



WIOMSA Special Session IORA Special Fund



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1. IORA Action Plan 2022-2027

- **Each working/core group within IORA has had to review and align their work plans with the actions and timeframes of the action plan**
- **Bi-annual Meeting of the Functional Bodies Chair-Coordinating Countries**
- **Members are requested to propose additional activities for the IORAG work plan.**

2. IORAG Work Plan

- **Joint programmes: Establishing collaborative programmes, joint academic research projects, exchange of information and publications**
- **Academic Scholarship Programmes: Establishing scholarship programmes for postgraduate and research studies, subject to Member States' individual capacities**
- **Collaborative research: Identifying mutual priority areas of co-operation in the fields of academic and scientific research, and Setting up Joint Call for Proposals on identified priority areas for collaborative STI projects between Member States**
- **Conferences and seminars: Organizing regional scientific seminars to be attended by representatives from the field of academic and scientific research**

3. IORA Special Fund – Who can Apply?

- The funds will be available to any **government endorsed public or non-profit organisation** of the Member States.
- The application for funding, however, will be routed through the **National Focal Points** for consideration.

3. IORA Special Fund – Type of Activities

- IORA projects include **studies, conferences, workshops, exhibitions, forums, publishing, any activities relating to the Functional Bodies, as mentioned in the IORA Charter.**
- **Research, capacity building, training programs, pilot projects, establishing institutions of regional interest, emergency relief, and/or programmes that meets the objectives of the criteria adopted by the Council of Ministers** which are now in force and those that will be introduced from time to time by the Council of Ministers, as proposed by IORA Member States.

3. IORA Special Fund – Funding Allocations

Up to US\$80 000

- For requests up to US\$80,000, the proposals with the comments from the Member States will be sent to the CSO for intersessional consideration and approval.

US\$80,000 – US\$150,000

- For requests in excess of US\$80,000 and up to US\$150,000, the request shall be presented to a meeting of the CSO for decision.

Above US\$150,000

- For requests in excess of US\$150,000, the request shall be presented to a meeting of the COM for decision.

3. IORA Special Fund – Funding Allocations

FOR LDCs and SIDs

- **Up to a maximum of 90% of the total project cost**
- **The project should not exceed a maximum total amount of US\$80,000 (total project cost)**
- **Requests can however, be considered on a case by case basis**

Ongoing Discussions:

1. Can we leverage IORA as a platform for research dissemination?
2. What are existing projects or planned projects that could be facilitated through engagement with IORA?

Thank you!



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