



## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO :** Representatives of Governments and Administrations ; **No. :** 19/18  
SPC Fisheries Contacts; Fisheries Organisations and  
Observers

**FILE :** CONF 2/9/36/1 **DATE :** 26 July 2018

**SUBJECT :** **Second SPC Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries: 12 to 15 November 2018, Noumea, New Caledonia**

### PURPOSE OF NOTICE

1. This is an invitation to the Pacific Community's second Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries (RTMCF2: 12 to 15 November), to be held at SPC's Conference Centre in Noumea, New Caledonia. In addition, there will be several side meetings on Friday 16 November for the members involved in these side meetings.
2. This notice is:
  - A request for SPC member country governments and territory administrations to nominate one senior coastal fisheries representative, preferably the same representative that attended the RTMCF1 meeting in 2017.
  - An invitation to other agencies, organisations, companies, and individuals with an interest in coastal fisheries in the Pacific Islands region, to attend the meeting and take the opportunity for discussion with Pacific Island fisheries representatives and specialists, and with each other. There is no registration fee, and given sufficient notice, SPC can help in negotiating special rates at local hotels.
3. All nominations for SPC funded participants:
  - Need to be received by **Friday 7 September 2018** so that flight bookings can be made; and
  - Need to provide a copy of their passport photo page at the time of nomination.
  - No change to SPC-funded nominations will be accepted within one month of the meeting dates.
4. Financial support is available for the attendance of one representative from each SPC island member government or administration as described above in paragraph two. SPC will also fund several resource people, and they will be contacted separately to this announcement.

### PURPOSE OF MEETING

5. The second RTMCF meeting has been arranged to carry forward the work and momentum generated from the first meeting, and aims to address some specific outcomes as agreed by representatives at the Tenth Heads of Fisheries Meeting held in Noumea in March 2017. It also links back to the New Song and the direction set out in this document, the Regional Roadmap for Sustainable Pacific Fisheries, as well as

assisting with providing the much needed information for reporting to Leaders under the annual Coastal Fisheries Report Card.

6. The overarching theme is to discuss and address some of the main issues affecting coastal fisheries in support of better resource management, equitable access to resources and the safety of fishers. The Forum Leaders have tasked the SPC to coordinate with National Fisheries Agencies, CROP agencies and regional and national community groups, to strengthen support and resourcing for coastal fisheries management. Better data and coastal fisheries management will also allow countries to report against indicators under the Sustainable Development Goal 14 on Oceans.
7. The RTMCF meeting is intended to focus on specific issues, as outlined below, with input from member country government and territory administrations. The make-up of the meeting is also to maximise country input through group discussions and plenary sessions. SPC views this as essential for longer-term planning and will also be of considerable assistance to other agencies, regional NGOs and donors interested in national as well as regional coastal fisheries issues and sustainable management.

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

8. The following items are considered for inclusion in the agenda, with a mix of presentations, group discussions and reporting back at plenary:
  - Session for setting the scene and objective of the meeting. Countries are also requested to present on what is happening at home, with a short 5-minute presentation covering three topics for coastal fisheries management: a) national priorities, b) current activities and c) the main issues or challenges faced.
  - Session on looking at progress made against the Action Plan from the first RTMCF, particularly data standardisation, data repository development and national data collection, with plans and approaches to take this forward over the next 12 months.
  - Session on looking at progress made on the use of TAILS for collecting coastal fisheries data.
  - Session on gender and human rights-based approaches in coastal and community-based fisheries, including the gender toolkit being developed for the region.
  - Session exploring management approaches for the sea cucumber fisheries across the region and how can we do this better?
  - Session on sea safety, small-scale fisheries and aquaculture.
  - The last day (Thursday 15 November) will be an inception workshop/meeting for the EDF 11 Pacific EU Marine Partnership (PEUMP) Programme, Coastal Component, to present the Programme and planned activities, and gain input from Pacific-ACP countries to the work plan for the first 1-2 years of the programme. This is for the 15 Pacific-ACP countries, however, others are also welcome to attend as observers.
  - Thursday evening (15 November) will be the official launch of the PEUMP Programme with a cocktail reception at SPC.

Proposals from members for the inclusion of other related topics are welcome, and should be submitted on or before 07<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The draft agenda will be posted on the SPC website in October.

9. Given the specific focus on the meeting, there will be no time available for statements by “other organisations”.
10. Members are requested to prepare a short 5 minute presentation as outlined in the first dot-point in paragraph 8 above, for presentation on the morning of day one of the meeting.

11. Any relevant documents for the meeting will be available on the SPC website at the address <http://fame1.spc.int/en/meetings/241>.

## LANGUAGE

12. As an official SPC sectoral meeting, the second RTMCF (Monday to Wednesday 12 to 14 November) will be conducted in both English and French, with simultaneous interpretation, and translation of key papers. The final day, Thursday 15 November will be in English only for the Pacific-ACP countries and observers.

## REPORT

13. The formal report of the meeting will consist of a list of decisions, outcomes and recommendations identified by the Chair, and agreed by consensus, usually called the “Outputs” of the meeting.

## TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

14. An economy class return ticket by the most economical route will be provided to all SPC-funded representatives. If participants choose to travel by a route other than the one proposed, all additional costs will be at their own expense. Any change after e-tickets have been issued will have to be organised by the participant directly with the travel agent at their own expense. Travel orders cannot be issued until the official nominations have been received.
15. A per-diem will be provided to SPC-funded official representatives as follow:
  - Hotel accommodation in Noumea will be booked and paid for by the SPC and the Conference Secretary will send out a hotel accommodation form for completion.
  - Participants will receive 45% of per diem (XPF 9,000 per day) to cover food and incidentals during their time in Noumea.
  - Hotel accommodation during transit stops will need to be booked and paid for by the participant and SPC will reimburse the full per diem on the provision of a hotel receipt, or part per diem with no hotel receipt, at the SPC per diem rate for that location.
16. The SPC will organise airport transportation from Tontouta International Airport to Noumea (55 km). This service is complimentary for all SPC funded participants and non-funded participants who request it. Please ensure that SPC is provided with a copy of your travel itinerary in advance of your arrival.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

17. SPC is pleased to advise that visas are **no longer** required for entry into New Caledonia for stays of up to three months for nationals of all SPC member countries.
18. Transit visas are the responsibility of delegates. However, SPC may be able to assist, through a letter of introduction, if required.
19. To facilitate administrative arrangements we will also require passport details of each delegate. We would be very grateful if each delegate can send to the RTMCF Conference Secretary Seya Brighton, by e-mail ([SeyaB@spc.int](mailto:SeyaB@spc.int)) with copy to Genevieve Delahaie ([GenevieveD@spc.int](mailto:GenevieveD@spc.int)) or fax (+687 26.38.18), a copy of the photo page of your passport as well as your itineraries.

## MEETING CONTACTS

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- Administrative issues, visa documentation, hotel bookings etc: Seya Brighton, Secretary (Director, Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division) (email: [SeyaB@spc.int](mailto:SeyaB@spc.int) cc [GenevieveD@spc.int](mailto:GenevieveD@spc.int)); tel +687 260953, fax +687 263818).
- Agenda items, papers, other enquiries etc: Moses Amos, Director, Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystem Division (email: [MosesA@SPC.int](mailto:MosesA@SPC.int)).

## INSURANCE

20. The Pacific Community does not insure participants while attending meetings or during travel to and from New Caledonia, and will not be responsible for any expenses arising out of loss, sickness, injury, other disability or loss of life. It is participants' own responsibility to ensure that their travel is covered by insurance.

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**Colin Tukuitonga**  
**Director General**

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