



Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
TWENTY-FIRST SPREP MEETING
Madang, Papua New Guinea
6 – 10 September 2010

Agenda Item 7.1: Report on Members' Contributions

Purpose

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

Background

2. Financial Regulation 14 requires the Director 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 received in 2010 (up to 30 June) as well as sharing the status of Members' contributions as at the end of 2009. A verbal update on the status of Members' contributions as at September 2010 will be presented to the 2010 SPREP meeting.
3. The 20th SPREP Meeting 'committed itself to paying current and unpaid contributions in 2009.' The Meeting also encouraged the Director 'to raise the issue of unpaid contributions with relevant senior officials when he is visiting countries,' which he did by following up in person and by sending a number of reminders by circular and letter.

Members' Contributions received in 2009 and 2010 (to 30 June 2010)

4. Attached for information is a statement which shows the amounts due from respective members as at 30 June 2010. As the table indicates, a total of US\$1,143,826 was received by the Secretariat in 2009, leaving a balance of \$391,355 of unpaid contributions as at 31 December 2009.
5. The total contributions outstanding as at 30 June 2010 is \$763,210 made up of \$374,263 unpaid for 2009 and previous years, and \$388,947 for 2010.
6. Of the total of \$935,572 contributions due for 2010, as of 30 June, the Secretariat had received \$563,717, including amounts towards previous years' unpaid contributions.



Outstanding Contributions:

7. Other than Members with small adjusting balances, the following countries and territories have unpaid contributions as at 30 June 2010 for 2010 and/or previous years:

Member Country	2009 and prior unpaid contributions	2010 contributions payable	Payments to 30-June-10	Balance as at 30-June-10
Cook Islands	2,309	10,184		12,493
France	0	134,202	(112,854)	21,348
Guam	24,974	20,360		45,334
Kiribati	0	10,184		10,184
Marshall Islands	2,308	10,184		12,492
Nauru	171,095	10,184	(10,184)	171,095
Niue	7,868	10,184		18,052
Nth Marianas	80,156	10,184		90,340
Palau	7,927	10,184		18,111
Papua New Guinea	44,985	20,360		65,345
Samoa	4,614	20,360	(4,614)	20,360
Solomon Is	0	20,360		20,360
Tonga	12,493	10,184		22,677
Tuvalu	(1,064)	10,184		9,120
USA	19,260	186,787		206,047
Vanuatu	4,650	20,360		25,010
Wallis & Futuna Islands	(394)	10,184		9,790

Review of membership contributions in 2011

8. The new SPREP Strategic Plan outlines the key focal areas and priorities for Members for the period 2011-2015. These focal areas reflect the core business of SPREP. The Secretariat proposes to submit a proposal at the next SPREP meeting to review membership contributions to reflect the new strategic plan.

Recommendation

9. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the on-going and critical issue of Members' unpaid contributions;
- **commit** itself to paying current contributions and unpaid contributions from previous years in full in 2010; and
- **note** that the Secretariat will submit a proposal at the next SPREP meeting for a review of membership contributions.