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Overview of the Core Budget and Country Contributions for FY 2021-2022

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

Introduction

2. This document presents the financial statement for 3 months compared to the budget approved at the 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Videoconference, 2021) and the country contributions received up to 30 September 2021.

Financial Statement vs Core Budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022

The table below summarizes accrued expenses through September 30, 2021 (3 months from the beginning of the fiscal year, 1 July 2021-30 June 2022).

Budget Performance **July 2021 - September 2021** Amounts in US\$

Category	Actuals 2021/2022	YTD Budget 2021/2022	Difference	%
Salaries & Benefits	210,762	248,266	(37,504)	-15.1%
Travel & Training	13,171	13,536	(365)	-2.7%
Equipment	-	2,250	(2,250)	-100.0%
Operational Costs	46,241	59,009	(12,767)	-21.6%
Dissemination & Outreach	-	13,441	(13,441)	-100.0%
Director's Fund	-	13,500	(13,500)	-100.0%
Total	270,174	350,000	(79,826)	-22.8%

Expenses were -25.7% lower than foreseen in the operating budget and are the direct result of the extraordinary situation posed by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

There is a reduction of -15.1% in salaries and benefits compared to what has been budgeted for 2021/2022. At the end of the fiscal year, the Directorate expects to be in line with the annual budget.

The use of consultancies continues to reflect the need for temporary specialized services and also the need to reduce full-time staff costs.

Operating costs were also lower, -21.6%. Once again, greater monitoring of general services and the use of resources, including IP telephony and general office supplies, has contributed to a more cost-effective Directorate.

The costs associated with the dissemination of information are related to the development of the new database of scientific articles generated by projects and activities sponsored by the IAI, the design and updates of websites as well as the edition of the Newsletter, which was carried out in October 2021 so that it has not been reflected in the expenses yet.

Party contributions

Country contributions remain unchanged from 2020-2021. The IAI Directorate is sensitive to the economic challenges faced by Parties due to COVID-19. However, the IAI Directorate reminds Parties of Decisions XXVI/3 and XXVI/4:

XXVI/3. The Conference of the Parties urges Parties to submit their contributions to the Core Budget in a timely manner and in accordance with the basic scale and encourages them to make extraordinary contributions above their regular contributions whenever possible and as appropriate; and,

XXVI/4. The Conference of the Parties invites Parties to submit their contributions as far as possible during the year prior to the one to which they relate or, otherwise, by the beginning of the calendar year to which the contributions apply.

As of September 30, 2021, the contributions received (cash income) represent the equivalent of 20% of approved contributions for fiscal year 2021-2022.

The IAI Directorate has finalized the documentation required for receipt of voluntary contributions from the United States and Canada.

The IAI Directorate will inform Parties that have delays in their contributions the urgency of the need to submit their voluntary contributions.

Recommendation

3. The Executive Council is invited to take note of this report.