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Abstract

The Scientific Committee may wish to consider developing an operational work plan, accompanied by a budget as is necessary, for the ensuing two years for consideration the meeting of the Parties at its ordinary meeting in June 2016. The Meeting of the Parties is expected to adopt a budget for the ensuing financial year and consider an estimated budget for the following financial year.

Recommendations (working papers only)

1. That the SC consider developing an operational 2016-2018 work plan and budget for presentation to the Meeting of the Parties.

Scientific Committee 2016-2018 Work Plan and Budget

The Scientific Committee may wish to consider developing an operational two year (2016-2018) work plan to support its longer-term Scientific Committee work plan (*SC-01 -03 (01*) refers).

The 2016-2018 work plan could set out the key priorities to be progressed in the intersessional period and, where possible, by which Contracting Parties. The Scientific Committee may wish to consider developing this operational work plan in the context of any activities proposed by Contracting Parties in the working papers presented to this Scientific Committee meeting.

Where possible, the Scientific Committee should identify any priority activities that may require funding from the Meeting of the Parties¹. Any such request should be accompanied by a justification and, to the extent possible, presented in priority order.

Additionally, the Scientific Committee should, as appropriate, identify any proposed funding for:

- Meeting participation assistance for developing States bordering the Area;
- Additional meetings or workshops, in addition to the ordinary Scientific Committee meeting, as may be required;
- The ordinary meeting of the Scientific Committee in 2017 and /or 2018 hosted at the Secretariat Headquarters in La Reunion in the event that no Contracting Party offers to host these meetings;
- Necessary databases or systems required to manage SIOFA's data.
- Any of the purposes outlined in article 13.4 of the Agreement.

The operational work plan and proposed budget will be considered by the Meeting of the Parties at its ordinary meeting in June 2016.

¹ ie those activities which cannot be resourced through the membership of the SC.