

First Extraordinary 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)

13th October 2023, Koror, Palau

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Purpose:

1. To adopt the Provisional Agenda for the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention (WC COP-EO1).

Background:

2. The Working Group, established by the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2021 requested, through a Covering Note from Australia, an extraordinary meeting to consider a proposal to amend the Waigani Convention in compliance to Article 16 and 18.
3. A notice for holding the extraordinary meeting on 13 October 2023 in Palau, was communicated to Parties by the Secretariat through Circular 23/28 on 13 April 2023.
4. At the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention held in September 2023, Parties did not reach an agreement to approve the 2024-2025 Business Plan of the Pacific Regional Centre for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions.
5. As a result of situation described in paragraph 4 of this working paper, Parties directed the Secretariat to revise the 2024-2025 Business Plan of the centre and for the matter to be considered at the extraordinary meeting in Palau.
6. Rule 14 of *Rules of Procedure for Meeting and Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Waigani Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radio Active Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region* limits provisional agendas for extraordinary meetings only to those items proposed for consideration in the request for holding of the extraordinary meeting.
7. The provisional agenda of the extraordinary meeting has been developed in consultation with the current President and is limited to the proposal to amend to the Waigani Convention and consideration and approval of the 2024-2025 Business Plan of the centre.

Recommendation

8. To facilitate the convening of the extraordinary meeting, the Meeting is invited to:
 - **discuss** the Provisional Agenda and make any amendments, where necessary; and
 - **adopt** the Provisional Agenda (Annex 1).