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Fourteenth meeting of the Noumea Convention

Fourteenth 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
 14 September 2017

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 Procedures 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, United States of America.

Previous Chairs and Vice-Chairs:

Meeting	Chair	Vice-Chair
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
13 th Ordinary, 2015	New Zealand	Cook Islands

4. 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

5. The Parties are invited to:
 - to **elect** a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
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16 August, 2017

