

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO:** Representatives of National Statistics Offices of: Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Nauru, New Zealand, Tokelau, Tonga and Vanuatu  
DFAT, MFAT, PFTAC, PIFS, UNICEF & UNFPA (representing the UN System), USP and World Bank

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**DATE:** 12 November 2020

**SUBJECT** **THE 3<sup>RD</sup> PACIFIC STATISTICS STANDING COMMITTEE (PSSC) VIRTUAL MEETING, SPC – 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

1. The Pacific Community (SPC) wishes to advise members that it will convene the 3<sup>rd</sup> PSSC Virtual Meeting on 25 November 2020

### OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

2. PSSC was established by the 3rd Regional Conference of Heads of Planning and Statistics at its meeting in July 2010 with his ToR reviewed at HOPS 2013. Its main purpose is to oversee the implementation of the Ten-Year Pacific Statistics Strategy 2010 - 2020.

### MEMBERS AND COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

3. Elected PSSC members are Government Statisticians (or a senior representative) of Australia, Cook Is, Fiji, Guam, Tonga, Nauru, New Zealand, Tokelau and Vanuatu. Cook Is and Tonga represent the Polynesia sub-region. The Melanesia sub-region is represented by Fiji and Vanuatu; and the Micronesia sub-region is represented by Guam and Nauru. Tokelau represents smaller National Statistics Offices.
4. ABS and Statistics NZ, the two advanced National Statistics Offices in our region, have generously and willingly supported PSSC since its establishment in 2013, and are members of PSSC.

### OBSERVERS MEMBERS

5. In line with SPC-organised meetings' structure, representatives of donors and development partners currently supporting the Ten-Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS) are also invited to attend PSSC Meeting as observers.
6. Currently, DFAT and MFAT are invited as the two main funding partners of TYPSS. In addition, ADB, PFTAC, PIFS, USP, UNICEF, UNFPA and World Bank are invited as main development collaborates working under the Regional Statistics Partnership Program.
7. Government Statisticians from other Pacific Countries and Territories including the staff members of the Statistics for Development Division have been exceptionally invited to attend to the meeting as Observers.

8. Observers are welcome to participate in the 3rd PSSC virtual meeting and should follow the nomination for registration procedure (see below). However, if the capacity limit for the online meeting is reached, members will be given priority for participation.

#### **VIRTUAL PLATFORM – 3<sup>rd</sup> PSSC**

9. Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on global travel and to comply with national restrictions, the decision was taken to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> PSSC meeting using a virtual platform.
10. The platform which has been selected is Zoom (<https://spc.zoom.us/>). If the participant is not familiar with using Zoom, please contact SPC <https://sdd.spc.int/contact-us> or SDD Secretariat and we can organise a trial meeting with the participant.
11. The Meeting will be held virtually from 09:30 am to 2:00 PM Noumea Time
12. Please note that we will be recording the meeting to assist with post-meeting analysis and reporting. Please also note that SPC will not be liable for any external use of the recorded meeting material, which is provided as an aid to meeting communication and is not warranted by SPC as being a verbatim record of the original speech.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER FOR AN JOIN THE MEETING**

13. All participants for the meeting must be registered in Zoom before hand in order to join the meeting
14. Participants have to register at least one week before the meeting, please submit this by email to the SDD Secretariat before the 18 November 2020 and include the following details:
  - Organisation
  - Full name
  - Position
  - Primary email
  - Address
15. Once the participant has done this, he/she will receive another email invitation with a unique link to connect to the meeting.

#### **AGENDA**

16. Final Agenda is to be distributed in due course.
17. Meeting documents will be available via the SDD website. Documents will be uploaded to the site from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. The link is: <https://sdd.spc.int/events/2020/11/3rd-PSSC-meeting>
18. The Meeting will be conducted in English.

#### **MEETING PAPERS**

19. All delegates leading a conference session are to email appropriate meeting papers to **Epeli Waqavonovono - Director, Statistics for Development Division** [epeliwa@spc.int](mailto:epeliwa@spc.int) who will categorise conference papers and distribute before the meeting, any such papers should be submitted by **12 November 2020**, latest.



**Epeli Waqavonovono**  
Director, Statistics for Development Division



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Community  
Communauté  
du Pacifique

ATTENDANCE FORM

3<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Statistics Standing  
Committee Meeting  
(25.11.2020)  
Virtual

**ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FORM**

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| 1. GIVEN NAME                |  |
| 2. FAMILY NAME               |  |
| 3. FUNCTIONAL TITLE:         |  |
| 4. ORGANISATION:             |  |
| 5. OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS: |  |
| 6. E-MAIL                    |  |
| 7. TEL                       |  |

Please complete and return this to the Statistics for Development Division by e-mail no **later than 18 November 2020**. Kindly mark it to the attention of Ms. Christine Bury ([ChristineB@spc.int](mailto:ChristineB@spc.int)) and to Ms. Sandra Gianini ([SandraG@spc.int](mailto:SandraG@spc.int)) to duly register your attendance at the meeting.