

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION

"A UNITED PACIFIC WORKING TOWARDS A COMMON SOLUTION"

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Head of Secretariat Message



This year the OCO saw two of its members Tuvalu and Cook Islands accede to the Revised Kyoto Convention and assisted nine nations in implementing the Harmonised Commodity Classification system under the Pacer Plus arrangements, this included developing nine regional experts from amongst its membership on the Rules of Origin. The Pacer Plus project has proved to be a highly successful project in which a standardized platform of trade classification exists across the Pacific's smaller islands to bring them in line with larger memberships. That project also engaged business leaders and private sector communities in its reach.

Those that adopted the Harmonised Classification system are now well placed to engage Free Trade Agreements and integrate broadly

with international trade standardization, it is hoped that the members that have not yet introduced the HS system will do so in the next year to ensure the Pacific becomes fully integrated in trade.

There has been some great collaboration with regional partners this year with two MOU's being signed, this collaboration will continue into the next year as engagements with the WCO, WHO, PFTAC, USPTO, NZ Customs and ABF, PICP and PIDC continue to evolve through engagement with the Boe Declarations that will see coordinated border enforcement evolve as a key focus.

The Saipan conference was a great success and we thank the Head of CNMI Customs Mr. Jose Mafnas for organizing the conference, the presentations certainly highlighted the changing face of trade in the Pacific and reflected the Boe declaration with Climate Security, Human Security and Humanitarian Assistance, Environmental and Resource Security, Transnational Crime, Cybercrime and Cyber enabled crime being key pillars of which Customs in the Pacific will impact. We also farewelled the interim HOS Roy Lagolago who provided fantastic stewardship during his time and we thank him for stepping in to assist.

Looking forward the OCO has a challenging 2020 with a lot of work being planned for Border Enforcement and Trade Facilitation concepts, including the Asycuda program being introduced into a number of islands, the OCO will work collaboratively with PIFS and UNCTAD to ensure this occurs efficiently.

Thank you,

Richard Brennan Head of Secretariat

Understanding the Oceania Customs Organisation

The Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) was established in 1986 originally with six member Customs organisations under the Customs Head of Administration Regional Meeting (CHARM) and progressively expanded until in 2011, Timor Leste became the most recent member. The OCO comprises of twenty-three nations and territories that are independent Customs jurisdictions in the Pacific.

Mission

OCO's mission is to facilitate and where appropriate help administrations to align with customs international standards and best practice leading to greater economic prosperity and increased border security within the Oceania region.

Vision

To be recognised as a world class regional Customs Organisation that collaborates with regional and global partners to deliver high quality services and sustainable solutions to Member Administrations

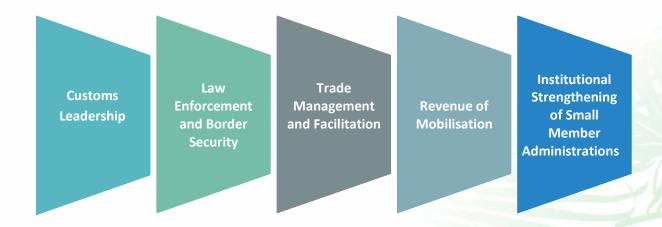
Values

We value our members and are committed to providing targeted assistance and lasting solutions to meet their priority needs

We value our development partners and stakeholders and are committed to transparent dialogue and working closely together to serve regional, global and national interests.

We value governance and credible and inspirational leadership

Our Strategic Priorities Areas



Our Staff Profile

As at 30 June 2019, seven full-time staff, representing three OCO Member countries were employed by the OCO Secretariat.

CNMI hosts the 21st Annual Conference

The 21st Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) annual conference commenced on 13th May, 2019 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI), hosted by the CNMI Customs division with the theme "A united Pacific working towards a common solution".



The Conference brought together over 90 delegates from 21 member customs administration and key partners including the WCO, ROCB Asia Pacific, Korea Customs, IMF Pacific Financial and Technical Assistance Center (PFTAC), Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Centre (PTCCC), Pacific Islands Chief of Police (PICP), Pacific Community (SPC), United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations International Narcotics Control Board, United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United States Patent Office, World Bank group, World Health Organisation, United States Coast Guard, United States Secret Service and JIATF West and CNMI agencies and private sector stakeholders.

Key Outcomes

The OCO members on the opening day witnessed three milestone achievements which was the accession of two non-WCO members, Tuvalu and Cook Islands to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Revised Kyoto Convention) and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the UNCTAD and the OCO.

Accession of Cook Islands to the Revised Kyoto Convention



Cook Islands' Associate Minister of Finance, Mr. Tingika Elikana, representing the Government of the Cook Islands, deposited Cook Islands' instrument of accession to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonisation of Customs Procedures (Revised Kyoto Convention), with the Deputy Secretary General of the WCO, Mr. Ricardo Trevino. With this, Cook Islands becomes 117th Contracting Party, and the second non-WCO Member to accede to the Convention after Kiribati in 2018.

Accession of Tuvalu to the Revised Kyoto Convention



Tuvalu's Head of Customs, Mr. Tuilagi Teii, representing the Government of Tuvalu, deposited Tuvalu's instrument of accession to Revised Kyoto Convention, with the Deputy Secretary General of the WCO, Mr. Ricardo Trevino. With this, Tuvalu becomes 118th Contracting Party, and the third non-WCO Member to accede to the Convention after Kiribati in 2018, and Cook Islands earlier.

Official signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between OCO and UNCTAD



The OCO and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide a general framework of cooperation between the parties, and to facilitate and strengthen collaboration in areas of common interest.

SNAPSHOT—— of —— **PERFORMANCE**2018-2019



Regional Workshops conductedSub-regional Workshops conducted



Assisted **9**Countries to
Implement
Harmonised
System 2017



Assist $oldsymbol{2}$ countries to acccede to the Revised Kyoto Convention



155 Customs Officers Trained

69% Male 31% Female

9 PACER Plus Rules of Origin Trainers Accredited



8 Collaborative Activity with Stakeholders & Partners

WCO, WHO, PFTAC, UNEP, US Patent Office, NZ Police, ABF, MSG

> **123** Customs Stakeholders Trained

4 National workshops

Fiji, Kiribati, Cook Islands, RMI

17 Countries benefitted from Capacity Building Activities

American Samoa, Fiji, Cook Island, Guam, CNMI, FSM, RMI, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu





- 2 Memorandum of Understanding and
- 1 Declaration of Partnership signed

MSG Secretariat, US Patent Office, Pacific Immigration Development Community, PICP

Over **80%** Work Plan Implemented

56% of Budget implemented





9 Engagement and Representation at different forums

WCO, WTO Trade Facilitation Meeting, WCO Capacity Builidng Meeting, APEC Subcomittee on Customs, Pacific Sector Dialogue, PICP, PFTAC, PASSO

TIMELINE

Timeline of Activity from July 2018 to JUNE 2019

July 2018

Forum Trade Officials Meeting & PACER Plus Signatory Trade Officials

The OCO was represented at the Forum Trade Officials Meeting and PACER Plus Signatories Meeting, Apia, Samoa on the 11th of July, 2018.



PACER Plus Rules of Origin Train-the-Trainers Program Phase 1

The OCO in partnership with Centre for Customs and Excise Studies, Charles Sturt University and through the PACER Pus Funding held the PACER Plus Rules of Origin (ROO) Train-the-Trainers Program which will be based on a blended learning format consisting of four phases.



Sub-Regional Workshop on the Revenue Package with the focus on HS 2017

The Workshop in collaboration with the New Zealand Customs Service was undertaken to assist members to implement HS 2017. The 5 members targeted in this action (FSM, RMI, Palau, Guam and CNMI) are currently using different versions of HS and two countries do not have HS infrastructure in place. Three countries have adopted HS 2017 following the Workshop.



August 2018

Private Sector Dialogue Preparatory Meeting

The 2018 Private Sector Dialogue Preparatory Meeting was convened on 6 & 7 August 2018 in Auckland, New Zealand. The OCO was represented and made presentation on PACER Plus element of trade facilitation and Customs matters.



APEC Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures

The APEC SCCP meeting was held on 10-12 in PNG and attended by delegates from 16 APEC Member economies and representatives from the WCO and OCO participated as observers. OCO made presentations on "Trade Facilitation in the Oceania Region" and "Narrowing the Development Gaps in the OCO Region".



Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Conference

The OCO was represented at the PICP Conference in Nauru from the 11-17 August, 2018.



September 2018

Pacific Aviation Security Forum

The OCO was represented at the Pacific Aviation Security Forum in Niue from the 24-28 September, 2018.



Network and Thematic Meeting of Pacific Islands Countries Ozone

The first Thematic Meeting on the Implementation of the Initial Obligations for Countries that have ratified the Montreal Protocol's Kigali Amendment was held on 27 September 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand as part of the Pacific Islands Countries' National Ozone Officers Network and Thematic Meeting held from 27-29 September.



October 2018

WHO Workshop on Tracking and Tracing to Prevent the Illicit Trade of Tobacco Products in the Pacific

The OCO in collaboration with the WHO held a Workshop on tracking and tracing to prevent illicit trade of tobacco products in the Pacific held in Nadi, Fiji from 23-25th October, 2018.



PACER Plus ROO TTT Program - Phase 3

The final face to face workshop for Train the Trainers was conducted in Canberra from 8-12 October and saw 19 pre-accredited trainers graduate from the Charles Sturt University in Canberra.



November 2018

MSG Sub-Regional Workshop on Regional Integration and WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Implementation

Through its partnership with the MSG Secretariat and partnerships with Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Pacific Community, OCO convened the Sub-Regional Workshop on the Regional Integration & WTO TFA Implementation. This workshop targeted the strengthening of cooperation amongst members to implement trade facilitation measures that can help drive regional integration.



December 2018

National Workshops on Financial Crime in Cook Islands

The OCO in collaboration with key law enforcement partners conducted a five-day workshop on National Training in Illicit Financial Flow and Trade Enforcement in the Cook Islands from the 3-7 December, 2018. A total of 14 customs officials took part in the workshop.



Pacific Regional Vessel Search Course

The Regional Vessel Search Course under the International Border Cooperation Program (IBCP) was organized by the Australian Department of Home Affairs. A total of 9 customs officials took part in the workshop held in Sydney.



WCO Sub-Regional Workshop on Customs Valuation

Through its partnership with the WCO, five members of the OCO participated in the WCO Sub-Regional Workshop on Customs Valuation for the Pacific. The objectives of the workshop were to provide understanding of the WTO Valuation Agreement and more importantly undertake practical exercises of valuation cases which participants have encountered and/or became aware in the course of their duty and regarded as difficult/unique to the valuation determination for the purpose of plenary



Sub Regional [Polynesian] Financial Crime & Trade Enforcement Training

The OCO in partnership with NZ Customs, PICP, NZ Police, APG, JIATF West and Strategika Group conducted a 5-day Sub-Regional training on Financial Crime and Trade Enforcement at the NZ Customs Training Center in Auckland, New Zealand. The Training saw 11 Customs officers from Polynesian countries attend the week long training.



January 2019

Building Capacity in Transposition of PACER Plus Schedule of Commitments on Tariff and Product Specific Rules

The Workshop was conducted by OCO Consultants and Secretariat and in partnership with the Tonga Ministry of Revenue and Customs. 36 Trade and Customs Officials from the 11 PACER Plus Parties took part in the four-day workshop from 21-24 January, 2019



February 2019

National Workshops on Financial Crime in Kiribati

The OCO in collaboration with key law enforcement partners conducted a five-day workshop on National Training in Illicit Financial Flow and Trade Enforcement in Kiribati from the 18-22 February, 2019. A total of 10 customs officials took part in the workshop.



WTO Customs Valuation Workshop

The OCO was represented in Geneva and presented a paper at the WTO Customs Valuation workshop from the 12-14 February 2019.

APEC Plenary Meeting - Sub Committee on Customs Procedures

The OCO presented a paper on OCO regional priorities, direction and challenges. The meeting was held in Chile from the 26-27 February, 2019.



March 2019

Changing the dynamics of transitional organised crime modality in the Pacific

The OCO in collaboration with NZ Police conducted a two-day workshop on changing the dynamics of transitional organised crime modality in the Pacific in Suva, Fiji from the 18-19 March 2019. A total of 14 law enforcement officers took part in the workshop.



April 2019

Asia Regional Workshop on Enforcement Against Trade in Counterfeit Food, Beverages, Cosmetics, and Fast Moving Consumer Goods

The OCO in partnership with the USPTO had 4 of its members attend an Asia Regional Workshop on Enforcement Against Trade in Counterfeit Food, Beverages, Cosmetics, and Fast Moving Consumer Goods, which was held on April 2-5, 2019, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



WCO Capacity Building Committee

The OCO was represented at the WCO Capacity Building Committee Meeting held in Brussels from the 8-10 April, 2019. The OCO was part of a panel dedicated to Small Islands Economies and presented the OCO view on the theme "Connecting Small Island States to Global Economies through Capacity Building"



PSR Transposition Work

The Workshop was attended by 13 Officials representing ten of the PACER Plus signatory parties aimed at to provide technical assistance and guidance to participants to undertake actual transposition of the PACER Plus Product Specific Rule (PSR) Schedule and Tariff Schedule Commitment from HS 2012 and HS 2017.



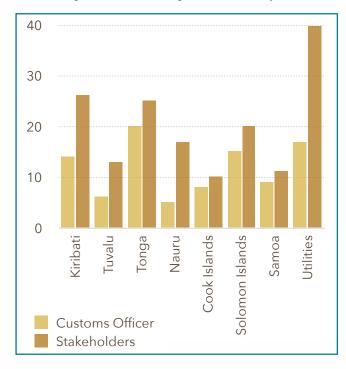
PACER Plus Activities | 2018-2019

1. Support FICs customs administrations to implement HS 2017 and to prepare them to progress to implementing HS 2022

The OCO has completed the in-country work to assist members with the transposition work from the current HS to the HS 2017. Seven of the countries have adopted HS 2017 and with two countries, Kiribati and Samoa undertaking internal processes to adopt HS 2017.

This activity has also included training of Customs and Stakeholders in HS 2017 training a total of 110 customs Officers and 162 Stakeholders/Customs Brokers.

Fig. 1 National Training on Harmonised System



2. HS Tools to assist Users of the HS

The OCO purchased the WCO HS 2017 Legal text for the nine signatory members to assist them with the transposition to HS 2017 and subscriptions to the online Harmonized System Database.

3. Transposition of Tariff Schedule and Product Specific Rules from HS 2012 (or earlier) to HS 2017

Two Guidelines; Guidelines for Transposing Tariff Reduction Schedules and Product Specific Rules were developed to provide information for undertaking HS transposition.

The OCO facilitated the Regional Workshop on Transposition of PACER Plus Tariff Schedules and Products Specific Rules (PSR) from HS 2012-HS which was held at the Tanoa International Dateline Hotel, Tonga on 21-24 January, 2019. The Workshop was attended by 36 Trade and Customs Officials representing eleven of the PACER Plus signatory parties.

The OCO convened the 2nd Transposition Workshop in Nadi on 1-5 April, 2019. The participants were trained on how to undertake the transposition themselves. At the end of the Workshop, all of the participants indicated that with the knowledge gained from the Workshop they are able to undertake the remaining transposition work on their own at the national level with technical advice from OCO, Australia, and New Zealand when needed through email communication.

The Parties are undertaking their own transposition in-country with draft schedules expected to be circulated amongst parties in June 2019.

4. Development of Training Modules and Training of the Trainers on PACER Plus Rules of Origin

This program was coordinated and facilitated by Centre for Customs and Excise Studies (CCES) and included the Core Train the Trainers Course, online Certificate IV Rules of Origin Training and the Specialized PACER Plus ROO TTT Course.

A total of 18 Customs Officials underwent the ROO TTT Program.

5. PACER Plus ROO In-Country Training and Stakeholder Awareness

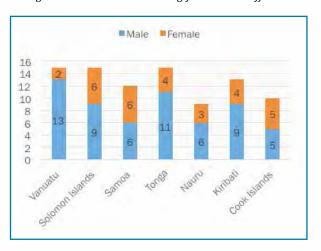
The PACER Plus ROO Training is two-fold at the national level; (i) training is conducted for Customs Officials and (ii) for the stakeholders/private sector on the utilization of the PSR.

The first phase of training for Customs Officials commenced in November, 2018 with seven countries completed. The training was conducted by the OCO Trainers that were part of the PACER Plus ROO TTT Program. Fig 2 shows the Training Statistics by country. A total of 89 Customs Officers have been trained with 34% Female Officers.

6. Customs Officers Capacity Building on PACER Plus and Customs Matters

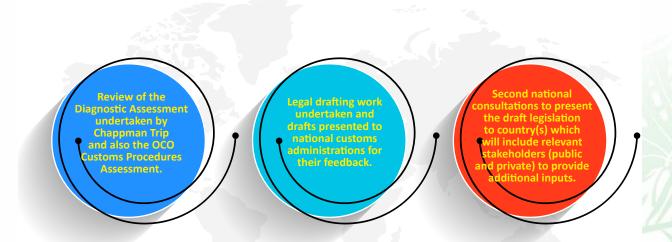
The general capacity building is an ongoing work at the national level with both in-country support and technical advice.

Fig. 2 PACER Plus ROO Training for Customs Officials



7. Strengthening Legislative Capacity

The legal consultants began their work in November 2018. The general approach undertaken by both Consultants is shown in Figure below.



Legal work has been completed for three countries, Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga. The remaining work is ongoing.

7. High Level Representation

In the OCO bid to strengthen engagements with members, the Head of Secretariat undertook 2 visits to PACER Plus Parties, Samoa and Cook Islands. The country visits was ritical to consolidate support for customs modernisation and implementation of key deliverables of the PACER Plus project and as part of the OCO communication and engagement strategy.

Trade Facilitation in customs Cooperation (TFCC) project

The end-of-project audit of the TFCC has been finalised and final TFCC project balance of €9,249,04 was reimbursed to the European Commission (EC) in November 2018. The EC was requested to close the project in their financial system. The final treatment for the project has been factored into the 2019-22 budget approved by the 2019 Annual Conference.

The current cash balance of the TFCC project, after settlement of all outstanding project liabilities in November 2018, is FJ\$220,824.79, and belongs to the OCO. This cash balance was treated as current year income in June as part of the TFCC project closure process. This amount does not appear on OCO's books, and the expected treatment of the amount would be to close the project bank account and transfer the funds to OCO's operating bank account.

Financial Results

The OCO Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2019 have been prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards, and are annexed to this Annual Report. They show total expenditure for the year of FJ\$3.7m (2017/18 FJ\$3.1m), a surplus for the year of FJ\$0.369m(2017/18 FJ\$1.7m), total assets of FJ\$3.9m (2017/18 FJ\$2.9million), and accumulated surpluses at 30 June 2019 of FJ\$2.9m (2017/18 FJ\$2.5million). The financial results for the 30 June 2019 fiscal year are compared against results for the year ended 30 June 2018.

OCO Partners and Supporters

The OCO would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution and on-going support of the following organisations to the work of the organisation.

- 1. Asian Development Bank
- 2. European Union through the European Union Delegation for the Pacific
- 3. Government of Australia through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 4. Government of New Zealand through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 5. Government of Republic of Fiji through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- 6. Government of Japan through Japan Customs and Tariff Bureau
- 7. Government of Korea through Korea Customs Service
- 8. Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat
- New Zealand Statistics
- 10. Pacific Financial and Technical Assistance Centre
- 11. Pacific Immigration Development Community
- 12. Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police
- 13. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- 14. Pacific Islands Law Officers Network
- 15. Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Centre
- 16. Secretariat of the Pacific Community
- 17. United Nations Conference for Trade and Development
- 18. United Nations Economic & Social Commission for the Asia Pacific
- 19. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- 20. World Bank
- 21. World Customs Organisation (WCO)
- 22. World Health Organization (WHO)
- 23. WCO Regional Office for Capacity Building for Asia Pacific
- 24. WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia Pacific
- 25. World Trade Organisation

Acronyms

ABF Australian Border Force

APG Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering

AUSTRAC Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

CENComm Customs Enforcement Network Communications

CIAT Center for Tropical Agriculture

CNMI Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

DEPA Document Examination Principles and Application

ESCAP United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

FRCS Fiji Revenue & Customs Service

FSM Federated States of Micronesia

Guam CQA Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency

HS Harmonised System

IMF International Monetary Fund

IOTA Distributed ledger to record and execute transactions between machines in the Internet of

Things (IoT) ecosystem

ISORA International Survey on Revenue Administration

ISOCA International Survey on Customs Administration

JIATF Joint Interagency Task Force

LMD Leadership and Management Development

MFAT Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MSG Melanesian Spearhead Group

NZCS New Zealand Customs Service

NZP New Zealand Police

OCO Oceania Customs Organisation

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PACER The Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations

PACHS Pacific Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System

PCA Post Clearance Audit

PFTAC Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre

PICP Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police

PICS Pacific Island Countries

PICTA Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement

PIDC Pacific Immigration Development Community

PIFS Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

PITAA Pacific Islands Tax Administrators Association

PMDP Pacific Management Development Program

PNG Papua New Guinea

PTCCC Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Center

RA-FIT Revenue Administration's Fiscal Information Tool

RMI Republic of Marshall Islands

ROCB AP WCO Regional Office on Capacity Building, Asia Pacific

RILO APWCO Regional Intelligence and Liaison Office, Asia Pacific

RKC Revised Kyoto Convention

SMA Small Member Administration

SPC Secretariat of the Pacific Community

TA Trade Agreement

TFA Trade Facilitation Agreement

TFCC Trade Facilitation in Customs Cooperation

UNCTAD United Nations Conference for Trade and Development

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

US ICE United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

VAT Value Added Tax

WCO World Customs Organisation

WHO World Health Organisation

WTO World Trade Organization

Annex I

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF SECRETARIAT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

As the Head of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat ("the Secretariat"), I hereby declare that:

- a) the accompanying statement of financial position of the Secretariat is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Secretariat at 30 June 2019;
- b) the accompanying statement of comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Secretariat for the year ended 30 June 2019;
- c) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Secretariat for the year ended 30 June 2019;
- d) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe the Secretariat will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- e) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Secretariat.

For and on behalf of the Secretariat.

Dated this 8th day of October 2019.

Richard Brennan Head of Secretariat



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Head of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat

As lead auditor for the audit of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat for the financial year ended 30 June 2019, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat during the financial year.

Ernst & Young

Chartered Accountants

Sikeli Tuinamuana

Partner Suva, Fiji

8 October 2019



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat ("Organisation"), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Organisation as at 30 June 2019, and of its financial performance, cash flows, and financial performance against budget for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISA"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organisation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements in Fiji and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Steering Committee and Management for the Financial Statements

The Steering Committee and management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in accordance with IPSAS, and for such internal control as the Steering Committee and Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Steering Committee and management are responsible for assessing the Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Steering Committee and management either intend to liquidate the Organisation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Steering Committee and management are responsible for overseeing the Organisation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud and error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT continued

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements continued

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organisation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Steering Committee and management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Steering Committee and management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures, are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organisation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Steering Committee and management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Steering Committee and management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants

Sikeli Tuinamuana Partner

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8 October 2019

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Devenue from non evaluate transactions	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue from non-exchange transactions Australia grant - core		917,993	928,218
New Zealand grant income - core		830,000	830,000
Members' contribution		506,108	520,128
		2,254,101	2,278,346
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Australia grant income - project funding		957,293	1,303,495
New Zealand grant income - project funding		427,459	1,139,701
Other income	3	517,094	118,595
		1,901,846	2,561,791
Total income		4,155,947	4,840,137
Expenditure			
Operating expenses	4	3,702,054	3,023,794
Depreciation		61,394	58,342
Doubtful debts		22,521	27,568
Total expenditure		3,785,969	3,109,704
Surplus of income over expenditure		369,978	1,730,433
Total comprehensive income for the period		369,978	1,730,433
Accumulated surplus at 1 July		2,537,710	807,277
Accumulated surplus at 30 June		2,907,688	2,537,710
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OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current assets		*	*
Cash and cash equivalents	11	2,583,987	1,861,172
Receivables and prepayments	5	659,067	324,523
Total current assets	_	3,243,054	2,185,695
	_		
Non-current assets			
Furniture and equipment	6	21,667	62,701
Intangible assets	7	61,333	53,627
Held-to-maturity investments	12	605,736	613,104
Total non-current assets		688,736	729,432
Total assets		3,931,790	2,915,127
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Current liabilities			
Creditors and other payables	8	118,385	153,092
Employee benefit liability	9	72,250	76,134
Owing to related party	10	-	148,191
Total current liabilities		190,635	377,417
Non current liabilities			
Deferred income		833,467	_
Total non-current liabilities		833,467	
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Total liabilities	_	1,024,102	377,417
Net assets	_	2,907,688	2,537,710
Represented by:			
Accumulated Funds			
General reserve fund		2,204,369	1,355,672
PACER plus specified fund		703,319	1,182,038
- 1		2,907,688	2,537,710
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Total accumulated surplus	_	2,907,688	2,537,710

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Operating activities		
Receipts from donors Receipts from members Payments to suppliers and employees Interest and other receipts	4,120,736 363,422 (3,740,646)	4,275,333 259,851 (2,910,679) 19,512
Net cash provided by operating activities	743,512	1,644,017
Investing activities		
Acquisition of fixed assets Placement of term deposits	(28,065) 7,368	(57,457) (613,104)
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(20,697)	(670,561)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	722,815	973,456
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	1,861,172	887,716
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 11	2,583,987	1,861,172

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Final Budgeted 2019 \$	Actual Comparable Basis 2019 \$	Performance Difference (under)/over 2019 \$
Income			
Australia	1,890,000	1,875,285	(14,715)
New Zealand	1,427,000	1,257,459	(169,541)
Member Subscriptions	680,000	506,108	(173,892)
Contribution in kind	78,487	78,487	-
Other Income	37,913	438,608	400,695
Total income	4,113,400	4,155,947	42,547
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	1,750,110	1,413,927	(336,183)
Travel costs	54,000	101,310	47,310
Meeting costs	240,100	218,143	(21,957)
Occupancy costs	91,600	80,176	(11,424)
Computer & Office equipment	12,000	11,139	(861)
Communications	63,300	28,599	(34,701)
Publicity	20,400	4,118	(16,282)
Professional fees	47,000	28,488	(18,512)
Finance charges	9,600	68,688	59,088
General and administration	64,800	46,215	(18,585)
Depreciation	21,100	61,394	40,294
Work program	1,984,100	1,723,772	(260,328)
Total expenses	4,358,110	3,785,969	(572,141)
Surplus of income over expenditure	(244,710)	369,978	614,689

^{*} Final budget was approved at the Oceania Customs Organisation Annual Conference in June 2018.

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The financial statements of the Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat ("OCOS" or "the Organisation") for the year ended 30 June 2019 were authorized for issue by the Head of Secretariat on 8 October 2019. The OCOS was established in Fiji under a Memorandum of Understanding between OCOS and the Government of Fiji on 15 March 2006. The principal activities of the Secretariat are detailed in note 14.

2.1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared primarily on the basis of historical costs, unless specifically stated otherwise, do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets. The financial statements are presented in Fijian dollars except when otherwise indicated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Organisation have been prepared in accordance with and comply with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS") issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board ("IPSASB").

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business

2.2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

Judgements

In the process of applying the Organisation's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which has the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the Financial Statements.

Estimations and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the statement of financial position date, that have a significant task of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Provision for doubtful debts

The Organisation maintains a provision for estimated losses expected to arise from members and other debtors being unable to make required payments. In assessing the provision, factors such as past collection history, the age of receivable balances, the level of activity in the member accounts, are taken into account.

2.3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Organisation is set out in this note. The policies adopted are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Fiji and, unless stated otherwise, are consistent with those applied in the prior year. All amounts are stated in Fijian currency.

(a) Revenue recognition

Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Transfers from other government entities

Revenues from non-exchange transactions with other government entities are measured at fair value and recognized on obtaining control of the asset (cash, goods, services and property) if the transfer is free from conditions and it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential related to the asset will flow to the Organisation and can be measured reliably.

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

2.3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

(a) Revenue recognition continued

Assessed contributions

Contributions from member countries are recognised on an accrual basis and made from reference to assessed computations approved at annual conferences.

Revenue from exchange transactions

Extra-budgetary funds

Funds received from governments and aid agencies under extra-budgetary work programmes are usually for specified purposes. These funds are separately identified in the accounting system and expenditure recorded against each fund. Revenue is generally recognized at the time of receipt of funds to comply with the fund reporting required by the donor.

Contribution in kind

Contribution in kind is recognized as income in the year of receipt. Contribution in kind provided by the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service represents the Fiji Government contribution towards the Secretariat. The grant includes the provision of office space and essential utilities free of charge.

(b) Income tax

The Secretariat is exempted from income tax under the Fiji Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act.

(c) Furniture and equipment

Items of furniture and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of property, plant and equipment:

Asset depreciation	Rate
Furniture and fittings	20%
IT equipment	40%
Office equipment	20%
Motor vehicle	20%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in the depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

(d) Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalised development costs, are not capitalised and expenditure is reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

(e) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, furniture and equipment, and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognized immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

2.3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

(f) Employee entitlements

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represent the amount which the Secretariat has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Wages and salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages, salaries and annual leave are recognized, and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

(g) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in the foreign currency are translated into Fijian dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are included in other income or other expenses.

(h) Bank overdrafts

Interest expense is recognized on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in finance costs.

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash at bank, deposits on call and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

(j) Held-to-maturity

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities are classified as held-to-maturity when the company has the positive intention and ability to hold it to maturity. After initial measurement, held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method (EIR), less impairment. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or cost that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included in finance income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in finance costs.

(k) Deferred income

Grants received for specific end purpose is recognised as revenue when the conditions attached to the grants have been met. Until those conditions are met, receipt of grant funds in advance is accounted for as deferred income and recognised as a liability.

(I) Comparatives

Where necessary comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

(m) Reserves

The general reserve fund contains balances of membership subscriptions and recurrent donor funding received for operation of the OCO, and Specified Funds, which include specific project funds. The PACER plus specified fund contains the balance of funding received from Australia and New Zealand for implementation of the Capacity Development project for Forum Island Countries for the implementation of Harmonised System 2017.

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

		2019	2018
3.	OTHER INCOME	\$	\$
	Contribution in kind (EDCS)	70 407	70 407
	Contribution in kind (FRCS) Interest income	78,487 23,924	78,487
	Other donors	414,683	19,512
	Other income	414,083	387
	Realised exchange gain	_	20,209
	Realised exchange gain	517,094	118,595
4.	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	\$
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	Advertisement	185	325
	Auditor's remuneration	10,015	10,015
	Annual conference	218,144	48,226
	Assets - not capitalised	2,943	2,690
	Bank charges and interest	8,671	8,367
	Bad debts	- 70.000	7,670
	Occupancy costs	79,988	82,947
	Entertainment	1,930 7,879	3,652
	Insurance (motor vehicle and general) Legal fees	7,079	8,987 545
	Motor vehicle expenses	3,877	8,077
	Other administrative expenses	195	-
	Office equipment expenses	617	3,437
	Other professional fees	18,473	35,283
	Postage and stationery	2,723	4,654
	Publicity and public relation	4,118	18,175
	Realised exchange loss	29,071	-
	Repair and maintenance	1,434	3,815
	Salaries and other benefits	1,413,925	1,343,394
	Software maintenance	9,274	6,817
	Staff amenities	3,964	5,419
	Telecommunication and facsimile	28,599	43,379
	Travel and accommodation	101,311	29,488
	Unrealized exchange loss	30,946	59,613
	Work program	1,723,772	1,288,819
		3,702,054	3,023,794
5.	RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS	\$	\$
	Members' contributions	415,775	353,609
	Prepayments	15,940	9,616
	Other receivables	273,351	151,027
	Less: provision for doubtful debts	(45,999)	(189,729)
		659,067	324,523

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

6. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

fittings \$ 20,191 7,975 28,166	Equipment \$	\$ 253,280 24,488 277,768 3,467 281,235	vehicles \$ 127,387 73,620 201,007	\$ 428,138 182,230
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28,166	103,427	281,235		3,467
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8,905	700,0	168,126	127,387	310,925
2,752	4,716	47,044		54,512
7,975	76,147	24,488	73,620	182,230
19,632	87,370	239,658	201,007	547,667
2,751	4,716	37,034		44,501
22,383	92,086	276,692	201,007	592,168
5,783	11,341	4,543		21,667
8,534	16,057	38,110		62,701
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OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

7.	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	2019	2018
	Software costs	\$	\$
	Cost:		
	At 1 July	57,457	-
	Additions	24,598	57,457
	At 30 June	82,055	57,457
	Amortisation and impairment:		
	At 1 July	3,830	_
	Amortisation	16,892	3,830
	At 30 June	20,722	3,830
	Net book value as at 30 June	61,333	53,627
8.	TRADE CREDITORS AND OTHER PAYABLES	\$	\$
	Trade creditors	104,305	141,295
	Accruals	14,080	11,797
		118,385	153,092
9.	EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS	\$	\$
	Annual leave entitlements	72,250	76,134
10.	OWING TO RELATED PARTY	\$	\$
	Net amounts owing to related party		
	Expenses for Core paid by project	-	148,191
11.	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	\$
	Cash on hand	300	300
	Cash at bank	1,806,506	1,073,726
	Short-term deposits	777,181	787,146
		2,583,987	1,861,172

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

		2019	2018
12.	HELD TO MATURITY INVESTMENTS	\$	\$
	Term deposits- ANZ	605,736	613,104

The term of the investment is 6 months at an interest rate of 1.77%

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- a) Capital expenditure commitments at balance date amounted to \$Nil (2018: \$Nil).
- b) Contingent liabilities at balance date amounted to \$Nil (2018: \$189,154).

14. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The OCOS facilitates and where appropriate helps member customs administrations align with customs international standards and best practice leading to greater economic prosperity and increased border security within the Oceania region.

15. SECRETARIAT DETAILS

Registered office

84 Harris Road

Suva

Fiji

Number of employees

As at balance date, 7 full time employees were employed by the Secretariat (2018: 7 employees).

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely not already considered in these Financial Statements, in the opinion of the Head of Secretariat, to affect significantly the operations of the Secretariat, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Secretariat in the subsequent financial period.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat for the year ended 30 June 2019 were authorized for issue by the Head of Secretariat on 8 October 2019.

OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT DISCLAIMER ON ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Disclaimer on additional Financial Information

The additional financial information, being the attached Detailed Income Statement has been compiled by the management of Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat.

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OCEANIA CUSTOMS ORGANISATION SECRETARIAT DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Income	2019 \$	2018 \$
A	4 075 000	0.004.740
Australia grant income	1,875,286	2,231,713
Contribution in kind (FRCS)	78,487	78,487
Interest income	23,924	19,512
Membership fee	506,108	520,128
New Zealand grant income	1,257,459	1,969,701
Other donors	414,683	-
Other income	-	387
Realized exchange gain	-	20,209
Total income	4,155,947	4,840,137
Expenditure		
Audit fee	10,015	10,015
Assets - not capitalised	2,943	2,690
Advertisement	185	325
Annual conference	218,144	48,226
Bank and finance charges	8,671	8,367
Bad debts	-	7,670
Depreciation	61,394	58,342
Doubtful debts	22,521	27,568
Entertainment	1,930	3,652
Insurance (motor vehicle and general)	7,879	8,987
Legal fees	-	545
Motor vehicle expenses	3,877	8,077
Occupancy costs	79,988	82,947
Office equipment expenses	617	3,437
Other administrative expenses	195	-
Other professional fees	18,473	35,283
Postage and stationery	2,723	4,654
Publicity and public relation	4,118	18,175
Realised exchange loss	29,071	-
Repair and maintenance	1,434	3,815
Staff amenities	3,964	5,419
Software maintenance	9,274	6,817
Salaries and other benefits	1,413,925	1,343,394
Telecommunication	28,599	43,379
Travel and accommodation	101,311	29,488
Unrealized exchange loss	30,946	59,613
Work program	1,723,772	1,288,819
Total expenditure	3,785,969	3,109,704
Surplus for the year	369,978	1,730,433

The Detailed Comprehensive Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the disclaimer on page 17.



