

Thirteenth Meeting of the Waigani Convention Sheraton Aggie Grey's Hotel & Bungalows 5 September 2025

Thirteenth 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)

Agenda Item 2 : Organisation of the Meeting

Purpose of paper:

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 13 of the convention. Copies may be obtained from <https://archive.iwlearn.net/sprep.org/legal/documents/approvedRulesofProcedforWaigani.pdf>.
3. Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure provides that at the commencement of the first session of each Ordinary meeting; a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Rapporteur are to be elected amongst the representatives of the Contracting Parties by a simple majority vote.
4. At the twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Solomon Islands as the Chairperson, Kiribati as Vice Chairperson and Australia as Rapporteur.
5. There are 13 Parties to the Waigani Convention: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
6. Previous Chairs, Vice Chairs are as follows:

Meeting	Chair	Vice-Chair
12 th Ordinary Meeting	Solomon Islands	Kiribati
11 th Ordinary Meeting	Australia	Federated States of Micronesia
10 th Ordinary Meeting	Tuvalu	Papua New Guinea
9 th Ordinary Meeting	Cook Islands	Federated States of Micronesia
8 th Ordinary Meeting	New Zealand	Federated States of Micronesia
7 th Ordinary Meeting	Tonga	Tuvalu
6 th Ordinary Meeting	Australia	Fiji
5 th Ordinary Meeting	Samoa	Vanuatu
4 th Ordinary Meeting	Papua New Guinea	Tonga
3 rd Ordinary Meeting	Niue	Kiribati
2 nd Ordinary Meeting	Tonga	Niue
1 st Ordinary Meeting	New Zealand	Samoa

Recommendations:

7. The Parties are invited to:
 - 1) **Elect** a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Rapporteur who will oversee the proceedings of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.