



## **Seventeenth meeting of the Noumea Convention**

Seventeenth ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)

Apia, Samoa  
31 August 2023

### **Agenda Item 8: Consideration and adoption of the Provisional Budget 2024-2025**

#### **Purpose of paper:**

1. To present the Provisional Budget 2024-2025 for consideration and adoption by the Contracting Parties.

#### **Background:**

2. In accordance with Rule 12(viii) of the Rules of Procedure, a Provisional Budget and financial arrangements on the forthcoming biennium is developed and presented to the Contracting Parties for consideration and adoption. The Provisional Budget of the biennium 2024-2025 outlines the proposals for activities of the Noumea Convention to be undertaken during the biennium years.
3. The Provisional Budget of the Noumea Convention is funded by contributions from the Contracting Parties. These funds have traditionally been used for the limited purposes of covering conference of the Parties meeting arrangements and to fund the provision of technical advice during the conference of the Parties.
4. This Provisional Budget 2024-2025 proposes planned activities for the biennial years 2024 – 2025 to reflect the need for Parties to meet intersessionally prior to the next Conference of the Parties. The contributions by Parties are insufficient to extend coverage of the proposed activities specifically bringing Parties together to carry out the following activities:
  - Develop a specific workplan and budget for the Noumea Convention.
  - Develop a specific communications and awareness plan for the Noumea Convention.
  - Develop a membership strategy to increase the membership of the Noumea Convention.
5. While there is funding assistance to support the proposed activities, Parties are invited to consider beyond the availability of the funding sources available in the interim. Whether this would entail discussions on member contributions to support various intersessional activities of the Noumea Convention.

**Recommendation:**

5. The Parties are invited to:

- 1) **Consider** and **approve** the Provisional Budget 2024-2025 and contributions for the biennium 2024-2025; and
- 2) **Commit** to urgent clearance of outstanding contributions.

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30 June 2023