



**INTERNATIONAL
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APPENDIX D/1 – FUNDING REPORT FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

SUBMISSION DATE:	27 July 2023
BENEFICIARY NAME: Nauru Chess Federation	Nauru Ches Federation
DEVELOPMENT LEVEL OF 2023:	Level-5
PROJECT NAME:	NORI international Chess Tournament 2023
PROJECT START DATE:	4th September 2023
PROJECT END DATE:	14th September 2023
PROJECT WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA:	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	NORI International Open Chess Tournament 9-Round Swiss Event Community Centre Yaren Cash prizes - Top 5 Champions, Women's Champion.
PROJECT/PROGRAMME TOTAL BUDGET (euro): (Including other income)	€18703.70
FUNDING AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM FIDE FOR THIS PROJECT/PROGRAMME (euro):	€5000.00

2. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Copy/paste your baseline and target KPIs from the project’s funding request (Appendix B) or annual plan (Continents and FIDE Commissions only).
- Input your actual KPIs achieved after the implementation of the project.

	KPI	BASELINE (project start)	TARGET (project end)	ACTUAL
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1.	Certified Arbiter	3	6	2
2.	Certified Organizer	0	3	0
3.	FIDE rated	4	5	4
4.	Active FIDE rated players	14	40	26

3. PROJECTS’ OUTCOMES / DELIVERABLES

- Promotion and dissemination activities: list the used sources/implemented activities which covered/promoted each of your projects:
- Sponsors you actually involved in each of your projects.



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Sponsors	Official website	Involvement in the project
National Sports Department	Nauru.gov.nr	Funds
Digicel Network	Digicelgroup.com	Funds
NORI International Chess	https://metals.co/nori/	Funds
Local Community	N/A	Refreshments, Accommodations

- Strategic Partners you actually involved in each of your projects (UNESCO, National Ministries, NGOs, NOCs, etc).

Partners	Official website	Involvement in the project
National Sports Department	Nauru.gov.nr	Funds

4. LINKS, PHOTOS AND OTHER SUPPORTING MEDIA DOCUMENTS

<https://www.loopvanuatu.com/sport/ellison-represent-vanuatu-nori-international-open-chess-tournament-122274>

<https://www.loopnauru.com/sport/fiji%E2%80%99s-ronald-terubea-invited-candidate-master-nori-international-chess-tournament-122277>

https://www.dailypost.vu/vanuatu_sports/ellison-to-participate-at-chess-tournament-in-nauru/article_c7d168a8-655c-5e61-944d-2f023389a4ff.html

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=U5KRBJPvGKc>

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://m.facebook.com/groups/580975828986226/events/&ved=2ahUKEwiY1ueF_oWEAxWDh68BHTuGAmSQFnoECA8QAO&usg=AOvVaw3eh6_HhzvLLG9ArkQqkNGY

<https://lichess.org/@/Nrufide/blog/nori-international-open-chess/UHYKPHQs>

<https://lichess.org/broadcast/nori-open/round-4/yEhxRApZ>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1guCURcPWtgdkWGKcDjfh6GK8stTqaOEV/view?usp=drivesdk>



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APPENDIX D/1 – CONTENT REPORT FORM

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

Financial Report Form specific to the activity/projects* (Appendix D/2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photos/videos (name the attached file as the Project Name_photos)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other supporting documents (name the attached file as Project Name_doc)	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, the undersigned, President/Secretary General of the above-mentioned Organisation, certify that the information provided in this report, including the Financial Report Form (Appendix D/2) attached represents a true and fair summary of the activity/project noted above. At any moment, we will provide documentations and justifications related to the activity/projects/expenditures as required by FIDE or by its auditors, upon request of the FIDE.

Richie Halstead,
Nauru Chess Federation,
General Secretary.



Official Stamp / Seal

*Financial reports (financial statements, official project report) specific to the activity/projects is required to be completed and submitted to FIDE with this report. In absence of the beneficiary's financial reports for the specific activity/projects, the FIDE financial report form is to be used.



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APPENDIX D/2 - FINANCIAL REPORT FORM

FIDE DF beneficiary to complete and submit to the fedfunding@fide.com

Together with Appendix D/1 - FUNDING REPORT FORM

BENEFICIARY NAME:	Nauru Chess Federation
DEVELOPMENT LEVEL:	Level 5
PROJECT NAME:	NORI International Chess
PROJECT START DATE:	4th September 2023
PROJECT END DATE:	14th September 2023
YEAR OF CONTRIBUTION:	2023

Currency	Amount
EUR	5,000

FIDE DEVELOPMENT FUND

ACTIVITY/PROJECT EXPENDITURES DETAILS

Date	EXPENSES <i>- Supplier/Beneficiary Name - Invoice No. (if not available any identification no.) - Type of expense, period, etc.</i>	Covered? <i>Mark Yes for expenses covered by FIDE DF</i>	Amount in original currency		Amount in currency of FIDE DF
			Currency	Amount	EUR
4 Sept 2023	Airline/Tickets (ncf001)	Yes	AUD	6,265	3,823
14 Sept 2023	Accommodations/Players (ncf002)	Yes	AUD	9,230	5,633
4 Sept 2023	PerDiem/Players	No	AUD	750	458
	Tournament Venue	No	AUD	900	549
	Annual membership	No	AUD	700	427
	Tournament Implements	No	AUD	1,142	697
	Posters	No	AUD	200	122
	Transport	No	AUD	1,585	967
	Arbiter	No	AUD	1,300	793
	Organisers	No	AUD	1,100	671
	Entertainment	No	AUD	820	500
	Tournament Refreshments	No	AUD	528	322
	Closing Ceremony Banquet	No	AUD	1,200	732
	Tournament Awards Prizes	No	AUD	3,600	2,197
Total expenditures (in currency of FIDE DF)			EUR		17,891

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<p>President/General Secretary Signature </p> <p>Function: General Secretary Name: Richie Halstead</p>	<p>Treasurer/Head of Finance Signature </p> <p>Function: Treasurer Name: Jed Selu Taleka</p>
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Place: Nauru

Date: 29th January 2024

← View Transaction

Nauru Air Corporatio \$2,949.18

PAID
Osiko Payment Sent

Paid on 24 Aug 2023 at 1:05pm

BSB 633 000

Account No. 155 149 529

Description Johan and co ticket

Reference Xyv Nori Chess

Acknowledgement 374984465

Email receipt

← View Transaction

Nauru Air Corporatio \$856.00

PAID
Osiko Payment Sent

Paid on 28 Aug 2023 at 11:22am

BSB 633 000

Account No. 155 149 529

Description Ticket XVP

Reference 000XVP

Acknowledgement 376115457

Email receipt

← View Transaction

RICHIE HALSTEAD \$3,945.00

PAID
Osiko Payment Sent

Paid on 14 Sep 2023 at 12:47pm

Paid to RICHIE HALSTEAD

PayID: Email duggob@gmail.com

Description Travel subsidies Johan, Annie,Jeremy.maruwea, yash.

Acknowledgement 383569197

Email receipt

Eigigu Civic Centre \$7,965.00

PAID
Osiko Payment Sent

Paid on 16 Sep 2023 at 7:18pm

BSB 633 000

Account No. 158 885 855

Description Accommodation & Transport (5guest) Nauru Chess Federation (ricko)

Reference Invoice ECCODN017

Acknowledgement 384634169

Email receipt


Approvals

Approvals 3 of 3

KINGSTON KENLOCK ADAM 16 Sep

RICHIE HALSTEAD (You) 16 Sep

JED TALEKA 16 Sep

HOTEL INVOICE

Date: 06th September, 2023 Invoice #: ECCODN017

Customer: Ricko Depaune
Nauru Chess Federation
Bureau of Statistics

Qty	Description	Night	Rates	Amount
1	Single Standard Large Room 1-15.09.23	14	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,380.00
1	Standard Large Room 1-15.09.23	14	\$ 205.00	\$ 2,870.00
1	Standard Large Room 2-15.09.23	13	\$ 205.00	\$ 2,665.00
6	Transportation 4-9.09.23	6	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00
4	Transportation 11-14.09.23	4	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00
			Total	\$ 7,965.00

Guest Name:

- 1 Yash krishen
- 2 Jeremy
- 3 Anine Alvear
- 4 Johan Sebastian Sorlie Christiansen
- 5 Mareweia Raentoa

Bank Transfer to be made to:
Account Name Eigigu Civic Centre

Event Report

September 15, 2023



NORI International Open Chess Tournament



The event

The NORI International Open Chess Tournament was a historic event for the island of Nauru. Sponsored by NORI (Nauru Ocean Resources Inc).

<https://metals.co/nori>

The tournament matches commenced from the 4th of September to the 14th of September 2023 as a nine round Swiss, 1:30:30 classical Chess format.

The venue was cool, pleasant and sufficiently sound proof-quiet, and up to FIDE standards for classical matches in Nauru, Yaren, CRC building.

It was the first international open chess tournament to be held on the island, and it attracted players from several countries, including Norway, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Kiribati.

Registrations

Invites to the tournament were extended directly after the grant agreement was signed, the invite was also shared regionally through the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) network. Registrations were closed and finalized a week before the tournament date. From a total of 30 preliminary entries including international participants. 19 were confirmed, with 1 pulling out in mid tournament, totalling 18 classical players. Thirteen (13) local players, and five (5) international players two of which are registered at FIDE as Nauru players.

A picture says a ‘thousand words’.





Opening

The opening was not as grandiose as envisioned, but the President of the Nauru Chess Federation Mr Richie Halstead welcomed every participant including the Grand Master, He also acknowledged sponsors for the tournament, and hi-lighted the Federations vision and goals.





The NORI representative Lisa Cooke then said a few words on behalf of the Sponsor. She introduced NORI and their goals, including their support for developments. She wished the players the best in the tournament which she officially opened with her opening move as white with e4.



The Grandmaster Johan-Sebastian Christiansen acknowledged the opening on behalf of the tournament participants with e5.

The Grandmaster

It may seem trivial to some, but it is actually one of the highlights of the tournament, and that was the participation of Grandmaster Johan-Sebastian Christiansen. He was

the first FIDE-rated Grandmaster to come to Nauru and compete in our first international tournament. His participation added prestige and status to the event. A Chess Grandmaster Johan-Sebastian Christiansen stands next to a world Champion Powerlifter, Nauru's own Jezza Ueppa. This photo session was taken during the Blitz tournament held on the 9th of September during the NORI Chess Open.;X



Standards

The tournament arena was prepared daily on the clock. The venue setup, pairing-layout and DGT-systems uplink network configuration were installed for every-round (daily). The uplink was live at 5pm on the dot.



According to the Grand master Johan-Sebastian Christiansen, the overall environment and standards of the tournament arena was in fact much better than some international tournaments he has competed in. Besides the highlight of his first country-wide power-outage experience during the round-1, Johan-Sebastian had also complimented the organizers effort and standards of the overall tournament.

Notable Achievements

A milestone: The event became The first International chess event to be held on NAURU (recognized by The World Chess Federation FIDE). This is a milestone for Nauru Chess and the Island of Nauru.



A Grandmaster: Received international players including the highly esteemed GM Johan-Sebastian Christiansen, who is one of Norway's National team member next to the world-known chess champion Magnus Carlsen.

Live Chess: Another notable achievement of the tournament was the implementation of live-streaming. The top four boards were streamed throughout the nine-round Swiss tournament. This made the NORI International Open Chess Tournament the first international tournament in the Pacific (besides Australia and New Zealand) to be streamed online broadcasting directly on the Lichess platform.

<https://lichess.org/broadcast/nori-international-open-chess-tournament/round-4/5T35eyYm>



Unrated players: The tournament also allowed the Federation to develop and grow the sport of chess in Nauru. Eight unrated players received their FIDE ratings, including two women players. This is a notable significance as Nauru has a very low rate of women participation in tournaments.



Networking: In addition to the development aspect, the tournament also provided an opportunity for chess fans, followers, supporters, including participants to come together online and indulge their shared love of the game, increasing the network to share the live links of the tournament on social media.

Regional relationship: Vanuatu and Kiribati are two countries whose chess community are still in their infancy. The NORI event has provided opportunity and inspiration to these groups for development, with Nauru Chess Federation donating chess clocks and chess sets to give them a boost.



Having yet to become a member Federation in FIDE, both the Vanuatu and Kiribati representatives are currently registered as Nauru Federation members at FIDE to

obtain their FIDE-ID-number, and enable them eligible for the tournament. Until each country gains membership at FIDE, they will remain Nauru Chess Federation members.

Federation capacity: The Federation also gained experience and outlined an international tournament operations template, which can be used for future tournaments. This template covers, information on planning and implementation, operation sequence and action plan, administrations and task delegation, budget allocations and cost effectiveness, and overall implementation efficiency.



One of the key purpose of initiating this tournament is for the Federation to experience organising an international level tournament, and to establish it's potential to bid for the Bi-annual Oceania Zonal Chess tournament which is fully funded through FIDE development grants. Australia and NewZealand are the only countries that has been hosting the Zonal tournament which manages over 100 players.

The Tournament -closing

Overall, the NORI International Open Chess Tournament was a resounding success. It was a well-organized and well-run event that attracted players from the global arena. The tournament came to a close directly after the 9th Round, on Wednesday 13th of September, at the same venue. The sponsors were invited including VIP guests and die-hard supporters, to witness the result announcements and prize presentation ceremony.

Tournament Results

The line up of the tournament saw some formidable players in this event to obtain a title of champion in Nauru's first international Chess tournament.

Follow the link below to access the result of each round.

<https://chess-results.com/>

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Nori International Open 2023
Last update 13.09.2023 10:28:38, Creator/Last Upload: Nauru Chess Federation

Search for player Search

Starting rank

No.	Name	FideID	FED	Rtg	sex
1	GM Christiansen, Johan-Sebastian	1512668	NOR	2605	
2	Dabuae, Thubalkain	22400192	NRU	1848	
3	CM Dube, Rene	22400010	NRU	1761	
4	Gadeanang, Andrew	22400095	NRU	1707	
5	Dabuae, David	22400079	NRU	1677	
6	Taleka, Jed Selu	22400117	NRU	1623	
7	Maharaj, Yash Krishen	11402504	FIJ	1537	
8	Ribauw, O'neill	22400460	NRU	1490	
9	Adam, Kingston	22400168	NRU	0	
10	Amram, Teiniku	22400591	NRU	0	
11	Ellison, Jeremy	22400575	NRU	0	
12	Engar, Shamaranch Starson	22400605	NRU	0	
13	Gadeanang, Lanni	22400567	NRU	0	
14	Gadeanang, Vandella	22400109	NRU	0	w
15	Notte, Anderson	22400133	NRU	0	
16	Raentoa, Mareweia	22400583	NRU	0	
17	Ruaiti, Roking	22400613	NRU	0	
18	Schroder, Anine Alvear	1583999	NOR	0	w
19	Star, Alexai	22400281	NRU	0	

Champion: GM Johan-Sebastian Christiansen

As expected and envied by the local masters, GM Johan-Sebastian casually walked up and took away the first prize. Johan-Sebastian was asked to say a few words, by which he expressed his gratitude in being the first GM to participate in our tournament. He also gave his impression on the performance of the local chess masters.



Presented by NORI Country Manager Mr. Peter Jacob

1st Champion Runner UP:- Mr David Dabuae.

David Dabuae, a national-champion-title-holder, a two time representative in the Nauru-team at the World Chess Olympiads, and a Provisional-titled FIDE Master, also casually walked up and took the second top prize.



Presented by the Secretary for Sports, Mr Dagan Kaierua HOD. Nauru Gov.

Women's Champion: Ms Vandella Gadeanang



Runner-up Women Champion: Anine Schroder



Unrated Champion: Maraweia Raentoa



Unrated Runner up: Anderson Notte



Presented by the Nauru Chess Federation President, Richie Halstead.

2nd, 3rd, 4th Runner-up Open Champions:



2nd Runner up - Kingston Adam. (Awarded by Digicel)

3rd Runner up - ONeil Ribauw (Presented by NruCF Treasurer Kingston Adam)

4th Runner up - Thuballain Dabuae (Presented by FM Ricko Depaune)

The closing ceremony wrapped up with refreshments of local foods prepared by the Selu-Catering-Service.

Extra Curricula

Blitz Results: On the sixth day of the International tournament, an official 11-round swiss Blitz-Tournament was organized to allow other players not playing in the classical event the opportunity to clash head on with the Grand Master.

Pairings/Results									
Round 9 on 2023/09/09 at 1120									
Bo. No.	Name	Rtg	Pts.	Result	Pts.	Name	Rtg	No.	
1	12	Raentoa, Mareweia	0	4	0 - 1	7½	GM Christiansen, Johan-Sebastian	2545	1
2	6	FM Depaune, Ricko	1663	6½	1 - 0	4½	Taleka, Jed Selu	1684	5
3	16	Star, Alexai	0	6	1 - 0	4	CM Dube, Rene	1741	3
4	2	Dabuae, Thubalkain	1848	4½	1 - 0	4	Ellison, Jeremy	0	11
5	8	Halstead, Richie	1568	4	1 - 0	4	Ruaiti, Roking	0	13
6	4	Dabuae, David	1694	4	1 - 0	2	Dabuae, Ryker	1534	9
7	15	Spanner, Obrian	0	4	0 - 1	1½	Maharaj, Yash Krishen	1380	10
8	7	Vorbach, Mike	1611	3½	1 - 0	0	Schroder, Anine Alvear	0	14



Blitz Ranking: GM Johan-Sebastian (8.5), FM Ricko Depaune (7.5), Alexai Star (7.0), Thubalkain Dabuae (5.5), David Dabuae (5.0).

As it turned out, no one was able to beat Johan-Sebastian. However there was one person that the Grand-master was not able to beat in the blitz and that was Nauru's very own FIDE Master Mr Ricko Depaune. From the perspective of spectators, Ricko could have played the time to secure a win by expiring the GM's time.

Ricko claimed that the pressure was intense and the GM has only but 3-4 moves away and could possibly checkmate him, so he had to force a perpetual check gaining his draw.

Ricko is pleased with his decision as he can claim that he is the only one that the GM couldn't beat.

Simultaneous Exhibition



Every GM in their travels always perform a public simultaneous exhibition of their skills, and also giving the opportunity to locals great and small, weak or strong to play against a grand master. These Simuls are usually entry paid exhibitions, however the Grandmaster was generous enough to give his time for free to play against 13 locals all at once.

Nauru, Aiwo, Centennial Hall. With the Grandmaster playing as white on every board, the challengers were all on black. All thirteen boards had resigned in less than an hour as each of the black defenses were steadily eroded by Johan-Sebastian Christiansen powerplay. He won all the games in the exhibition.

Adventures:

Besides the intensity of the daily chess clashes in the battle arena, our international players also had time to spend during free hours adventuring the local environment.



Special Thanks

The Nauru Chess Federation would like to credit a few key people who stepped up to support and eventuate our first international event. In our view, when we set out goals on these horizons; 'we have successfully arrived' because of the excellent support. For our low key contributors in the background , thank you. We would also like to acknowledge those who we may not know personally, but who have made significant contributions to our course. Even if you don't realize it, your involvement was essential to the team, and your contributions were critical to the event's success. Tubwa!

NORI (Nauru Ocean Resources Inc)
Department of Sports (Nauru Government)
Digicel (Nauru Service Provider)
FIDE (International Chess Federation)



Ricko Depaune (Head Organiser)
Shaun Press (OCC support)
Jamie Kenmure (Organiser support)
Richie Halstead (Chief Arbiter)
Mike Vobach (Arbiter support)
Jeziel Jeremiah (Arbiter support)

Kingston Adam (Finances)
Rene Dube (Promotions)
Jed Taleka (Organiser support)
Maxine Adam (Administrative support)
Dukeh Halstead (technical)
Obred Halstead (tech support)

This update is approved by the Nauru Chess Federation Executive. 2023.

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