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RESOURCE NEEDS FOR DECADE ACTIONS

Summary

This document summarises the information provided by endorsed Decade programmes on resource needs for implementation for the next three year period (July 2022–June 2025). It presents the results of a survey carried out in May 2022 to which replies were received from 19 of the 31 endorsed programmes and high-level information from four newly endorsed programmes via Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021.

Introduction

Decade Actions in the form of potential programmes and projects are submitted without necessarily having all of their required funding secured. Following endorsement of these Decade Actions, and then every 12 months thereafter the Decade Coordination Unit collects information from endorsed Programmes on their resource needs, as well as information on resources that they have secured. Information is collected for both in-kind and financial resources and is broken down across programme action costs, coordination costs and the costs of supporting new projects. This information is then used in resource mobilisation efforts of the Decade. While the Decade is not a financing or funding mechanism; the Decade Coordination Unit plays a role of connecting potential funders with endorsed Decade Actions based on their expressed resource needs.

This document presents a summary of the resource needs of nineteen of the 31 programmes that were endorsed via Call for Decade Actions No. 01/2022 that was collected via a detailed survey in May 2022. It also describes available information on resource needs of the four programmes that were endorsed via Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021. The information for this latter set of programmes is less detailed as it is drawn from high-level budgetary information included in the programme submission rather than via the more detailed post-endorsement survey.¹

Decade Action Resource Needs

Table 1 summarises the findings of the resource needs assessment for the 19 programmes that were endorsed via Call for Decade Actions No. 01/2020 and that responded to the resource needs assessment survey launched in 2022. The survey requested information for the three-year period from July 2022 to June 2025. The results of the survey are similar to the results reported in Q4 2022 for resource needs of Decade programmes.

Across these Decade programmes USD 924 million in in-kind and financial resources have been secured, representing approximately 24% of total needs. The total gap across the programmes is in the order of USD 3 billion. The most significant gaps are found in terms of project costs where only 25% of needs have been secured and a gap of USD 2.5 billion remains. Given the early stage of implementation of programmes, it is considered that project costs continue to be underestimated and future versions of the survey will seek to obtain more detailed information on the real scale of project needs. As in previous assessments, coordination needs are the most well covered with 38% of needs secured, and a remaining gap of USD 82 million.

Table 1: Summary of resource needs for Decade Actions for July 2022 to June 2025 based on information reported by 19 of 31 endorsed Decade programmes (USD)

TOTAL PROGRAMME BUDGET		
Total Needs	\$ 3 893 664 970	As % of total needs
Total Secured	\$ 924 469 705	24%
Total Gap	\$ 2 969 195 265	76%
PROGRAMME ACTION COSTS		
Total Needs	\$ 494 117 401	As % of total needs
Total Secured	\$ 81 850 734	17%
Total Gap	\$ 412 266 667	83%
COORDINATION COSTS		
Total Needs	\$ 40 408 937	As % of total needs
Total Secured	\$ 15 306 904	38%
Total Gap	\$ 25 102 033	62%

¹ The post-endorsement survey of resource needs of these programmes will be launched in Q2 of 2022.

PROJECT COSTS		
Total Needs	\$ 3 359 138 633	As % of total needs
Total Secured	\$ 827 312 067	25%
Total Gap	\$ 2 531 826 566	75%

The Decade Coordination Unit holds detailed information of the resource needs for each of the programmes including both in-kind and financial resource needs. This information can be provided on request either at an individual programme level or organised by theme or region.

Table 2 summarises the resource needs of the newly endorsed programmes via Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021. Based on the high-level information provided by the proponents at the time of submission, these programmes on average have secured 43% of required resources. This proportion is higher than for the previous group of programmes, however two of the four programmes have a particularly elevated level of resources already secured. The total gap across these four programmes is estimated at close to USD 380 million for the remaining eight years of the Decade.

Table 2: Summary of resource needs for Decade Actions for 2022 to 2030 for newly endorsed programmes via Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021 (USD)

Programme Name	Total Budget (USD)	% Secured	Secured (USD)	Gap (USD)
Healthy Rivers, Healthy Ocean	\$ 30 000 000	25	\$ 7 500 000	\$ 22 500 000
Global Ocean Decade Programme for Blue Carbon	\$ 10 000 000	20	\$ 2 000 000	\$ 8 000 000
Ocean to climate Seamless Forecasting system	\$ 850 000 000	75	\$ 637 500 000	\$ 212 500 000
Global Ocean Negative Carbon Emission	\$ 270 000 000	50	\$ 135 000 000	\$ 135 000 000
TOTAL	\$ 1 160 000 000		\$ 782 000 000	\$ 378 000 000

Further detailed information on the resource needs of these newly endorsed programmes for the next three years will be collected in Q3 2022 and can be provided to Member States on request.

Use of Information on Resource Needs for Resource Mobilisation

As summarized in [IOC/EC-55/4.1.Doc\(1\)](#), in addition to providing information on resource needs to Member States, the Decade Coordination Unit is pursuing resource mobilisation with different groups of partners including the Ocean Decade Alliance, philanthropies via the Foundations Dialogue, and private sector partners. In discussion in the recent Decade Advisory Board Meeting in March 2022, the Board advised the Decade Coordination Unit to take a more strategic approach to resource mobilisation with targeted messaging and information for different funding groups. The Board also advised the Decade Coordination Unit to take a more strategic approach to resource mobilisation with Member States and international financing institutions and agreed to establish a working group to accompany this process. The information collected from Decade programmes via regular resource needs assessments will be essential to such engagement.

Information on resource mobilisation by programmes will also be essential to tracking progress of the Ocean Decade in catalysing new sources of funding for ocean science over the next eight years. This information will be reported in Annual Reports for the Ocean Decade as one of the key measures of progress in the establishment of a robust enabling environment for the Decade.

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