

Thirteenth meeting of the Noumea Convention

Thirteenth ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)

Apia, Samoa
17 September 2015

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of the Meeting

Purpose

1. To explain the procedure for the conduct of the Meeting and to elect officers.

Background

2. The Rules of Procedure of the Noumea Convention apply. Copies may be obtained from <http://www.sprep.org/legal/the-convention#thecop>.
3. Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure states that at the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson are to be elected from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties by a simple majority vote. There are 12 Parties to the Convention: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and the United States of America.
4. Previous Chairs and Vice-Chairs have been:

| Meeting | Chair | Vice-Chair |
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| 5 th Ordinary & Plenipotentiary Joint, 2000 | Cook Islands | France |
| 6 th Ordinary Joint, 2002 | Samoa | Australia |
| 7 th Ordinary Joint, 2004 | Cook Is | France |
| 8 th Ordinary, Joint, 2006 | Australia | France |
| 9 th Ordinary, 2008 | Cook Is | Marshall Is |
| 10 th Ordinary, 2010 | PNG | FSM |
| 11 th Ordinary, 2012 | France | RMI |
| 12 th Ordinary, 2014 | RMI | FSM |

5. English and French are the working languages of the meeting and the working documents are available in both languages. The Meeting will be conducted in plenary but Working Groups may be established as needed to consider specific issues.

Recommendation

6. The Parties are invited to:

- **elect** a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
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24 August, 2015

