

Review the inflation rate for subscriptions and categorization of the Member Associations

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SUMMARY

This paper reviews the membership subscription fees and membership categorisation for 2025/26 based on the IMF international financial statistics and the World Bank development indicators respectively

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.** Application of the inflation factor preserves the monetary value of our subscription. At the same time, the annual recategorization of membership ensures that member associations are properly placed based on the World Bank income classification, ensuring a fair determination of the subscription amount. Additionally, the IAM allows member associations to voluntarily upgrade their category as contained in the By-laws para on finance.
- 1.2.** The inflation factor is determined using the last full year's average inflation rate for advanced economies as published in the International Financial Statistics (IFS) by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- 1.3.** The average inflation factor for the full year 2023 published by the IMF will apply to categories 1 and 2, as contained in the Bye-laws 3.1.7. This will serve as the subscription fee for the financial year 2025/26.
- 1.4.** The membership categories are derived each year from the classification of countries by income as published by the World Bank Development Report. However, an MA may voluntarily upgrade to a higher category. The terms and references are outlined in the IAM 2024.
- 1.5.** IFATCA membership classification is based on the World Bank income level categories and is defined as follows: Category 1 MA (high-income countries), Category 2 MA (upper-middle and lower-middle-income countries), and Category 3 MA (lower-income countries).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. The annual subscription rate for Member Associations in Category 1, Category 2, is determined by applying each year an inflation factor to the relevant subscription rate; and for Member Associations in Category 3 by applying the inflation factor every second year for invoices produced in even-numbered years.

2.2. The inflation factor shall be derived from the most recent full-year average inflation rate for Advanced Economies as published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

<https://www.imf.org/external/datamapper/profile/ADVEC/WEO> .

2.3. The table below presents inflation factors reported by the IMF on their website. It displays past and projected inflation rates for selected years, including recorded data for 2020 and projections up to 2025.

REGION	PAST			CURRENT	PROJECTED	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
WORLD	3.3	4.7	8.6	6.7	2.6	4.3
ADVANCE ECONOMIES	0.5	5.3	7.3	4.6	2.6	2.0

1.1. The IAM Bylaws (Section 3.1.7) specifies that, regardless of the actual average inflation rate, the inflation factor applied each year shall not exceed 2.5%. A paper seeking to review upwards the maximum inflation will be presented for directors' consideration.

1.2. The rate for Consumer Prices for Advanced Economies for 2023 is **4.6%**. **This becomes the basis for the 2025/26 subscription adjustment. However, this value exceeds the maximum applicable inflation rate of 2.5%. Therefore, the maximum adjustment for the 2025/2026 subscription shall be 2.5%, which shall apply to all Category 1 and 2 members. Category 3 membership subscription remains unchanged.**

1.3. No new memberships were obtained or approved during the 2024 conference in Singapore, and the World Bank's country classification remains largely unchanged.

2. CONCLUSION

2.1. The inflation factor applied to the subscription rate for all membership categories for 2025/2026 is a maximum allowable value of **2.5%**. The table below shows the new subscription rates for inclusion in the IFATCA Administrative Manual.

2.2. The Maximum subscription fee to be paid by an MA is **\$35,617.16** as shown below.

Category	Membership	USD
Cat 1	First 300 members	22.19
	Next 300 members	20.39
	Next 400 members	18.60
	Above 1000 members	17.49
Cat 2	All	13.05
Cat 3	All	7.29
Maximum amount payable by an MA		35,617.16

2.3. Appendix A shows a full list of Member Associations and their categories

2.4. As prescribed in the IFATCA Administrative Manual, part 2 by-laws on finance paragraph 3.2.1 will be updated accordingly. An acceptance of the budget for 2025/26 by Directors at the conference will signify acceptance of the new 2025/26 subscription rates.

2.5. IAM Pages 79, 80, 81, and 82 will be updated accordingly.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 This paper is recommended as information,

4. REFERENCES

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4.2. International Monetary Fund, World Economic Output, April 2023
<https://www.imf.org/external/datamapper/profile/ADVEC/WEO>

4.3. World Bank, World Development Report July 2023,

4.4. <https://blogs.worldbank.org/opendata/new-world-bank-country-classifications-income-level-2023-2024>

Appendix A

Category 1 Membership list			
Argentina (132)	Czech Republic (198)	Korea (110)	Singapore (200)
Aruba (15)	Demark (292)	Latvia (20)	Slovenia (92)
Australia (967)	EGATS	Lithuania (65)	Slovak republic (64)
Austria (310)	Estonia (78)	Luxembourg (23)	Spain (1300)
Bahamas (105)	Finland (200)	Macau (25)	Sweden (485)
Belgium (139)	Germany (1510)	Malta (50)	Taiwan (110)
Bermuda (5)	Greece (168)	The Netherlands (462)	Trinidad and Tobago (85)
Canada (1840)	Hong Kong (30)	New Zealand (357)	UAE (50)
Cayman Islands (15)	Iceland (150)	Norway (550)	United Kingdom (1132)
Chile SA (25)	Ireland (274)	Poland (144)	USA (13535)
Croatia (133)	Israel (200)	Portugal (340)	
Curacao (40)	Italy (985)	Rep, of Korea (110)	
Cyprus (50)	Japan (600)	Russia (500)	

Category 2 Membership List

Albania (50)	Egypt (80)	Kenya (166)	Peru (246)
Algeria (85)	El Salvador CA (16)	Kosovo (21)	Philippines (481)
Angola (50)	Eswatini (8)	Lebanon (14)	Romania (524)
Belarus (30)	Gabon (45)	Libya (95)	Serbia (270)
Bolivia (23)	Georgia The (16)	Macedonia Rep. (68)	Seychelles (40)
Bosnia & Herzegovina (48)	Ghana (76)	Malaysia (50)	South Africa (360)
Botswana (41)	Granada (17)	Maldives (55)	Sri Lanka (90)
Brazil (20)	Guyana (22)	Mauritania (42)	St. Lucia W.I. (32)
Bulgaria (242)	Hundaras (50)	Mexico (200)	Sudan (35)
Cabo Verde (17)	Hungary (24)	Mongolia (100)	Tunisia (35)
Cameroon (66)	India (500)	Montenegro (31)	Turkey (302)
Congo Brazzaville (73)	Indonesia (400)	Morocco (40)	Uganda (75)
Costa Rica CA (52)	Iran (156)	Namibia (14)	Ukraine (100)
Cote D'Ivoire (39)	Jamaica W.I (110)	Nigeria (220)	Zambia (60)
Djibouti (25)	Jordan (30)	Pakistan (230)	
Dominican Republic (139)	Kazakhstan (600)	Panama (175)	

Category 3 Membership List

Benin (10)	Gambia, The (16)	Nepal (70)	Tanzania (15)
Burkina Faso (37)	Gunnie Bissau (8)	Niger (29)	Togo (15)
Burundi (17)	Haiti (42)	ROBETICA (15)	Yemen, Rep (30)
Central African Republic (15)	Madagascar (54)	Sao Tome & Principe (18)	Zimbabwe (60)
Comoros (24)	Mali (17)	Senegal (30)	
Congo, Democratic Republic (60)	Malawi (19)	Sierra Leone (20)	
Ethiopia (35)	Mozambique (87)	Somalia (17)	

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