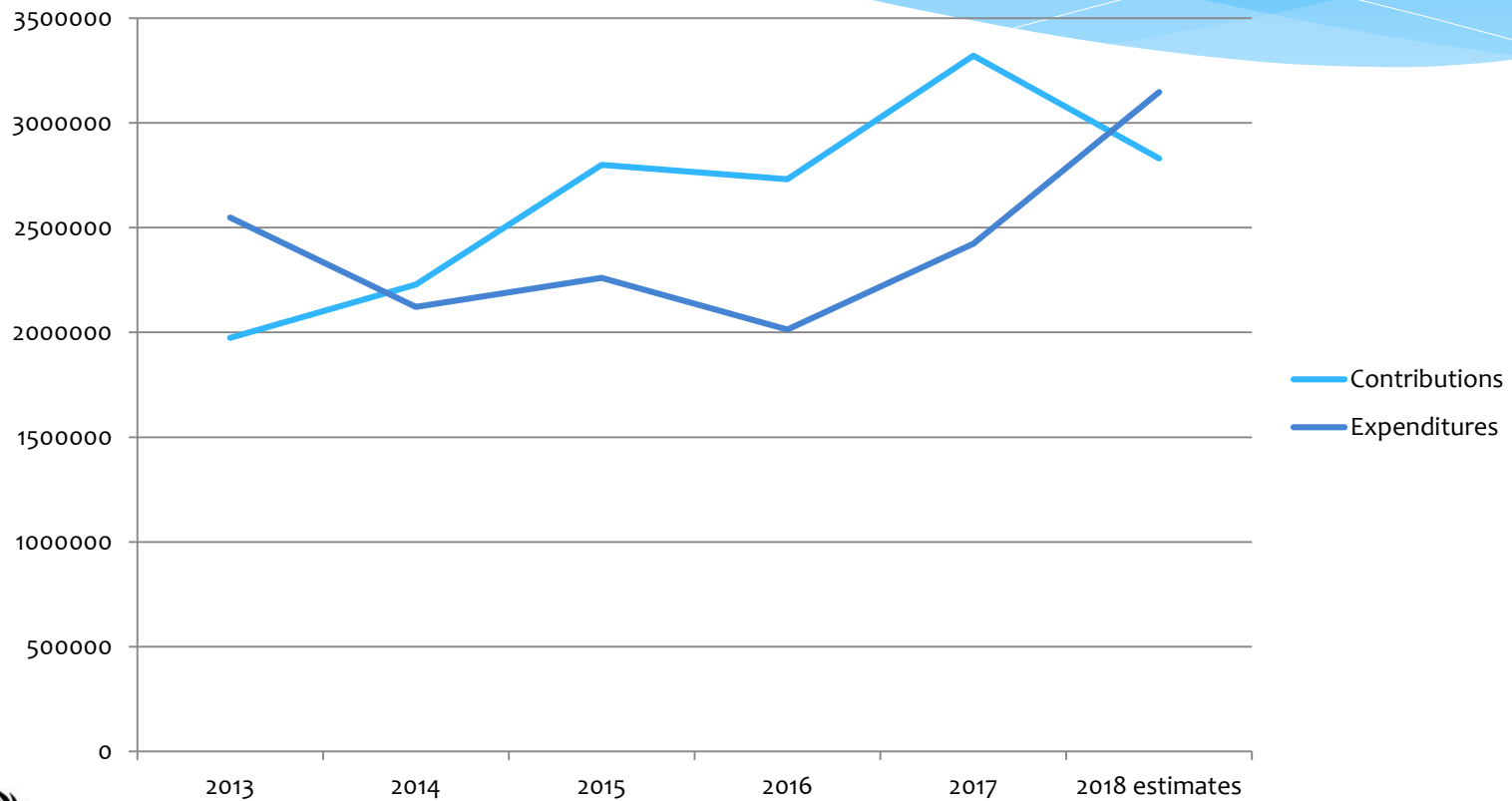


2. Main Lessons learned

- * Need for a work programme easier to communicate and understand
- * Benefits from promoting synergies between activities, e.g. nexus and NPDs
- * Global opening : new funding and partnership opportunities, new experiences, but also challenges
- * Need for some flexibility in the programme of work implementation in order to respond to new circumstances, opportunities and demands
- * Cooperation with partners is crucial
- * Need for good balance between policy advice/ guidance development, exchange of experience and projects
- * Importance of ownership by countries, key role of lead Parties



3. Financial situation



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Observations regarding the financial situation

- * Some new donors, even from non-Parties and from development banks
- * Still reliance on a few main donors: 14 out of 42 Parties – need for other Parties and donors to get involved
- * Most of the big contributions are in the form of projects with deriving burden on the secretariat in addition to implementation (e.g. proposal development, reporting)
- * Positive examples of the contributions from the Swiss Development Cooperation and Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs which are unearmarked or softly earmarked
- * Increasingly fundraising together with partners - but this implies administrative complications
- * Fund-raising is time-consuming and resource consuming for the secretariat => impact on delivery of activities
- * Priority for staff funding – need for advance funding and reserve



Recommendations regarding funding

- * Importance of unearmarked contributions
- * Also small contributions are useful- if they do not have reporting requirements
- * Current donors could motivate others to contribute
- * Consider providing in-kind contributions such as providing expertise to support the secretariat



Thank you- questions?



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Balance on 31 December 2017

- * Total contributions: 3,288,272
- * Total expenditures in 2017: US\$ **2,514,911**
- * **Balance:** US\$ 3,940,782
- * But contributions are going down at end of triennium and expenditures increasing



Additional slide on funding

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

