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Agenda item 14. International Trust Fund 9161: Contributions/Expenditures 2012–2019

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Overview and background

In 1964, the ninth DLCC session established an international trust fund (No. 161, later 9161) and governments were invited to participate and to make financial contributions beginning in 1966. By approving the final report of the ninth session, the members agreed to contribute to the Trust Fund but contributions, unlike the regional locust commissions, are a political commitment rather than a legal obligation. The total assessed contributions by all member countries is USD 201 780 per year.

Activities funded by DLCC must be global and of crucial importance to improved Desert Locust management for the benefit all member countries. For example, the DLCC funds the Desert Locust Information Service (DLIS) at FAO Headquarters to monitor the worldwide situation and provide forecasts and early warning, the maintenance of the Locust Watch website, and the 11-month training of Desert Locust Information Officers in DLIS. The DLCC also supports GIS, new technologies, and the Pesticide Referee Group. The only source of funding for DLCC activities is from the Trust Fund.

A total of USD 1 164 608 in contributions was received from 2012 to mid-November 2019. Ten member countries (Eritrea, India, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and UAE) contributed regularly to the Trust Fund. Six member countries (Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Iran, Niger, Somalia and Sudan) did not contribute to the Trust Fund between 2012 and 2019.

As of mid-November 2019, the accumulated arrears of the Trust Fund were nearly USD 2.25 million, a 34 percent increase from the last DLCC session. The previous increase in arrears (2009–2012) was 21 percent. Ten countries (Chad, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Mauritania, Niger, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen) have substantial arrears of greater than USD 100 000, one of which (Iran) is USD 621 000. Nine countries (Chad, Djibouti, Iran, Iraq, Mauritania, Niger, Somalia, Sudan and Tunisia) owe more than 20 years-worth of annual contributions. Four countries (Bahrain, Eritrea, Libya and UAE) have no arrears.

The annual budget for 2013 (USD 169 500) and associated workplan was implemented for each year between 2013 and 2019. Expenditures from 2012 to mid-November 2019 amounted to USD 955 898 equivalent to about USD 119 487 per year.

The Trust Fund cash balance as of 15 November 2019 is USD 160 920. This is the maximum amount of funds that are available for planning 2020–2021 activities in the absence of any contributions.

Points for discussion and decisions

- While some countries contribute regularly, other key countries never contribute and the net result is that DLCC arrears continue to grow at an alarming rate and the Trust Fund is in trouble
- New ideas are needed to encourage countries to contribute to the Trust Fund because incomplete and irregular annual contributions compromise DLCC's activities
- What are the priority activities that should be funded by DLCC

	Annual contribution	Received 2012-19	Last payment	Outstanding 15/11/2019
Afghanistan	3,480.00	9,050.00	2014	25,800.00
Algeria	7,700.00	7,700.00	2013	61,634.00
Bahrain	920.00	8,280.00	2019	0.00
Burkina Faso	3,000.00	0.00		33,000.00
Cameroon	2,780.00	6,367.31	2014	25,864.75
Chad	3,520.00	23,991.60	2014	118,848.40
Djibouti	1,120.00	0.00		43,540.00
Egypt	5,740.00	28,700.00	2017	17,220.00
Eritrea	3,000.00	33,000.00	2019	0.00
Ethiopia	4,320.00	38,954.00	2017	17,254.00
Gambia	2,420.00	68,409.50	2015	9,680.00
Ghana	3,280.00	3,280.00	2014	26,240.00
India	20,000.00	180,269.16	2018	20,000.00
Iran, I.R.	20,000.00	0.00		621,495.24
Iraq	7,440.00	66,960.00	2019	171,186.00
Jordan	3,420.00	27,360.00	2018	3,420.00
Kenya	3,580.00	3,580.00	2018	3,580.00
Kuwait	20,000.00	100,000.00	2019	120,000.00
Lebanon	3,060.00	15,502.15	2017	47,632.70
Libya	10,640.00	117,060.00	2019	0.00
Mali	3,600.00	28,096.54	2018	6,949.11
Mauritania	2,900.00	4,337.35	2014	101,698.74
Morocco	5,360.00	37,560.00	2017	10,720.00
Niger	3,760.00	0.00		137,160.00
Pakistan	6,520.00	52,160.00	2019	13,040.00
Qatar	1,760.00	10,560.00	2017	6,157.84
Saudi Arabia	20,000.00	100,000.00	2017	60,000.00
Senegal	3,520.00	42,489.60	2013	31,233.56
Somalia	3,500.00	0.00		128,744.77
Sudan	3,980.00	0.00		115,708.20
Syria	4,520.00	28,825.92	2019	5,520.00
Tunisia	4,460.00	21,840.00	2017	124,896.44
Uganda	3,380.00	9,137.40	2012	27,327.73
UAE	4,600.00	78,243.80	2019	0.00
Yemen	6,500.00	6,446.87	2019	112,912.36
Total	207,780.00	1,164,608.07		2,248,463.84