

Application for funding from the Special Requirements Fund (SRF)

I. Proposal Cover Sheet [Check List] [check to ensure that the following are included in the proposal]

- Date of formal submission to the Commission: **30 June 2026**

- Proposal Summary (250 words)

Historically, the FFA Secretariat has funded the preparatory meetings held immediately prior to the WCPFC subsidiary and annual sessions. However, following the recent decision by WCPFC21 to fund 2 SIDs participants to WCPFC annual and related meetings, the associated costs have increased to a level that is no longer sustainable for the FFA Secretariat.

This proposal is perhaps the first time that the FFA Secretariat is submitting a request of this nature on behalf of its 15 SIDs Members. Its purpose is to ensure the 2 participants funded by WCPFC to attend SC22 are also able to participate in the FFA Briefings that precedes the SC22.

The Scientific Committee meeting is one of the busiest and most demanding meetings for the WCPFC calendar. The volume of papers and the complexity of information required for effective participation far exceeds other subsidiary bodies. For this reason, comprehensive FFA preparations are critical - they ensure that our Members are thoroughly briefed, FFA positions are robustly discussed and that unified and well-informed positions are finalised before the SC meeting commences.

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A. Introduction

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2. Objective(s) – State the anticipated outcome(s).

Effective participation of FFA Members in the Scientific Committee meeting.

3. Applications, Benefits, and Importance - Describe how the anticipated results relate to the purpose/objectives of the Convention, the expected benefits, including the utility of the results to other Members of the Commission.

To ensure that FFA Members participate in good numbers and effectively in the SC22, and that FFA proposals and positions are well articulated and defended in the SC22.

C. Project Management

WCPFC Secretariat will cover the costs and make the travel arrangements for the 15 FFA SIDS Members.

E. Results and Deliverables

FFA Secretariat can provide a summary report on the FFA Briefing for SC22 before the end of September 2026. List of FFA Members funded will be provided by the WCPFC Secretariat.

G. Budget Summary

*With the travel arrangements to be led by the WCPFC Secretariat, they will also provide the estimated budget summary for this proposal. (Top up of DSAs for 15 SIDS Members 15 x 5 nights x 213USD (FFA DSA for 1 night in Apia) approximately **16,000USD**)*

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Thank you,



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