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**GCOS STEERING COMMITTEE**

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**Budget and Fundraising**

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The Steering Committee is asked to provide some advice on fund raising and to agree actions to help GCOS raise additional funds for the GCOS Trust Fund.

- GCOS Budget and Funding. Table 1 shows the overall financial situation of GCOS and the GCOS Cooperation Mechanism. Table 2 gives some detail of the income and expenditure.

*Table 1 Summary of GCOS Financial Situation (in CHF) - 2020 and forecast, for the GCOS Trust Fund and below for the GCOS Cooperation Mechanism*

<b>Overall Balance - GCOS (CHF) (including COVID-19 Impacts in 2020-21)</b>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Income	729,503	446,632	425,220	0
Balance from previous year carried forward	522,095	579,451	271,776	0
Expenditure	672,147	754,306	949,902	905,227
Balance	579,451	271,776	-252,907	-905,227

*Note: this includes deductions of 342,000 CHF in 2020 and 268,770 CHF in 2021 due to the impacts of COVID-19 restricting travel and meetings. This assumes no travel in the first half of 2021.*

<b>Overall Balance GCOS Cooperation Mechanism (CHF)</b>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Income	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Balance from previous year carried forward	92,888	57,045	57,045	57,045
Expenditure	85,843	50,000	50,000	50,000
Balance	57,045	57,045	57,045	57,045

Note: this does not include the spending on HIGHWAY as this is net zero in 2020.

2. GCOS needs about 1 million CHF a year to operate: the major expenses are the secretariat staff and hosting meetings (mainly participant travel) (see Table 2). GCOS income is now significantly less than 1 million with the main funding in 2020 a grant from Copernicus and a contribution from the US. This is significantly less than the normal (non-COVID-19) rate of expenditure.
3. The ability of the secretariat to reduce its costs is limited and meetings are mainly on-line, even before the COVID-19 crisis.
4. The GCOS secretariat has been looking at ways of increasing support. Contributions could be financial or in-kind (e.g. hosting meetings, supporting experts, providing publicity etc.)
5. GCOS expenditure in 2020 is reduced due to COVID as it has not been possible to travel or host physical meetings so there will be a significant carry-over into 2021. While GCOS has been able to address some issues with virtual meetings, this has limited discussions issues that need clear decision by the Steering Committee or the panels. This has led to additional work for the secretariat.

*Table 2 Income and Expenditure (CHF)*

<b>Summary of Expenditure</b>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Secretariat Staff	622,147	531,436	542,065	552,906
Meetings (inc participant support)	305,000	382,500	296,514	259,996
Staff travel	87,000	88,740	90,515	92,325
Other	0	20,400	20,808	0
<b>Total (projection without COVID-19)</b>	<b>1,014,147</b>	<b>1,023,076</b>	<b>949,902</b>	<b>905,227</b>
<b>Less Impacts of COVID-19</b>	<b>-342,000</b>	<b>-268,770</b>		
<b>Total including potential COVID-19 Impacts</b>	<b>672,147</b>	<b>754,306</b>	<b>949,902</b>	<b>905,227</b>

		<b>Income</b>			
		2020	2021	2022	2023
Agreed Grant	Copernicus	269,955	269,955	269,955	
Pledged and/or Recieved	US State Dept	13,122			
	US State Dept	183,653			
	US Woods Hole	155,265	155,265	155,265	
	DWD				
	EUMETSAT	21,412	21,412		
Infrastructure Dept		57,866			
Owing	IOC	28,230			
<b>Total expected income</b>		<b>729,503</b>	<b>446,632</b>	<b>425,220</b>	<b>0</b>

6. The GCOS Cooperation Mechanism will have sufficient funds for the next 1-2 years (especially if the Japanese contribution continues) without additional fund-raising, but again a decision for the long term is needed and will be discussed under item 6.x.
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