

SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY

**THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS**
(Noumea, New Caledonia, 4 - 7 November 2002)

**THE YEAR 2003 CRGA: VENUE AND MEETING CHAIRPERSON
AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the venue and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Thirty-third meeting of CRGA.
2. Our CRGA Rules of Procedure state that CRGA shall meet once a year at the SPC headquarters in Noumea, except during the years when the Conference is convened when CRGA shall meet immediately before the Conference at the venue chosen by members of the Conference.

VENUE

3. Last year, Members agreed that Fiji provide the host for the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Pacific Community in 2003, and consequently the CRGA meeting that will precede Conference. After consultations with the host country, the Secretariat will notify Members of the exact venue, and the dates for the meetings.

CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

4. The CRGA Rules of Procedure states that Representatives of Governments and Administrations shall provide a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson for each Meeting, to be chosen in alphabetical order of CRGA member countries.
5. The Rules further state, "in the event that the Chairperson is unable to attend the Meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the Chair. The Vice-Chairperson will become the Chairperson of the succeeding Meeting."
6. Since 1995, the CRGA Meeting Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons have been provided by the following:

<u>Year</u>	<u>CRGA</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Vice-Chairperson</u>
1996	24/25	New Caledonia	Palau
1997	26/27	Palau	Papua New Guinea
1998	28	Papua New Guinea	Pitcairn
1999	29	Pitcairn	French Polynesia
2000	30	French Polynesia	Samoa
2001	31	Samoa	Solomon Islands
2002	32	Solomon Islands	Tokelau

7. In following this practice, the next in line to chair the 2003 CRGA meeting is Tokelau. The Vice-Chairperson shall be provided by Tonga.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

8. The CRGA is invited to:
- (a) Note the venue for 2003 Meeting of CRGA33 is Fiji; and
 - (b) Note the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for CRGA33.

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