



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2022 Regular Annual Meeting

8 – 10 August, Nadi, Fiji

Agenda item 7(iii): Member Contribution Fund

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **welcome** the commitment shown by Members in supporting the Member Contribution Fund to support PIDC activities;
 - b) **note** that Members contribute annually to the Member Contribution Fund based on a tiered approach with each tier linked to an agreed amount;
 - c) **endorse** that Members contribution for 2022/2023 Financial Year is to remain at the same level as previously endorsed by Members at the 2019 Regular Annual Meeting;
 - d) **encourage** Members to pay their agreed contribution on time before the end of financial year.
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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to guide the discussion of Members regarding the contribution fund for the 2022/2023 Financial Year as required under the Financial Regulations.

Background

2. The activities of PIDC's Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) are funded in part by Member contributions to the Membership Fund which constitutes approximately 4% of the Programme budget. Members contribution and their respective tier levels were endorsed by Members at the 2014 Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) in Papua New Guinea. The tier rates were set in New Zealand currency (NZD).

3. Members will recall at the 2019 RAM in Cook Islands it was endorsed that a 5% increase of members subscription would be implemented noting the benefit it would have on the services provided to Members. In collecting the contributions, the Secretariat normally issues invoices using the exchange rate prevailing on the first business day of the new financial year converting the New Zealand dollar rate to Samoan Tala with contributions to be paid directly into the PIDC bank account.

4. With the current global COVID-19 pandemic PIDC Member countries are still in the process of re-opening their borders with most PIDC Member countries still being significantly impacted by the global pandemic. For this reason, the Secretariat recommends that for the 2022/2023 financial year the Members individual contribution remains unchanged as per the current levels.

5. The 2014 endorsed tier levels with revised contributions endorsed in the 2019 RAM

are detailed in the following table:

Table 1 – Member Contribution Fund tier

Member Country-Tier Levels Exempt Australia and New Zealand	
Tier 1 - NZD 5,250 French Polynesia New Caledonia Papua New Guinea Samoa	Tier 2 - NZD 4,200 American Samoa Cook Islands Fiji Solomon Islands Vanuatu
Tier 3 - NZD 3,150 Kiribati Republic of Marshall Islands Tonga	Tier 4 - NZD 2,100 FSM Nauru Niue Palau Tuvalu Tokelau