

Noumea Convention Virtual Ad-Hoc Meeting
Wednesday 21 May 2025
2.00pm Samoa time

Provisional Agenda

Introduction

The Convention for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region and Protocols, also known as the Noumea Convention, was adopted in 1986 and entered into force in 1990. The Noumea Convention is the Pacific region's component of the UNEP Regional Seas Programme launched in 1972 and is the only comprehensive multilateral agreement or legal framework in the Pacific for the protection and management of the environment. There are 12 Parties to the Noumea Convention.

The Ad-Hoc Meeting of the Parties to the Noumea Convention held from 17 to 20 September 2024, in Nadi Fiji, discussed the Draft Workplan and Budget to implement the Recommendations from the Review of the Noumea Convention completed in 2021. The draft Workplan and Budget provides strategic actions, outcomes and impacts to strengthen the Secretariat of the Noumea Convention and the implementation of the Convention in the Pacific Region. At the Ad-Hoc Meeting, the Parties agreed that the Draft Workplan and Budget will be circulated for comments before an intersessional meeting reconvenes to finalize the Workplan and Budget.

Objective

In accordance with the mandate by the COP17 and decision by the Parties present at the Ad-Hoc Meeting in September 2024, the intersessional Ad-Hoc meeting will convene virtually to discuss and endorse the Noumea Workplan and Budget for recommendation to the 18th Noumea Conference of the Parties for final approval and endorsement.

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1. Prayer and welcoming remarks
2. Introduction to the Intersessional Meeting
3. Noumea Convention Revised Workplan and Budget Discussions
4. Way forward – Noumea Workplan and Budget
5. 18th Noumea COP – 28 August 2025
 - a) National Reports
 - b) Logistics
 - c) Meeting Papers and Deadlines
6. Other Matters
7. Conclusion