

# Pacific members

The International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA) is the global network of arts councils and ministries of culture. IFACCA has over 70 national members from every continent. Seven of the national members and a further 10 affiliate members are from the Pacific.

## ***IFACCA's members in the Pacific are:***

### *National members:*

Australia	Australia Council for the Arts <sup>1</sup>
Cook Islands	Ministry of Cultural Development
Fiji	Fiji Arts Council
New Zealand	Creative New Zealand – Toi Aotearoa
Palau	Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs
Papua New Guinea	Ministry of Culture and Tourism
Solomon Islands	Ministry of Culture and Tourism

### *Affiliate Members:*

Government:	Arts and Culture, NT, Australia Arts New South Wales, Australia Arts Queensland, Australia Arts South Australia, Australia Arts Tasmania, Australia Arts Victoria, Australia Department of Culture and the Arts, WA Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australia
Non-government:	Asialink Arts Regional Arts Australia

## ***Networking***

In addition to its relationship with its members, IFACCA works with and seeks to liaise with organisations and networks in the Pacific, such as:

- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (and the Council of Pacific Arts)
- Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
- Pacific Arts Alliance
- UNESCO Apia Office

## ***What is an IFACCA regional chapter?***

Regional chapters comprise, in general, IFACCA's national members. The purpose of regional chapters is to:

- build inter- and intra-regional networks between national and affiliate members of IFACCA, to promote understanding and enhance cooperation between arts councils, ministries of culture and other key cultural agencies
- promote a consolidated platform for the sharing and exchange of collective knowledge of arts councils and ministries of culture
- strengthen the capacity of arts councils and ministries of culture to meet the challenges and opportunities of policy-making and funding issues
- promote IFACCA at the regional level and assist in increasing membership

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<sup>1</sup> The CEO of the Australia Council for the Arts (Kathy Keele) serves on the IFACCA board.

- undertake activities of interest to regional members that meet the objectives of the Federation.

Meetings of regional chapters are organised and hosted by members as required.

### ***How are regional chapters reflected in the IFACCA constitution?***

Regional chapters operate within the parameters of IFACCA's constitution. In September 2009 the members approved a new Clause 56 of the constitution which states:

The Board may in its discretion establish one or more Regional Chapter(s). Regional Chapters shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) The members of any such Regional Chapter must be agreed by the Board.
- (b) A majority of the members of a Regional Chapter must be Representatives of Members.
- (c) At least one member of each Regional Chapter must be a Director.
- (d) A Regional Chapter shall usually perform an advisory function but the Board shall have the power to delegate any of its decision-making powers to one or more Regional Chapters provided that such delegation is in writing. A Regional Chapter must exercise any delegated powers in conformity with any rules or restrictions imposed on it by the Board.
- (e) All terms of reference for each Regional Chapter must be determined by the Board. The Board may amend those terms of reference from time to time.
- (f) The chair of a Regional Chapter must report regularly to the Board as to the activities or deliberations of the Regional Chapter.
- (g) The Board may at any time, in its absolute discretion, wind-up any Regional Chapter. The process and terms of such wind-up shall be determined by the Board in consultation with the chair of the Regional Chapter.

### ***Role of the IFACCA secretariat***

The IFACCA secretariat is based in Sydney, Australia. The role of the secretariat in relation to regional chapters is to:

- Provide briefings on IFACCA activities, research and resources
- Monitor key developments in the region regarding arts policy and prepare news items for ACORNS for worldwide distribution
- Maintain the IFACCA website, country directory, database and other information relating to regional members and contacts
- Manage the email group for regional members
- Develop membership within the region
- Assist with regional projects as far as possible within the budget available
- Assist in seeking additional funds for regional projects if required
- Liaise with the chapter's membership and report to the Board on its activities.

### ***Key areas of discussion and current projects***

An informal meeting of IFACCA's Pacific members took place in Sydney in July 2010, while members were attending an International Federation of Coalitions for Cultural Diversity (IFCCCD) meeting on the UNESCO 2005 Convention. The next meeting will take place at the conclusion of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Summit on Arts and Culture, to be held in Melbourne, Australia, on 3 – 6 October 2011.

IFACCA is currently developing WorldCP, a central, web-based and continuously updated database of country-specific profiles of cultural policies, modelled on the highly regarded *Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe*. IFACCA will also be working with its partners in the region to develop WorldCP-Pacific.

### ***IFACCA Events undertaken in the region (to date)***

World Summits and associated events

- Fifth World Summit on Arts and Culture, Melbourne, Australia (forthcoming: 3-6 October 2011)
- Third CEO Leadership Seminar, Melbourne, Australia (forthcoming: 2-3 October 2011)

- IFACCA Fourth General Assembly, Melbourne, Australia (forthcoming: 2 October 2011)

#### Mini Summits

- Support for Major Performing Arts Organisations, Adelaide, Australia, February 2008
- Education and the Arts, Melbourne, Australia, September 2005

#### Regional Meetings

- Pacific Members' Meeting, Melbourne, Australia, October 2011 (proposed)

#### IFACCA Board meeting

- 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the board, Adelaide, Australia, March 2008
- 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the board, Sydney, Australia, April 2003

#### ***Regional Email Group and webpage***

If required, IFACCA will create a dedicated email group for the Pacific members to enhance communication and networking. Key contacts from national members will be automatically subscribed to this group. IFACCA also has a Pacific members webpage, available from: [www.ifacca.org/membership/regional\\_chapters/](http://www.ifacca.org/membership/regional_chapters/)

#### ***ConnectCP, Who's Who in Cultural Policy***

IFACCA manages an international directory of experts in cultural policy (including leaders of national arts funding agencies) called ConnectCP, [www.connectcp.org](http://www.connectcp.org). Of the over 900 experts listed, approximately 90 are from the Pacific.

#### ***For further information about IFACCA***

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