# **CHARTER** OF THE **PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT FORUM**



Pacific Islands Development Forum

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## **CHARTER OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

PREAMBLE

## WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC,

RECALLING our Vision for a United, Distinctive and Sustainable Pacific Society, and, our Mission to provide an enabling environment for Green-Blue Pacific economies through Inclusive Strategies, Multi-stakeholder Governance, and Genuine Partnerships developed through the Engaging with the Pacific Process and solidified at the first and second Conferences in Nadi in 2013 and 2014;

**DESIRING** to promoting peace, stability and development in the Pacific through adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the distinctiveness of Pacific priorities in the face of the challenges posed by climate change, globalisation and development;

**CONVINCED** that these challenges provide opportunities for Pacific Islands public sector, civil society and private sector organisations to work together in partnership;

**CONVINCED** that regional cooperation amongst partners is mutually beneficial, desirable and necessary to respond to Climate Change and Unsustainable Development in a manner that will improve the lives and livelihoods of Pacific Islanders;

**DETERMINED** to harness the strengths of multi-stakeholder cooperation involving sustainable development and especially poverty eradication;

**COMMITTED** to ensuring that no one should be left behind in securing the benefits of development that is inclusive of people with disabilities, gender, ethnicity, and the aged;

**NOTING** the strong support of Pacific Islands and development partners in the establishment of the Pacific Islands Development Forum;

**REAFFIRMING** our determination to promote such cooperation and partnership within an institutional framework hereby agree to establish the **PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT FORUM (PIDF)** through a Charter;

ACCORDINGLY, THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN THE CITY OF SUVA, HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

## **CHAPTER ONE - DEFINITIONS**

### **ARTICLE 1: USE OF TERMS**

In this Charter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Board" refers to the National/Local Sustainable Development Boards established under Article 13;
- 2. "Charter" means this Charter establishing the PIDF;
- 3. "Conference" refers to the PIDF Conference established by Article 10;
- 4. "Council" refers to Member's Representative Council set up under Article 12;
- 5. "Fund" refers to the Regional Development Trust Fund established under Article 17;
- 6. "Host Country" refers to the Republic of Fiji;
- 7. "Inaugural Conference" refers to the PIDF Conference held in Nadi, Fiji from 5th to 7th August 2013;
- 8. "Members" areas defined in Articles 6 and 7 unless otherwise specified;
- 9. "*Member State*", means a member of PIDF that is also a state to legally distinguish them from Pacific territories, regional civil society organisations and regional private sector organisations;
- 10. "Organisation" refers to the PIDF established by Article 2;
- 11. "Pacific Islands" is defined in Schedule 1;
- 12. "Pacific Organisations" means Pacific regional civil society organisations and Pacific regional private sector organisations;
- 13. "Second Conference" refers to the PIDF Conference held in Nadi, Fiji from 18th to 20th June 2014;
- 14. "Secretariat" refers to the PIDF Secretariat established by Article 14;
- 15. "Secretary General" refers to the PIDF Secretary General appointed under Article 15;
- 16. "Subsidiary Bodies" refers to the Summit, the Council and any other bodies set up under this Charter by the Conference, Summit, Council and Secretariat;
- 17. "Summit" refers to the Leaders' Summit established by Article 11.

## **CHAPTER TWO - ESTABLISHMENT AND LEGAL STATUS**

### **ARTICLE 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PIDF**

The Pacific Islands Development Forum (hereinafter referred to as the PIDF) was established in 2013 and Pacific Islands and Pacific organisations sign this Charter to acknowledge PIDF as an international organisation on September 4, 2015.

#### **ARTICLE 3: LEGAL STATUS**

- 1. The PIDF shall have a legal personality with the capacity and power to enter into contract, acquire, own or dispose of movable or immovable property and to sue and be sued. The PIDF may also enter into agreements with states and international organisations.
- 2. In each Member State, the PIDF shall, pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article, have such legal capacity as is necessary for the proper exercise of its functions.

## **CHAPTER THREE - PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS**

### **ARTICLE 4: PURPOSES**

- 1. The PIDF shall drive, through national, regional and international frameworks, transformative changes by focusing on the sustainable and inclusive development of Pacific Islands by:
- advocating the very real and pressing significance of climate change for the lives and livelihoods of Pacific Islands and Pacific Islanders;
- implementing policies for sustainable development and especially poverty eradication that respond to the challenges posed by climate change and globalisation;
- accelerating the integration of the three pillars of sustainable development namely environment, social, and economic, to harmonise the pursuit of economic growth with the needs of societies and the sustainability of the environment; and
- facilitating the use of tools, approaches and innovations, such as Green-Blue Pacific economies, leadership and genuine partnerships to stimulate robust debate while fostering an inclusive change agenda.

### **ARTICLE 5: FUNCTIONS**

The PIDF shall:

- 1. Serve as a dynamic regional partnership platform that recognizes, celebrates, promotes and preserves the diversity of Pacific cultures, their history and the challenges they face from climate change, globalisation and development;
- 2. Provide an inclusive regional multi-stakeholder forum to enable collaboration between leaders and representatives of Pacific governments, civil society and private sector to take ownership of their decisions and actions to address their special development needs;
- 3. Provide an inclusive regional multi-stakeholder forum for leaders of the public sector, civil society and private sector;
- 4. Serve as the Pacific regional counterpart for the south-south groupings and other regional and international arrangements that focus on sustainable development and especially poverty eradication in Pacific Islands to ensure policy coherence at all levels;
- 5. Advocate for a robust, effective, inclusive and transparent follow up and review process to connect activity at national, regional and international levels;
- 6. Secure the support of development partners through formal agreements for technical assistance and financial resources to achieve sustainable development and poverty eradication outcomes.
- 7. Promote innovation through the adoption of robust policy designs, good governance practices, and scalable and adaptable technology choices to deliver transformational changes.
- 8. Support the development of national infrastructure of development to connect with regional and international institutions.
- 9. Develop an information hub for the dissemination of information on Green-Blue growth, sustainable development and especially poverty eradication.

## **CHAPTER FOUR - MEMBERSHIP AND EXTERNAL PARTIES**

### **ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPLES**

Members will share a commitment to the following principles:

- 1. A common commitment to Pacific ways of life recognizing history, culture, identity and the impacts of climate change. The Pacific should be governed by and for Pacific Islanders;
- 2. A shared and enduring commitment to Green-Blue Pacific economies, sustainable development and especially poverty eradication;
- 3. Inclusivity, belonging and ownership by the Pacific;
- 4. Broad representation, participation and engagement;
- 5. Multi-stakeholder governance at all levels such as public sector, civil society and private sector;
- 6. Affirming Pacific spirituality as a foundation of nurturing and building resilience in Pacific communities
- 7. Durable partnerships with development partners driven by Pacific interests.

### **ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. Membership of the PIDF is open to Pacific Islands and Pacific Organisations able and willing to exercise the rights and assume the obligations of membership.
- 2. Pacific Islands and Pacific Organisations listed in Schedules 1 and 2 hereto shall, upon signature of this Charter, be members of PIDF.
- 3. The procedure for application and admission to the PIDF shall be prescribed by the Conference.
- 4. Admission to membership will be effected by a decision of the Conference upon the recommendation of the Summit.

#### **ARTICLE 8: STATUS OF EXTERNAL PARTIES**

- 1. In conducting its external relations the PIDF may confer on an external party the formal status of a Development Partner, Special Observer, Guest or other status that may be established henceforth.
- 2. External parties may be invited to PIDF meetings and activities without being conferred any formal status.
- 3. PIDF Development Partners and Technical Partners listed in Schedule 3 will become Foundational Development Partners and Foundational Technical Partners when this Charter comes into force.

## **CHAPTER FIVE - INSTITUTIONS**

## **ARTICLE 9: INSTITUTIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The PIDF shall comprise:

- 1. The Conference;
- 2. The Leader's Summit;
- 3. The Member's Representative Council;
- 4. National/Local Sustainable Development Boards; and
- 5. The Secretariat

## **ARTICLE 10: THE CONFERENCE**

- 1. There shall be a Conference of leaders and representatives comprising members of the Leader's Summit and Member's Representative Council.
- 2. The Conference is the apex decision-making body of the PIDF. It shall, subject to the provisions of this Charter, discuss matters of common concern to the Pacific in the area of sustainable development and especially poverty eradication with a view to coordinating and harmonising the general policy of the Organisation.
- 3. The Conference shall:
  - a. deliberate, provide policy guidance and take decisions on key issues pertaining to the realisation of the objectives of the PIDF, important matters of interest to members and all issues referred to it by the Summit;
  - b. approve by acclamation the appointment of the Secretary General;
  - c. decide on the admission of new members to PIDF;
  - d. create committees, other institutions and organs as it may consider necessary;
  - e. determine its own rules; and
  - f. endorse amendments to this Charter.
- 4. The Conference shall meet every two years and in such extraordinary sessions as occasion may require. Special sessions shall be convoked by the Secretary-General at the request of the Summit or of a majority of the members of the PIDF.
- 5. The Chair of the Conference will be rotated amongst members. If it is not practical for a member to assume this role individually innovative efforts to support the Chair will be investigated, such as co-chairs and the constituent members of a Pacific Organisation partnering with a Government and National/Local Sustainable Development Board.
- 6. The member chairing the Conference also chairs the Summit and the Council.
- 7. The member holding the chair of the Conference shall:
  - a. actively promote and enhance the interests and wellbeing of the PIDF;
  - b. represent the PIDF in strengthening and promoting closer relations with external partners;
  - c. ensure they advocate for the centrality of the PIDF in their sustainable development and especially poverty eradication activities; and
  - d. ensure a timely and effective response to urgent issues affecting the PIDF.

## **ARTICLE 11: THE LEADER'S SUMMIT**

- 1. There shall be a Leader's Summit comprising Leaders of Pacific Islands governments and Pacific Organisations.
- 2. The Summit shall:
  - a. provide policy guidance for the PIDF;
  - b. oversee the functioning and development of PIDF;
  - c. oversee the implementation of the policies of PIDF and the proper execution of its programs;
  - d. advise the Conference on matters of overall policy and efficient and harmonious functioning and development of PIDF;
  - e. approve policies, the Strategic Plan, budget and work programmes of PIDF;
  - f. direct, coordinate and supervise the operations of the institutions of PIDF subordinate to it;
  - g. recommend, for approval to the Conference, the establishment of directorates, committees, other institutions and organs;
  - h. create its own committees as necessary;
  - i. recommend to the Conference candidates for appointment to the post of Secretary General; and
  - j. perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Conference or this Charter.
- 3. The Summit will meet once a year and in such special sessions as occasion may require. Special sessions shall be convoked by the Secretary General at the request of a majority of the members of the Summit.

### **ARTICLE 12: MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

- There shall be a Member's Representative Council comprising three members from each National/Local Sustainable Development Boards or their equivalent, a member from each Pacific Organisation and the Secretary General. The membership should reflect the multi-stakeholder (public sector, civil society and private sector) principle of the PIDF.
- 2. The Council shall:
  - a. Implement the Conference and the Summit's decisions through the National/Local Sustainable Development Boards and the Secretariat;
  - review activities of the Secretariat, evaluate the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the Conference and the Summit and elaborate recommendations and proposals to be presented to the Summit;
  - c. provide policy guidance to National/Local Sustainable Development Boards and the Secretariat;
  - d. consider issues related to coordination and cooperation with National/Local Sustainable Development Boards, inform the Summit about these issues and develop, if necessary, pertinent recommendations and proposals;
  - e. submit to the Summit for approval the annual budget of the PIDF;
  - f. consider the annual report of the Secretary General;
  - g. submit to the Summit for approval rules and procedures a Secretary General deems necessary to efficiently exercise their responsibilities, and the operations of the Secretariat;
  - h. nominate experts for carrying out the budget auditing; and,
  - i. develop rules and procedures to efficiently exercise its responsibilities.
- 3. The Council meets twice a year and in such special sessions as occasion may require. Special sessions shall be convoked by the Secretary General at the request of a majority of the members of the Council.

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## **ARTICLE 13: NATIONAL AND LOCAL REPRESENTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. There shall be national and local representation to implement the PIDF Purposes and to ensure that national and local priorities influence the agenda. This could occur through existing structures or through purpose built National/Local Sustainable Development Boards established by members.
- 2. The Board or its equivalent shall:
  - a. serve as the national/local focal point and repository of information on all PIDF matters at the national/ local level;
  - b. promote the establishment of multi-stakeholder and inclusive processes at the national/local level;
  - c. coordinate the implementation of the decisions of the PIDF at national/local level;
  - d. advocate and lead the vision and purposes of the PIDF at the national/local level;
  - e. report to the Council;
  - f. manage its affairs; and,
  - g. if an existing structure doesn't exist, develop rules and procedures necessary to efficiently exercise its responsibilities.
- 3. The creation of the Board, or acceptance of this role by its equivalent, will be supported by the Secretariat.
- 4. The Board or its equivalent will meet quarterly and in such special sessions as occasion may require.

## **ARTICLE 14: THE SECRETARIAT**

- 1. There shall be a Secretariat. The Secretariat shall be the principal administrative organ of the PIDF. The Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary General and such staff as the PIDF may require.
- 2. In addition to any functions which may be assigned to it by the PIDF, the Secretariat shall:
  - a. service meetings of the Conference, Summit, and the Council and take appropriate follow up action on determinations issuing from such meetings;
  - b. initiate, organise and conduct studies on issues relevant to the achievement of the PIDF's functions;
  - c. provide, on request, services to Members on matters relating to the achievement of the PIDF's functions;
  - d. collect, store and disseminate to Members information relevant for the achievement of the PIDF's functions
  - e. assist the Conference, Summit, and the Council in the development and implementation of proposals and programs for the achievement of the PIDF's functions;
  - f. co-ordinate in relation to the PIDF the activities of development partners, and national, regional international, and institutions for the achievement of the PIDF's functions;
  - g. prepare the draft Strategic Plan and annual budget of the PIDF for examination by the Organisation; and,
  - h. provide, on request, technical assistance to National/Local Sustainable Development Boards or their equivalent to facilitate the implementation of PIDF decisions.
- 3. In the performance of their duties the Secretary General and staff shall neither seek nor receive instructions from any Members or from any other authority external to the PIDF. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect adversely on their position as officials of the PIDF and shall be responsible only to the Organisation.
- 4. Members undertake to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary General and staff and shall not seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.
- 5. The working language of the PIDF shall be English.

## **ARTICLE 15: THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

- 1. There shall be a Secretary General.
- 2. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Conference, on the recommendation of the Leader's Summit, from amongst Pacific Islanders for a term of four years and may be reappointed once by the Conference.
- 3. The Secretary General shall, in addition to the powers conferred by or under the Charter, be the Chief Executive Officer of the PIDF and shall act in that capacity at all meetings of the Organisation and its Subsidiary Bodies. The Secretary General shall have the authority to sign on behalf of the PIDF. The Secretary General shall make an annual report to the Summit on the work of the PIDF.
- 4. The Secretary General shall:
  - a. represent the PIDF;
  - b. oversee the operations of the Secretariat;
  - c. manage relationship with the host country, Members and other bodies;
  - d. develop, as mandated, decisions of Organisation and its Subsidiary Bodies into implementable proposals;
  - e. identify and mobilise, as required, external resources to implement decisions at the regional level and undertake studies and develop decisions on relevant issues into implementable proposals;
  - f. implement, as mandated, decisions at the regional level for the achievement of the PIDFs objectives;
  - g. oversee the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of PIDF decisions;
  - h. initiate or develop proposals for consideration and decision by the Organisation and its Subsidiary Bodies in order to achieve PIDF objectives; and,
  - i. recommend rules and procedures necessary to efficiently exercise their responsibilities, and the operations of the Secretariat.

## **CHAPTER SIX - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 16: BUDGETING AND FINANCE**

- 1. The following principles guide the PIDF's budgetary considerations.
  - a. Generosity. Members and development partners may voluntarily pledge to contribute to the budget of the PIDF.
  - **b. Inclusivity**. All members participate in the budget process through the governance functions afforded to the Council, Summit and Conference;
  - c. Accountability. Conforming to international standards of financial management and audit;
  - d. Sustainability. True costs of projects accounted for in programming.
- 2. The budget of PIDF shall be funded through voluntary gifts and contributions made by members, and such other sources as may be determined by the Summit.
- 3. The use of voluntary pledges may be a transitional measure while a sustainable funding model is developed.
- 4. The PIDF shall:
  - a. be responsible for the mobilisation of its own and other resources required for the implementation of its programs and projects; and,
  - b. create such institutions and facilities as may be necessary for the effective mobilisation and efficient application of resources for regional development.
- 5. The Secretary General shall:
  - a. prepare the annual budget of the Secretariat for approval by the Summit upon the recommendation of the Council;
  - b. investigate the mobilisation of resources through innovative funding modalities to ensure the sustainability of the PIDF; and,
  - c. prepare and submit to the Summit, through the Council, for approval financial regulations, standing orders and rules for the management of the affairs of PIDF.
- 6. The Secretariat shall be provided with and source the necessary financial resources to perform its functions effectively.

### **ARTICLE 17: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND**

- 1. The PIDF will establish a Regional Development Trust Fund dedicated to the development of long-term sustainability of the activities of the PIDF.
- 2. The Fund shall, subject to this Charter, consist of contributions from Members and Development Partners, and such other sources for the purposes and functions of the organisation as defined in this Charter.
- 3. The Summit shall determine the modalities for the institutionalisation, operation and management of the Fund. The Fund shall be governed in terms of financial regulations made in accordance with this Charter.

## **ARTICLE 18: EXTERNAL AUDIT**

- 1. The Council shall appoint external auditors and shall fix their fees and remuneration at the beginning of each financial year.
- 2. The Secretary General shall cause to be prepared and audited annual statements of accounts for the Secretariat and submit them to the Summit for approval.

## **CHAPTER SEVEN - IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEDGES**

### **ARTICLE 19: IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES**

- 1. The Host Country Agreement concluded between the PIDF and the Government of the Republic of Fiji on 20 June 2014 shall continue to govern relations between the PIDF and the Host Country.
- 2. The PIDF, its institutions and staff shall, in the territory of each Member State, have such immunities and privileges as are necessary for the proper performance of their functions under this Charter, and which shall be similar to those accorded to international organisations.

## **CHAPTER EIGHT - AMENDMENTS AND REVIEW**

### **ARTICLE 20: AMENDMENT**

- 1. Any Member may propose an amendment to the Charter.
- 2. Amendment to the Charter requires a two thirds majority of the Members of the Summit and the adoption of a Special Resolution of the Conference.

### **ARTICLE 21: REVIEW**

The Charter will be reviewed at four-year intervals by the Conference.

## **CHAPTER NINE - DISPUTE MECHANISM**

## **ARTICLE 22: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Charter, the interpretation, application or validity of other subsidiary instruments made under this Charter, which cannot be settled amicably, shall be referred in the first instance to the Council and if they cannot be settled to the Summit.

## **CHAPTER TEN -TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

## **ARTICLE 23: TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 1. The Secretariat and its practices are subsumed in this Charter.
- 2. All agreements, understandings, declarations, concords and other PIDF instruments which have been in effect before the entry into force of this Charter shall continue to be valid.
- 3. The Senior Official's Committee (SOC) shall continue to operate until such time as the Member's Representative Committee is convened. SOC membership will be reviewed at the Conference to reflect the membership.

## **CHAPTER ELEVEN - ENTRY INTO FORCE**

### **ARTICLE 24: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

- 1. The Charter will enter into force upon the signature of two eligible members.
- 2. The Instruments of Signature shall be lodged with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Host Country, which shall provide a certified copy to each member.
- 3. Upon additional members signing and ratifying the agreement certified copies of the Instruments of Signature will be made available to all existing members.

### **INSTRUMENT OF SIGNATURE**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Leaders of the Pacific have appended their signatures to this Charter.

#### DONE at Suva, FIJI

**THIS** 4th day of September 2015 in a single copy which shall be lodged with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Host Country by whom certified copies will be communicated to all the signatories.

#### SIGNED by:

#### GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji: Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama. Chief Executive Officer Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation: Nesbitt Hazelman.

#### GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

Third Secretary High Commission of the Republic of Kiribati to Fiji: Teairo Ioane. Executive Assistant, Pacific Islands Development Forum: Litia Sevakasiga.

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATE OF MICRONESIA

Vice President Federated State of Micronesia: Yosiwo P George. Special Assistant to the Vice President Federated State of Micronesia: Herman Semem Jr.

#### GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Marshall Islands: Tony deBrum. Representative of the Private Sector, Republic of the Marshall Islands: Jerry Kramer.

#### GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF NAURU

High Commissioner Nauru High Commission: Jarden Kephas Interim Secretary General, Pacific Islands Development Forum: Amena Yauvoli

#### GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

Prime Minister Solomon Islands: Manasseh Sogavare. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Solomon Islands: Milner Tozaka.

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

Prime Minister, Kingdom of Tonga: Samuela 
Akilisi Pohiva.
Governor of Haapai, Civil Society Representative Kingdom of Tonga: Moale Finau.

#### GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries & Biosecurity, Republic of Vanuatu: Christophee Emelee. First Political Advisor Republic of Vanuatu: James Matariko

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Chairman of the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisations: Keutekarakia Mataroa. Deputy Secretary General, Pacific Islands Development Forum: Penijamini Lomaloma

## **SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITION OF PACIFIC ISLANDS**

Pacific Islands as used in this Charter refers to:

- 1. Territory of American Samoa
- 2. Cook Islands
- 3. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- 4. The Republic of Fiji
- 5. French Polynesia
- 6. Territory of Guam
- 7. The Republic of Kiribati
- 8. The Republic of Marshall Islands
- 9. The Federated States of Micronesia
- 10. The Republic of Nauru
- 11. New Caledonia
- 12. Niue
- 13. Republic of Palau
- 14. The Independent State of Papua New Guinea
- 15. Pitcairn Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands
- 16. Independent State of Samoa
- 17. Solomon Islands
- 18. The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
- 19. Tokelau
- 20. The Kingdom of Tonga
- 21. Tuvalu
- 22. Vanuatu
- 23. Wallis and Futuna Islands

## SCHEDULE 2: FOUNDATIONAL PIDF MEMBERS AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Foundational PIDF members and development partners at the transition to the Charter are:

#### FOUNDATIONAL MEMBERS

- A. PACIFIC ISLANDS
  - 1. Cook Islands
  - 2. The Federated States of Micronesia
  - 3. The Republic of Fiji
  - 4. French Polynesia
  - 5. Territory of Guam
  - 6. The Republic of Kiribati
  - 7. The Republic of Marshall Islands
  - 8. The Republic of Nauru
  - 9. New Caledonia
  - 10. The Independent State of Papua New Guinea
  - 11. Solomon Islands
  - 12. The Democratic Republic of Timor Leste
  - 13. Tokelau
  - 14. The Kingdom of Tonga
  - 15. Tuvalu
  - 16. The Republic of Vanuatu
  - 17. Wallis & Futuna Islands
- B. REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS
  - 1. Pacific Islands Association of Non- Government Organizations
  - 2. Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization

## SCHEDULE 3: FOUNDATIONAL PIDF DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AND TECHNICAL PARTNERS

Foundational PIDF development partners and technical partners at the transition to the Charter are:

- A. FOUNDATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
  - 1. People's Republic of China
  - 2. Republic of Turkey
  - 3. State of Kuwait
  - 4. State of Qatar
  - 5. United Arab Emirates

#### **B. TECHNICAL PARTNERS**

- 1. International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- 2. Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)
- 3. Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
- 4. University of the South Pacific (USP)
- 5. World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF)

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