

Eighteenth Meeting of the Noumea Convention Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel and Bungalows 5 September 2025

Eighteenth 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)

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of the Meeting

Purpose of paper:

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 Noumea Convention. Copies may be obtained from [RulesofProcedureforNoumeaConvention.pdf](https://www.sprep.org/RulesofProcedureforNoumeaConvention.pdf) ([sprep.org](https://www.sprep.org)).
3. Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedures provides that at the commencement of the first session of each Ordinary Meeting; a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson are to be elected amongst the representatives of the Contracting Parties by a simple majority vote. There are 12 Contracting Parties to the Noumea 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
17 th Ordinary, 2023	New Zealand	Solomon Islands
16 th Ordinary, 2021	Samoa	Nauru
15 th Ordinary, 2019	Papua New Guinea	Nauru
14 th Ordinary, 2017	Samoa	France
13 th Ordinary, 2015	New Zealand	Cook Islands
12 th Ordinary, 2014	Marshall Islands	Federated States of Micronesia
11 th Ordinary, 2012	France	Marshall Islands
10 th Ordinary, 2010	Papua New Guinea	Federated States of Micronesia
9 th Ordinary, 2008	Cook Islands	France
8 th Ordinary, Joint, 2006	Australia	France
7 th Ordinary, Joint, 2004	Samoa	France
5 th 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.

Recommendations:

6. The Parties are invited to:

1) **Elect** a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.
