



## ELEVENTH CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY

(21 June 2019, Noumea, New Caledonia)

### AGENDA ITEM No. 5: The Year 2021 Conference: Venue and election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

#### Introduction

1. The 7th Conference of the Pacific Community (SPC) agreed that all future meetings of the Conference of the Pacific Community will be convened at SPC's headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, as a cost-saving measure.
2. However, member states wishing to host meetings of the Conference and the associated pre-conference meeting of CRGA may do so, subject to the resolution by agreement of any multiple offers, on the basis that they meet the full additional cost of convening the meetings of Conference and CRGA outside of SPC headquarters.
3. Unless a member requests to host the next meeting of the Conference of the Pacific Community, the 12th Conference of the Pacific Community in 2021 will be held at SPC's headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia.

#### Theme

4. The theme of the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Pacific Community shall be proposed by the host government, in consultation with the Secretariat. If the Conference is to be held at SPC's headquarters, the Conference theme shall be decided by the Secretariat.

#### Elections of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

5. The current 'Rules of Procedure for the Conference' state:
  - i. *When the Conference is to be held at the headquarters of the Pacific Community, the Conference shall elect the Government or Administration to provide the Chairperson for the succeeding Conference. Such a Government or Administration shall normally be one that will not be in a position to act as host to the Conference in the foreseeable future.*
  - ii. *When the Conference is to be held elsewhere than the headquarters, the host country/territory shall nominate the Chairperson.*
  - iii. *Each Conference shall elect the Government or Administration that will provide the Vice-Chairperson for the succeeding Conference. Such a Government or Administration shall normally be one that is chosen in alphabetical order of members from among the Pacific Island Countries and Territories.*

6. For the information of Conference, the hosting, chairing and vice-chairing arrangements of Conference meetings have been as follows:

YEAR	CONFERENCE	HOST STATE	CHAIRPERSON	VICE-CHAIRPERSON
1999	1st Conference of the Pacific Community	French Polynesia	French Polynesia	Tonga
2001	2nd Conference	Nauru, hosted at SPC Headquarters	Nauru	Vanuatu
2003	3rd Conference	Fiji	Fiji	American Samoa
2005	4th Conference	Palau	Palau	Tuvalu
2007	5th Conference	Samoa	Samoa	FSM
2009	6th Conference	Tonga	Tonga	Cook Islands
2011	7th Conference	RMI, hosted at SPC Headquarters	Marshall Islands	France
2013	8th Conference	Suva, Fiji	Fiji	Guam
2015	9th Conference	Alofi, Niue	Niue	Kiribati
2017	10th Conference	Noumea, New Caledonia	New Caledonia	Marshall Islands
2019	11th Conference	Cook Islands, hosted at SPC Headquarters	Cook Islands	Nauru

### Recommendation

7. Conference is invited to note that:
- i. the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Pacific Community will be convened at SPC's headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, in 2021;
  - ii. the decision on the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the 12th Conference will be made at CRGA 50;
  - iii. any member wishing to host the 12th Conference may do so, subject to the resolution by agreement of any multiple offers, noting that it will need to meet the full additional cost of hosting the Conference and the associated pre-Conference meeting of CRGA 51.