

Tenth meeting of the Waigani Convention

Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Apia, Samoa
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AGENDA ITEM 2: Organisation of the Meeting

Purpose

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

Background

2. The Rules of Procedure of the Waigani Convention apply to the Meeting in accordance with Article 23 of the Convention. Copies may be obtained from www.sprep.org.
3. Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure states that at the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting, a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur are to be elected from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties by a simple majority vote. At previous meetings, the Secretariat has fulfilled the function of the Rapporteur.
4. There are 12 Contracting Parties to the Convention: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.
5. Previous Chairs and Vice-Chairs:

Meeting	Chair	Vice-Chair	Rapporteur
9 th Ordinary, 2017	Cook Islands	FSM	Tuvalu
8 th Ordinary, 2015	New Zealand	FSM	The Secretariat
7 th Ordinary, 2014	Tonga	Tuvalu	The Secretariat
6 th Ordinary, 2012	Australia	Fiji	The Secretariat
5 th Ordinary, 2010	Samoa	Vanuatu	The Secretariat
4 th Ordinary, 2008	PNG	Tonga	The Secretariat
3 th Ordinary, 2006	Niue	Kiribati	The Secretariat
2 th Ordinary, 2004	Tonga	Niue	The Secretariat
1 th Ordinary, 2002	New Zealand	Samoa	The Secretariat

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

Recommendation

8. The Parties are invited to:
 1. **elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur.**