

**Final reports of the Chairs of retired working groups:
Resource Mobilization Working Group**

Actions requested:

Standing Committee is invited to take note of the report.

1. At its 13th meeting (COP13) the Conference of Contracting Parties, through Resolution XIII.3 on *Governance of the Convention*, decided to retire the working groups listed in Annex 1 of the same Resolution, and invited the Chairs of these subsidiary bodies, as appropriate, to provide to the Standing Committee the final report on the outcome of the work of their subsidiary body, to be posted on the Convention website by the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee.
2. The final report of the Resource Mobilization Working Group is overleaf.

Final Report of the Resource Mobilization Working Group – 14 March 2019

Resolution XII.7, paragraph 13, requested that the Standing Committee establish a mechanism of the Contracting Parties and Secretariat to develop a Resource Mobilization and Partnership Framework and Work Plan, to include development of fundraising targets and timetables for the Secretariat to deliver on the non-core priorities identified by the Parties in Annex 3 of Resolution XII.1. At its 50th meeting, the Standing Committee established an open-ended Resource Mobilization Working Group to review resource mobilization and the partnership framework and plan.

The Resource Mobilization Working Group convened at SC52. The United States chaired the group, and Colombia, Finland, Japan, Kenya, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, and United Arab Emirates participated in the working group. The group discussed an overarching set of principles to guide the Secretariat's resource mobilization efforts and developed a draft resource mobilization work plan framework on that basis. The group also offered to advise the new Secretary General on the job description for the new resource mobilization staff position, and to provide advice and guidance to the new hire as s/he developed the Resource Mobilization Work Plan with a view toward recommending its adoption at SC53 if possible. The Standing Committee reflected these recommendations in Decision 52-23 and the resource mobilization plan framework is available as Annex 4 to the Report and Decisions of the 52nd Meeting of the Standing Committee.

The working group provided feedback intersessionally via electronic communications to the Secretary General regarding filling the position in 2016, and later provided feedback to the new Director of Resource Mobilization and Outreach on a draft resource mobilization work plan. At SC54, the Secretariat presented the resource mobilization work plan, which the Standing Committee noted and requested to be updated with new priorities following the 13th Conference of the Parties and submitted to SC57 for adoption.

The Resource Mobilization Working Group concluded its work at SC54. The Chair would like to thank the working group members for their valuable contributions to the group's work.