
AGENDA ITEM 2:

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Purpose of Paper

1. The *"Rules of Procedure of the SPREP Meeting"* (Rules 8.1 and 8.2), provides that where the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall rotate alphabetically, and where the Meeting is not hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall be provided by the host country.
2. Accordingly, the **Chair** of the 29SM shall be **Samoa** the next in alphabetical order since the Secretariat last hosted the 1st Executive Board, Apia 2018).

Background

3. Rule 8.3 also provide that the Vice-Chair shall rotate alphabetically whether or not the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat. The Vice-Chair of the Executive Board m meeting was France. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, **French Polynesia** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the 29th SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
 1. **confirm** the Representative of **Samoa** as **Chair**; and
 2. **confirm** the Representative of **French Polynesia** as **Vice-Chair**.