

**SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY****THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS**  
(Apia, Samoa, 7–9 November 2007)**AGENDA ITEM 9 – THE THIRTY-EIGHTH CRGA: VENUE AND MEETING  
CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

**VENUE AND DATES**

1. The 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 a venue chosen by members of the Conference.
2. In accordance with the CRGA rules, the venue for CRGA 38 will be held at SPC headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia. Meetings of CRGA are generally held in early November and members will be advised of the exact meeting dates in due time through normal SPC communication channels.

**CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

3. 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.
4. 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.”
5. Since 1996, 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	Polynésie française
2000	30	Polynésie française	Samoa
2001	31	Samoa	Solomon Islands
2002	32	Solomon Islands	Tokelau
2003	33	Tokelau	Tonga
2004	34	Tonga	Tuvalu
2005	35	Tuvalu	Vanuatu
2006	36	Vanuatu	Wallis & Futuna
2007	37	Wallis & Futuna	American Samoa

6. Following this long-standing procedure, the Chairperson for the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CRGA shall be provided by American Samoa, and the Vice-Chairperson provided by Cook Islands.

**RECOMMENDATION**

7. The CRGA is invited to:
  - i. Note the venue for the Year 2008 Meeting of CRGA 38 at SPC Headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia. Members will be advised in due time of the exact meeting dates.
  - ii. Note that the Chairperson for CRGA38 shall be provided American Samoa and the Vice-Chairperson provided by Cook Islands.

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