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## Strengthening Domestic Resource Mobilisation

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# The CEP Operating Environment



**To operate a successful organization, it is important to be aware of one's environment:**

- WCR is prone to natural disasters – earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding and volcanoes;
- CEP member countries are mostly developing countries with single and double digit inflation figures speaking English, French and Spanish;
- Weak institutional infrastructure and political will
- Scarce resources is a common feature of CEP member states
- CEP member countries are heavily dependent on the sea for economic survival – tourism, agriculture etc.



# Framework Conditions



**In spite of the challenges, the CEP remains a focal point for unity and cooperation towards a common goal :**

- CEP exists at the request of the member governments;
- Constantly looking for solutions, Decision 1b of the 8<sup>th</sup> IGM (Dec.,1996) gave the CEP secretariat the mandate to ‘introduce other mechanisms to address the question of CTF arrears, such as in-kind contributions, in-country workshops, etc’



# Increasing Market-based Instruments



**The CEP is more than 20 years old. It exists because the member states recognise the importance of its services. More is needed however to promote the CEP:**

- Covering four programmatic areas (AMEP, SPAW, CEPNET, ETA), the current CEP budget for programme activities stands at  $\approx$ US\$40M.
- The CEP operates with integrity and transparency in its activities, successfully completing project activities and making on-time product delivery.
- Face-to-face meetings are used to spread the news of the CEP and its services, while taking time to hand-deliver invoices to the member governments while informing of their obligations to the CEP.



# Leveraging/increasing allocations



**Contributions to the CTF from member states is less than encouraging. The budget of the CEP is heavily subsidized with contributions from external donors and extraordinary contributions:**

- The meetings and workshops of the CEP help keep its member states informed regardless of contribution status to the CTF;
- Increased allocations to member states can only come with greater commitment on their part to the

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