

## Fifteenth meeting of the Noumea Convention

### Fifteenth 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  
29 August 2019

#### AGENDA ITEM 2: Organisation of the Meeting

##### Purpose

1. To explain the rules of procedure for the conduct of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention and to elect officers.

##### Background

2. The Rules of Procedure of the Noumea Convention apply to the meeting in accordance with Article 22 of the Convention. Copies may be obtained from [www.sprep.org](http://www.sprep.org).
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 Contracting 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:

Meeting	Chair	Vice-Chair
14 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, 2017	Samoa	France
13 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, 2015	New Zealand	Cook Islands
12 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, 2014	RMI	FSM
11 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, 2012	France	RMI
10 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, 2010	PNG	FSM
9 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, 2008	Cook Islands	Marshall Islands
8 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, Joint, 2006	Australia	France
7 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, Joint, 2004	Cook Islands	France
6 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary, Joint, 2002	Samoa	Australia
5 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary and Plenipotentiary Joint, 2000	Cook Islands	France

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

##### Recommendation

7. The Parties are invited to:
  1. **elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson**