

Eighteenth Meeting of the Noumea Convention
Sheraton Aggie Grey's Hotel & 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 7.2 : The Noumea Convention Workplan and Budget

Purpose of paper:

1. To endorse and approve the Noumea Convention Workplan and Budget.

Background:

2. The Noumea Convention Workplan and Budget was developed from the Recommendations highlighted under the Review of the Convention undertaken in 2021. Key strategic actions and goals were framed in accordance with the recommendations.
3. The Workplan and Budget was developed and finalised in two Ad-Hoc Meetings. The first session of the Ad-Hoc meeting was held in person, in Nadi Fiji in September 2024. The intersessional session reconvened virtually on the 21 May 2025. Parties present in the Ad-Hoc meetings have shown support to the Final Draft Workplan and Budget and agreed to recommend to the 18th Conference of the Parties for final endorsement and approval.
4. The Secretariat acknowledges the voluntary membership contribution of AUD\$350,000 made by the Government of Australia through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) to fund three key priority activities under the Noumea Convention Workplan and Budget. These include the establishment of a dedicated position Noumea Convention Officer position within the Secretariat, the development of a Sustainable Financing Strategy and a Communications Plan.

Recommendations:

5. The Parties are invited to:
 - a) **Endorse and approve** the Noumea Convention Workplan and Budget for the implementation of the Recommendations of the Convention Review.
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