

31st SPREP MEETING OF OFFICIALS

5, 6, and 7 September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 6.2 : Report on Members' Contributions

Purpose of paper:

1. To report to the Meeting on Members' contributions.

Background:

2. Financial Regulation 14 requires the Director General to submit to each SPREP Meeting a report on the receipt of Members' contributions. This report provides an update on the status of Members' contributions as at 31 December 2022, as well as a brief update on the status of membership contributions at the time of drafting this report (30 April 2023). A further update will be provided at the Meeting.

Update:

3. The audited Financial Statements as at 31 December 2022 noted total contributions received from Members of USD\$1,190,195, which is a slight increase of US\$6,240 from 2021 contributions received of USD\$1,183,955. The overall nett balance (cash basis) outstanding from members as at 31 December 2022 was USD\$179,176 (refer Attachment 1).
4. The table in Annex 2 provides the latest updated statement of contributions as at 30 April 2023 which shows the amounts expected from Members for current year contributions, totals USD\$1,190,206. As at 30 April 2023, the Secretariat had received USD\$490,240 or 41% of the 2023 contributions, which in combination with prior years' outstanding contributions leaves an outstanding nett balance on unpaid contributions from members of USD\$879,142.

Recommendation:

5. The Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Consider** the report and **address** the issue of outstanding member contributions; and
 - 2) **Commit** itself collectively and individually to paying current and outstanding contributions in full in 2023.
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