



Agenda item 4(c): Members & Donors Contribution Fund Update

Proposed Recommendations

The Board is invited to:

- a) **welcome** Australia and New Zealand’s continued funding support to the Secretariat;
 - b) **welcome** the Host Country support provided by Samoa to the Secretariat; and
 - c) **encourage** Members to pay their agreed contribution in a timely manner to allow the Secretariat to continue to provide support to Members.
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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to update the Board on the Members & Donors Contribution Fund for the 2022/2023 Financial year as required under the Financial Regulations.

Background

2. The Board will recall at the recent Regular Annual Meeting in August where Members had agreed for the Contribution Fund to remain at the same level as previously endorsed by Members. The activities of the PIDC Workplan and Budget (AWPB) are funded in part by Members contribution with approximately 4% of the Programme Activity Budget.

3. Australia’s three-year funding agreement concluded on 30th June 2022. The Secretariat is currently working with Australia for another three years funding agreement. The Secretariat have already sent an invoice to the New Zealand Ministry of Business & Innovation for the annual year funding of NZD180,000. The Secretariat is expected to receive the payment in the next financial quarter.

4. The Secretariat continues to work with Members in trying to follow up Membership Contributions. Most Members have been very responsive in terms of ensuring that their payment is received on time. The table below shows the outstanding contributions for Members & Donors contribution as at 30 September 2022.

	Members & Donors Outstanding Membership Fees	NZD\$	WST (current year) 2022/2023	WST (prior year) 2021/2022	Totals
1	American Samoa	\$4,200	\$7,014.00	\$3,507.00	\$10,521.00
2	Fiji	\$4,200	\$7,014.00		\$7,014.00

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3	Cook Islands	\$4,200	\$7,014.00		\$7,014.00
4	Solomon Islands	\$4,200	\$7,014.00	\$7,508.00	\$14,522.00
5	Kiribati	\$3,150	\$5,261.00		\$5,261.00
6	New Caledonia	\$7,350	\$12,275.00		\$12,275.00
7	Samoa	\$5,250	\$8,768.00		\$8,768.00
8	FSM	\$2,100	\$5,261.00		\$5,261.00
9	Niue	\$2,100	\$3,507.00		\$3,507.00
10	Nauru	\$2,100	\$3,507.00		\$3,507.00
11	Papua New Guinea	\$5,250	\$8,768.00		\$8,768.00
12	Vanuatu	\$4,200	\$7,014.00		\$7,014.00
13	RMI	\$3,150	\$5,261.00		\$5,261.00
14	Tonga	\$3,150	\$5,261.00	\$2,010.00	\$7,271.00
15	Palau	\$2,100	\$3,507.00		\$3,507.00
16	Tuvalu	\$2,100	\$3,507.00	\$3,751.00	\$7,258.00
17	Tokelau	\$2,100	\$3,507.00		\$3,507.00
19	NZ MBIE	\$180,000	\$300,619		\$300,619.
	Totals	\$240,900	\$404,619.00	\$16,776.00	\$420,855.00

5. The Board should note that the WST16,776.00 was the debtors from the previous financial year that is still outstanding at this current time. All Members have been very forthcoming in paying their Membership fees.