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**DATE:** 22 December 2022      Waigani Convention Competent Authorities  
**CIRCULAR:** 22/108      & Focal Points

**SUBJECT: Ninth Meeting of the Waigani Convention Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee**

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

As agreed, to in the Eight Meeting of the Waigani Convention Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-8) held virtually on 23 June 2021, I am pleased to advise that the *Ninth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-9) of the Waigani Convention* will be held on 9 February 2023. The meeting will be held virtually.

Please find attached a draft provisional agenda that has been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the current STAC Chair, Fiji and Vice Chair, New Zealand. Also attached is a nomination form which should be used to nominate your country's nominee for the STAC meeting.

The Secretariat would like to seek your feedback on the draft provisional agenda for finalization by 13 January 2023. I would also like to invite nominations from all Parties and appreciate it if the name(s) of the *designated, suitable representative, alternative and accompanying experts and advisers* could be sent to the Secretariat by 13 January 2023.

This invitation is also extended to the non-Waigani Convention parties in the region, namely Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau to nominate a *designated, suitable representative, alternative and accompanying experts and advisers* to attend and participate in the STAC.

We look forward to receiving your country's feedback on the draft provisional agenda and nomination by the said date and thank you kindly for your consideration to participate at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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**Acting Director General**

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