

# Table of Suggested Basic Financial Contributions for Voting Participants 2012-2016

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At its 17<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting in Suwon, Republic of Korea, October 2010, the Board agreed to the following:

1. A 2012-2016 Budget Plan for GBIF. This plan gives the total forecast revenue for each of the years from Voting Participant contributions:

Euros (millions)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Budget Plan total</b>	<b>4.472</b>	<b>4.472</b>	<b>4.586</b>	<b>4.703</b>	<b>4.822</b>

2. The agreed Budget Plan included the following:
  - 2012: 2,5 % growth compared with the agreed 2011 Budget
  - 2013: Budget Plan identical to that for 2012
  - Budget Plan growth of 2,5% for each of years 2014, 2015 and 2016
3. The *Guidelines* for calculating the Table of Suggested Basic Financial Contributions (see Annex 1) and the actual *Values* to be used in calculating the Basic Financial Contributions (See Annex 2).
4. The attached **Table of Suggested Basic Financial Contributions**, based on (1) to (3) above, and including the 2011 Budget<sup>1</sup> in Euro's as a reference point for (5) below.
5. Voting Participants whose contribution in 2012 is greater than their 2011 contribution, but are temporarily unable to increase their contribution will **retain their voting rights** in each of the years 2012-2016 as long as they contribute at the 2011 Budget Plan level in each of the years 2012-2016.
6. To revisit the Budget Plan in 2012 at GB19 for for the last three years of the Budget Plan (2014-2016)

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<sup>1</sup> The 2011 Budget is the last Budget Year in the Current MOU 2007-2011 (See MOU Annex 1) where the Table of Suggested Basic Financial Contributions lists the contributions for those Voting Participants that were members of GBIF when the MOU 2007-2011 was agreed. For Voting Participants that have joined GBIF during the MOU period the 2011 figures were outlined in the financial arrangements with each of these Voting Participants.

## Suggested Basic Financial Contributions for Voting Participants 2012 - 2016

Current Voting Participants	2011 Actual Mou €	2012 Contribution € 2,5 % sce	2013 Contribution € = 2012	2014 Contribution € = 2012 + 2.5 % + trans	2015 Contribution € = 2014 + 2.5 % + trans	2016 Contribution € = 2015 + 2.5% + trans	Average 2012 - 2016 €
Argentina	16.300	22.500	22.500	23.100	23.700	24.300	23.220
Australia	112.100	117.700	117.700	120.600	123.600	126.700	121.260
Belgium	79.500	78.300	78.300	80.300	82.300	84.400	80.720
Canada	173.700	182.400	182.400	187.000	191.700	196.500	188.000
Chile	14.500	11.600	11.600	11.900	12.200	12.500	11.960
Costa Rica	1.600	2.000	2.000	2.100	2.200	2.300	2.120
Denmark	79.500	67.300	67.300	69.000	70.700	72.500	69.360
Equatorial Guinea	500	1.600	1.600	1.900	2.200	2.500	1.960
Estonia	810	2.000	2.000	2.400	2.800	3.200	2.480
Finland	79.500	62.700	62.700	64.300	65.900	67.500	64.620
France	355.100	372.900	372.900	382.200	391.800	401.600	384.280
Germany	478.900	502.800	502.800	515.400	528.300	541.500	518.160
Iceland	2.000	2.100	2.100	2.200	2.300	2.400	2.220
Ireland	39.500	40.000	40.000	41.000	42.000	43.100	41.220
Japan	815.800	785.300	785.300	804.900	825.000	845.600	809.220
Rep. Of Korea	120.500	126.500	126.500	129.700	132.900	136.200	130.360
Mauretania	500	550	550	600	600	600	580
Mexico	58.400	74.500	74.500	76.400	78.300	80.300	76.800
Netherlands	102.400	107.500	107.500	110.200	113.000	115.800	110.800
New Zealand	40.000	31.000	31.000	31.800	32.600	33.400	31.960
Norway	79.500	74.700	74.700	76.600	78.500	80.500	77.000
Peru	6.000	8.800	8.800	9.000	9.200	9.400	9.040
Portugal	79.500	60.700	60.700	62.200	63.800	65.400	62.560
Slovakia	4.100	8.500	8.500	10.200	11.900	13.700	10.560
Slovenia	5.600	5.900	5.900	6.000	6.200	6.400	6.080
South Africa	40.000	18.900	18.900	19.400	19.900	20.400	19.500
Spain	175.700	184.500	184.500	189.100	193.800	198.600	190.100
Sweden	79.500	76.600	76.600	78.500	80.500	82.500	78.940
Tanzania	870	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400
United Kingdom	372.500	387.600	387.600	397.300	407.200	417.400	399.420
Uruguay	1.500	2.200	2.200	2.300	2.400	2.500	2.320
USA	947.300	1.051.000	1.051.000	1.077.300	1.104.200	1.131.800	1.083.060
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.363.180</b>	<b>4.472.050</b>	<b>4.472.050</b>	<b>4.586.300</b>	<b>4.703.100</b>	<b>4.822.900</b>	<b>4.611.280</b>

Calculation Settings :

Budget growth, % a year	2,50
CAP, % of total budget	23,5
Minimum Contribution, EUR	550
Threshold income, USD pr. C	13.000
Below Threshold discount	50%

Transition	2012	60%
	2013	60%
	2014	70%
	2015	80%
	2016	90%
Growth CAP		105

## Annex 1

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## Approved Guidelines for calculating Basic Financial Contributions

### 1. Purpose

This document outlines the elements and steps for calculating Basic Financial Contributions to be presented in the Table of suggested Basic Financial Contributions for Voting Participants according to the approved GBIF MOU post 2011.

### 2. Calculations of the Basic Financial Contributions

- 2.1 The Governing Board will decide at which meeting the Executive Committee should present and seek the Governing Boards approval of a multi-year Strategic Plan for GBIF and a multi-year Budget Plan with an associated Table of suggested Basic Financial Contributions for Voting Participants (See MOU 4.6(c)) and as well review and adjust by consensus these Guidelines for calculating Basic Financial Contributions (See MOU 4.6(g) and associated values to be used in the calculations.
- 2.2 The multi-year Budget Plan and the Table of suggested Financial Contributions covers a five year period. The Governing Board may decide that it wishes to review the plan and contributions during the five year period (See MOU 9.1(b)).
- 2.3 The latest GDP figures listed on the World Bank web-site will be used as the baseline for calculating - on a proportional basis - the suggested annual Basic Financial Contribution for Voting Participants in accordance with a multi-year Budget Plan approved by the Governing Board.
- 2.4 For a new Voting Participant, joining GBIF during an already mutually agreed multi-year Budget Plan period the suggested Basic Financial Contribution will likewise be based on the country's most recent GDP, as listed on the World Bank web-site, at the time of becoming a Voting Participant, and calculated for the number of years remaining of the multi-year Budget Plan. Relevant elements of the GDP-based calculation model mentioned in 2.6 will be applied before a set of suggested Basic Financial Contributions is included in a financial arrangement with the new Voting Participant.

A funding formula for new Voting Participants based upon the table mentioned in 2.1 of suggested Basic Financial Contributions will be developed to calculate the proportional contributions for new Voting Participants.

- 2.5 The Governing Board will decide to continue or change elements and values in the GDP-based calculation model for Voting Participants (see elements below in 2.6).

#### 2.6 Elements in the GDP-based calculations model:

##### *2.6.1 The maximum contribution (cap).*

The maximum contribution (cap) for a Voting Participant will be expressed as a percentage of the total budget set out in each year of the multi-year Budget Plan.

#### *2.6.2 The minimum contribution*

Calculation of Basic Financial Contributions falling below a **threshold** figure will be adjusted to the minimum contribution.

#### *2.6.3 The threshold income figure in US\$ per capita GDP using World Bank country statistics*

The per capita income **threshold** figure is to be used to identify Voting Participants qualifying for a reduction in their suggested Basic Financial Contributions. The level of reduction will be expressed as a **percentage**.

The reduced suggested Basic Financial Contribution cannot fall below the minimum contribution (See 2.6.2.)

#### *2.6.4 Transition*

Countries that from the end of one multi-year Budget Plan period to the next pass the agreed threshold figure for a reduction in their Basic Financial Contribution (see 2.6.3) - will have their contribution increased during the new Budget Plan period, in equitable annual increments, from the previous reduced level, ending with paying the full contribution as calculated for the last year of the new multi-year Budget Plan period.

#### *2.6.5 Growth cap*

Voting Participants that since the last year of a multi-year Budget Plan period to the first year in a subsequent multi-year Budget Plan period experience a growth in calculated suggested Basic Financial Contribution beyond an agreed growth percentage - and are not affected by any other calculation element mentioned in 2.6 except this - will have their contributions capped for the first year in the subsequent Budget Plan period by the approved growth cap.

#### *2.6.6 Calculation steps*

The calculation will proceed in steps (2.6.1 to 2.6.5) by first calculating the suggested Basic Financial Contribution only using World Bank GDP data, then applying: the maximum contribution (cap) element, then identifying Voting Participants to pay the minimum contributions, thereafter applying the element allowing for a reduction following from low pr. capita income, followed by the transition consideration and finally the growth cap element.

A Voting Participant can only be affected by one of the calculation elements (2.6.1-5) and will not be affected by any of the other elements.

The original GDP calculated suggested Basic Financial Contribution for the Voting Participants will be modified or remain unchanged after the sequential application of each of the elements in 2.6.1-2.6.5.

#### *2.6.7 First year reduction for new Voting Participants*

A reduction **percentage** is set with respect to reduce the suggested Basic Financial Contribution in the first year of participation for new Voting Participants that have not previously been a Participant in GBIF.

The reduction for new Voting Participants cannot fall below the minimum contribution (See 2.6.2).

### **3. Fixed contribution for a multi-year period**

Once the Governing Board has approved the Table of suggested Basic Financial Contributions for a multi-year period the suggested Basic Financial Contributions for each Voting

Participant will be fixed for the duration of the multi-year period - notwithstanding that GDPs may change over the period. The same principle will apply for new Voting Participants joining GBIF during a multi-year Budget Plan.

#### **4. Addition or departure of Voting Participants**

Neither the addition of a new Voting Participant, nor the departure of a Voting Participant or a transfer of an Associate Participant Country to Voting Participant should affect the suggested Basic Financial Contributions of the other Voting Participants, unless the Governing Board decides to take such changes into consideration. (See MOU Paragraph 4.6 (g)).

#### **5. Negotiation of alternative payment schedules**

When negotiating the financial arrangement with a Voting Participant, the Secretariat, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may accept a payment schedule that differs in the individual year of the Budget Plan from the Table of suggested Basic Financial Contributions, but not on the total amount agreed to be paid over the five year period.

#### **6. Payment of contributions**

The suggested Basic Financial Contribution may be paid either in Euros or in the equivalent amount of the currency of the host country of the Secretariat. If another currency or another payment schedule (or both) is accepted in a financial arrangement the amounts to be paid should always be equivalent to the amounts to be paid in Euros according to the Table of suggested Basic Financial Contributions and specified in the financial arrangement. Exchange rate consequences of such arrangements where payment is not made in Euros can be decided to be balanced in the last year of the multi-year Budget Plan period or the first year of the following period.

## Annex 2

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## Approved Values used for calculating Basic Financial Contributions for Voting Participant in 2012-2016

### Introduction

According to the approved MOU post-2011, Paragraph 4.6 (c), the Governing Board should come to agreement on a multiyear Strategic Plan and a multiyear Budget Plan with an associated Table of suggested Basic Financial Contributions (BFC) for Voting Participant (VP) well in advance of moving in to a new five year phase of GBIF. (See item 2.2. in Annex 1 '*Approved Guidelines for calculating Basic Financial Contributions*').

### Calculation of BFC's for 2012-2016

As for the five year Budget Plan period 2012-2016 the calculation of Basic Financial Contribution to be presented in the Table of suggested Basic Financial Contributions for 2012-2016 follows the approved Guidelines for Calculating Basic Financial Contributions for Voting Participants and has been based on the following elements and values (for comparison the values for the current Budget Plan period 2007-2011 are listed for those elements where the calculation rules has remained the same):

Elements	2007-2011	2012-2016
1. Number of Voting Participants	32	32
2. GDP (World Bank Statistics) Year	2004/2005	2008
3. Maximum cap	23.5%	23.5%
4. Minimum contribution	500 €	550 €
5. Low income per capita reduction	50.0%	50.0%
6. Threshold figure pr. capita	10,000 USD	13,000 USD
7. Transition from 50% to 90% contribution	-	10.0% a year
8. Growth cap 2011-2012	-	5.0%
9. First year reduction for new VP	50.0%	50.0%

The full text of the calculation rules is outlined in the approved Guidelines mentioned above.

### Comments:

- Voting Participants.**  
The calculations are based upon the current 32 Voting Participants.
- GDP - statistics.** The latest year (2008) of World Bank Statistics (WBS) has been used in the calculation. A calculation using the mean GDP from 2006 to 2008 showed insignificant differences. So latest WB 2008 GDP statistics has been used available by 27 May 2010.
- Maximum cap** is proposed unchanged at 23.5%.
- Minimum contribution** for a VP has been set to €550.

**5. Low income per capita GDP**

The 50% reduction in Basic Financial Contribution has been applied and is similar to the percentage used for the 2007-2011 period.

**6. Threshold figure for reduction in BFC for Voting Participants with a low *per capita* GDP**

The per capita GDP threshold figure has been regulated to \$13,000 as the previous amount (\$10,000) has been unchanged over the past decade.

**7. Transition from 50% to 100% contribution over five years (2012-2016): 10% increase each year.**

Voting Participants that in the 2007-2011 period have benefitted from the 50% reduction in GDP following from a low per capita GDP, but cannot meet the criteria for a reduction set for 2012-2016, have been given a gradual adaptation to full payments as outlined below:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Increase in contribution by the percentage	60%	60%	70%	80%	90%

Due to the approved Budget Plan 2012-2016 in which the budget for 2012 and 2013 is the same, no incremental increase has been applied in 2013 whereby the transition ends at 90% of the calculated full contribution.

**8. Growth cap 2011-2012 is set at 5%**

A growth cap of 5% in BFCs for 2011 to 2012 has been applied to smooth increases among VPs not benefitting from other modifying calculation rules.

**9. First year reduction percentage will only apply to new Voting Participants.**

The percentage is unchanged (50%) but will only benefit new Participants in GBIF in the first year of their participation and only apply to new Voting Participants that have not previously been a Participant in GBIF.

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