



Thirteenth Meeting of the Waigani Convention
Sheraton Aggie Grey's Hotel & Bungalows
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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 7.2 : Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Work Programme

Purpose of paper:

1. To present the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Work Programme for the period of 2025 to 2026.

Background:

2. The STAC Work Programme 2025-2026 was discussed and finalised at the 10th STAC Meeting with recommendation of the STAC to endorse and invite Parties to submit comments to the Secretariat by 30 May 2025. On 5 May 2025, the Secretariat circulated the Draft STAC Work Programme for feedback from the Parties. At the deadline, only Australia submitted comments.
3. The Secretariat and Australia held an online meeting to discuss comments received and proposed changes were further incorporated into the Draft STAC Work Programme. The revised Work Programme 2025-2026 was shared to the Federated States of Micronesia as the Chair of the STAC and Papua New Guinea as the Rapporteur.

Recommendations:

4. The Parties are invited:
 - 1) **Endorse** and **approve** the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Work Programme 2025-2026.
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