



Agenda item 7(ii): Members Contribution Fund

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **thank and acknowledge** Members for their continuous commitment to supporting the Member's contribution fund to support PIDC activities;
 - b) **note** Member's contribution fund update as of 30th May 2024;
 - c) **note** that Members contribute annually to the Member contribution fund based on a tiered approach, with each tier linked to an agreed amount; and
 - d) **encourage** Members to pay their agreed contribution on time before the end of each financial year.
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Purpose

This paper aims to guide Members' discussions regarding the contribution fund for the 2023/2024 Financial Year, as required under Financial Regulation 6 of the Financial Regulations.

Background

2 As a standard agenda, the Secretariat is required to update Members on the timely payment of the Member's and Donors' contribution fund to the Secretariat income to assist the Secretariat with organising Programme Activities that have been approved by the Board

3 PIDC's Annual Workplan and Budget (AWPB) activities are partly funded by Member contributions to the Membership Fund, constituting 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)

4 As of today, the total outstanding contribution for members is **\$26,921**, the outstanding amount for the current financial year. The Secretariat is grateful to all Members for their continued support and for paying their membership contribution. The Secretariat is currently working with the Consultant on the Membership fee review, with the report to be tabled to Members during the Regular Annual Meeting in June.

5 The table below shows members' outstanding contributions as of 30 May 2024.

Membership Outstanding Contribution	
Current Year	\$26,921
Prior Year Contributions	-
Totals	\$26,921
Members Outstanding Membership Fees	
New Caledonia	12,104
Kiribati	2,713
Niue	3,458
French Polynesia	8,646
Totals	\$26,921

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

Table 1 – Member Contribution Fund tier

Member Country-Tier Levels	
Exempt	
Australia and New Zealand	
<p>Tier 1. NZD 5,250</p> <p>French Polynesia New Caledonia Papua New Guinea Samoa</p> <p>Totals \$21,000</p>	<p>Tier 2-NZD 4,200</p> <p>American Samoa Cook Islands Fiji Solomon Islands Vanuatu</p> <p>Totals\$21,000</p>
<p>Tier 3- NZD 3,150</p> <p>Kiribati Republic of Marshall Islands Tonga</p> <p>Totals \$9,450</p>	<p>Tier 4 NZD 2,100</p> <p>FSM Nauru Niue Palau Tuvalu Tokelau Wallis and Futuna</p> <p>\$14,700</p>