

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Apia, Samoa 11-15 December 2006

MEETING INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT 1

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The purpose of this revision is to provide an update on arrangements for the Third Regular Session of the Commission at Apia, Samoa, 11-15 December 2006.

Meeting Opening

The Session will be opened by the Rt. Hon. Tuila'epa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa.

Meeting Webpage

The meeting webpage is now operational (http://www.wcpfc.int/). The page will be progressively updated as the meeting approaches.

An electronic registration form has recently been added. Early registration would be appreciated.

Meeting Venue

The venue for the meeting will be the National University of Samoa, Apia. See http://www.nus.edu.ws/ The venue is a WST\$5-7 taxi ride from hotels in Apia town.

The Conference Fale:





Break Out Room (small working groups, etc. [sufficient for 60 people)):



Delegation Rooms: 5 delegation rooms (class rooms), that comfortably accommodate 20-35 people, are available on a first come first served basis. CCMs are invited to apply for the allocation of a delegate room through the Secretariat (email: wcpfc@mail.fm).





Secretariat office: The Secretariat will maintain an office at the Session venue from Monday 4th December. Facsimile and phone details for the office will be provided as soon as they are available.

Internet: It is possible that the Conference Fale will be serviced with wireless internet at the time of the meeting. Cell phone rental, SIM card purchases and cell phone credit will be available from Digicel or Samoa Tel Offices in Apia town.

Meeting website: The Secretariat will administer a meeting website in the conference room. All meeting documents, including those produced during the meeting, will be available over wireless from this site.

Public access computers: A pool of internet enabled desktop computers will be available to meeting participants at the venue. The computers will share one printer. Photocopying services will also be available.

Delegation Credentials

Information relating to this was included in the first circular.

Accommodation

To secure accommodation participants should liaise directly with hotels. Information concerning accommodation options is available at http://www.visitsamoa.ws/samoa/cms/accom/

Most hotels in Apia are already reporting they are fully booked for the week of the meetings. Additional hotels not included in the first circular that could be approached for accommodation include:

Vaiala Beach Cottages Ph: 20714/22202 Fax: 22008 vaialabeach@samoa.ws	Harbour View Hotel Ph: 21103
1848 Princess Tui Inn Ph: 23342 Fax: 22451 princesstui@samoa.ws www.princesstui.ws	Outrigger Hotel Ph: 20042/21116 outrigger@samoa.ws
Seaside Inn Ph: 22578 Fax: 22918	

Please advise which hotel you have made reservations at on your registration form. This will assist the Samoan organizers significantly.

Meeting documentation

No hard copies of meeting documents will be available at the meeting. Participants are encouraged to print their own set of meeting documents from the web site. Limited printing and photocopying services will be available at the meeting venue.

Official Functions

Three social functions are currently planned. The first will be a social picnic to one of Upolu's beautiful beaches close to Apia on Saturday 9th. The second will be a welcome function, hosted by the Prime Minister of Samoa, the Hon. Tuila'epa Sailele Malielegaoi on the evening of Monday 11th. The third planned function, co-hosted by the Minister of Fisheries from Samoa and the Chairman of the Commission, is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday 13th. Additional information will be available on arrival in Samoa.

Participants wishing to participate in the picnic are kindly asked to advise Herolyn Movik (wcpfc@mail.fm) together with their accommodation arrangements so that transport to the picnic can be arranged.

Developing States and Territories

A reminder to CCMs concerned. As the Secretariat will effectively be re-locating to Apia on December 4th please have formal nominations (complete with contact details) for funding support for delegates with the Secretariat by **Monday 27th November**.