



## ***Information for Participants***

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### ***5th Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee October 1-6, 2009***

***Venue: College of Micronesia Gym/ FSM-China Friendship Center, Palikir***

***This information booklet contains a schedule of events and general information on how to get around and to the meeting venue. It also provides contact numbers for service providers should you need them.***

### **Schedule of Major Events**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates/Times</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Dress Code</b>
<b>FFA Pre-TCC5 Meetings</b>	<b>September 25-27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>COM SBDC Conference Room, Pohnpei Campus</b>	<b>FFA Members Only</b>	<b>Island Business</b>
<b>Adhoc Task Group Meeting</b>	<b>September 28-29</b>	<b>College of Micronesia gym, FSM-China Friendship Center, Palikir</b>	<b>Registered Commission Members only</b>	<b>Island Wear</b>
<b>Heads of Delegation Meeting</b>	<b>September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 4:45 pm</b>	<b>WCPFC Secretariat Conference room-PNG Room</b>	<b>Heads of Delegations</b>	<b>Island Wear</b>
<b>TCC5</b>	<b>October 1-6</b>	<b>Colleger of Micronesia Gym, FSM-China Friendship Center, Palikir</b>	<b>Registered Commission Members only</b>	<b>Island Business</b>
<b>Function</b>	<b>Sat. October 3, 2009</b>	<b>Commission – Multi-purpose Building</b>	<b>Meeting Participants and invited Guests.</b>	<b>Island Wear.</b>

**1) Meeting Venues:**

The Meeting venue for TCC5 is the College of Micronesia Gym, China Friendship Center, Palikir. (Please refer to attached map).

**2) DSA Payments:**

Those Small Island States participants whose participation costs are assisted by the Commission, will receive their DSA payments from the Finance and Administration Officer, Mr. Kenneth Smithson.

**3) Meeting Break-out rooms**

Two rooms with the meeting venue have been set aside as convenient break-out rooms for side meetings – the two recreation rooms outside of the gym. Please register at the Registration Desk if you need to use a break-out room.

**4) Lunch Arrangements:**

Lunches are available on site. Vendors will be set up outside of the gym building to sell takeaways. Transportation will be available each lunch-time to transport participants to Kolonia from the meeting venue. However, given the travel time involved, participants may prefer to take lunch at the meeting venue.

**On-Site Lunch Options Available**

- **Vendors set up outside meeting venue selling take aways.**
- **Neime’s coffee sandwiches and menu to order.**
- **The College Cafeteria is open to participants for decent, inexpensive and delicious lunches that should be ordered no later than 8:30 in morning.**
- **Meals can also be ordered in. For your convenience, we have included in the registration packet menus provided by some restaurants. If you wish to order in, please do so by 10:00 am. Bus leaving the meeting venue the pickup will be at 11:00 a.m.**

**5) Transportation:**

Transportation between the airport and the hotels for arrival and departure will be provided by each hotel.

Buses will be available to help transport participants to the meeting venue. Please see attached bus schedule. Taxi and hired cars can be arranged by your hotel.

## **6) Taxi Services:**

Taxi services in Pohnpei are widely available and relatively cheap. Please see the list of taxi companies and phone numbers for your information. Taxis do not have fare meters but the uniform zone rates. Taxi fares within Kolonia area costs \$1.00 per person, whereas taxi fares from Kolonia to COM-FSM Complex are no more than \$2.00 per person. If any taxi charges you more than \$2.00, please advise Mrs. Herolyn Movick and please take the taxi driver's name and the company name.

Taxi fares to the VillageHotel is \$3.00 per person while from Village Hotel to the COM-FSM Complex costs \$5.00 per person.

Taxis usually pick up a number of passengers and therefore may drop off other passengers first. You may avoid this by informing the taxi dispatcher on the phone that you want a taxi for you or your group to go straight to your destination. In that case you will be expected to pay for the number of seats. Thus, for example, a dedicated hire from the hotel in Kolonia to the Commission meeting venue at COM-FSM in Palikir will be \$8.00 each way.

Ask your hotel representative to call a taxi known to them and for a staff member to confirm the fare and travel arrangement with the driver on your behalf. You can usually rely on a taxi driver to return to pick you up at a designated time. Most taxi drivers operate as independent contractors so, if you find a driver you like, ask for his taxi number, give him your name and when you call a taxi service, the next time ask specifically if his taxi is available. Be patient and flexible though as the really good taxi drivers are on everyone else's "wanted" list.

## **7) Rental Cars:**

Rental cars may be hired. Rental car company telephone numbers are provided. All drivers must have a valid current driver's license. Car rental insurance is strongly recommended. Any damage sustained by a rental vehicle must be settled with the car rental company and authorities prior to departure from Pohnpei State.

Driving in Pohnpei is on the right hand side of the road. Drivers are especially asked to be mindful of children at schools en-route and walking on the roads. Also, be aware that the local drivers frequently swing wide to avoid pedestrians and park right in the middle of the road to off load passengers. So be mindful of sudden opening of doors.

## **8) Telephone, Facsimile and Internet Services:**

Cellular telephones: FSM cellular telephones use GSM 900 frequency protocol. SIM cards can be purchased from FSM Telecom and will have a staff(s) available at the meeting site to provide any assistance regarding call phone rentals, SIM cards and any questions regarding telecommunications services.

Pre-paid Telephone Calling Cards are available at the Hotels, Telecom front desk and at certain stores in Kolonia Town areas. Telecom staff will be selling cards at the meeting venue for the

duration of the conference. The same cards are used for cellular telephones, for calls from regular telephones, including those in most hotel rooms and public payphones, and for internet time. Telecom will also make them available through their service staff at the meeting venue.

**Internet Service** is currently operated with 3.5mps band with at a common speed of 52 kps. Most if not all hotels in Pohnpei currently offer guests direct internet connectivity from their hotel rooms. However, internet access services are available from the public booth at Telecom at several three (3) commercial internet access providers in Kolonia. Telecom offers a convenient Visitors Package costing \$19.95 for 5 hours use inclusive of account installation. Every additional hours used cost is \$1.95 per hour.

WiFi Internet access will be available at the two meeting venues for those with WiFi cards in their laptops. To use WIFI, you need to buy a prepaid internet card which will be available at the meeting site.

#### **9) Currency and Banking:**

The currency in the Federated States of Micronesia is the US dollar. The Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Bank of Guam opens from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 pm. , Mondays to Thursdays and from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m on Fridays.

TCC5 participants and observers should be aware that to avoid difficulties with personal finances during their stay, they should carry sufficient US dollar in cash and/or a personal credit card. This is because there are no official banking facilities in Pohnpei for the cashing of traveler's checks or conversion of foreign currency to U.S dollars.

#### **10) Credit Cards:**

Most of the larger hotels in Pohnpei accept credit cards, however, not all restaurants, stores, tour and other service providers can accept credit cards. Participants are encouraged to make prior inquiry about credit card acceptance to avoid disappointment and to consider having sufficient U.S dollars cash or traveler's checks.

The Bank of FSM services MasterCard, Visa Credit cards and travelers may request to receive cash from that bank on their credit card. The Bank of Guam ATM machine accepts credit cards from Visa, Plus, Cirrus, Master Card, Star, American Express, JCB and the Armed Forces Financial Network card services.

#### **11) Airport Departure Fee:**

A departure tax of US\$10.00 per person is payable on departure from Pohnpei International airport.

#### **12) Tours:**

The Pohnpei Visitor's Bureau can assist with arrangements and recommendations for tours and activities. The world famous historical stone city of Nan Madol is located in Pohnpei with a number

of tour companies offering a variety of tour packages to tour the site. Scuba diving services are also available with dramatic sharks, manta rays and black coral observations dives being featured attractions. Advance and group reservations are required. Participants are encouraged to use their visit to Pohnpei to take in these truly unique and spectacular attractions.

**Medical Services:** In case medical assistance is required or needed, Genesis Island Family clinic is open 24 hours as is the Pohnpei State Hospital Emergency Unit, and Pohnpei Family Health Clinic is open during normal working hours. Please see telephone numbers provided.

Participants should take all precautionary measures to staying healthy. The quality of water in the Kolonia Town water distribution system is monitored by the health authorities and is safe for drinking. However, bottled drinking water can be bought from most stores.

**Customs, Culture and Lifestyle:** Pohnpeians observe and maintain many traditional benefits and practices but the culture and society is generally tolerant and hospitable toward outsiders. Very few taboos exist that constrain movement and interactions within the community. Most Pohnpeians are practicing Christians but religious tolerance is high and Sunday is not marked by any social and cultural restrictions.

**13) WCPFC Support Staff contact details: 320-1992/1993**

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Herolyn Movick

Lucille Martinez

We look forward to a very successful and productive outcome to these meetings.

**SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:**

<b><u>TRAVEL AGENCIES:</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT NUMBER</u></b>
Continental Air Mic (Mrs. Rosie Jim or Thelma Loyola)	320-2424/5424
House of Travel (Mr. Mike Enriquez)	320-5888
Village Travel (Mrs. Jackie Joseph)	320-2777
<b>Hotels and Restaurants</b>	
C-Star Apartelle	320-3398
Ocean View Hotel-East Wing	320-5075
Ocean View Hotel– West Wing	320-7049
Cliff Rainbow Hotel	320-2415/5834
China Star	320-4930
Joy Hotel	320-2447
Yvonne’s Apartelle	320-5130
Pacific Skylite Hotel	320-3672
PCR Hotel	320-4981/4982
Pwohmaria Resort	320-5941
Sea Breeze Hotel	320-2065
South Park Hotel	320-2255
Village Hotel	320-2797
<b><u>TAXI SERVICES:</u></b>	
Safe Ride Taxi	320-2448
Capital Taxi	320-5485
N-Ry’s Taxi	320-6254
RM Taxi	320-5530
Waido Taxi	320-6087
D’s & A’s Taxi	320-1291
<b><u>CAR RENTALS:</u></b>	
Budget Car Rental	320-8705/8760
H & E Car Rental	320-2413
Micro Car Rental	320-2122
Senny’s Car Rental	320-5293
Steve’s Car Rental	320-4084
Sunset View Car Rental	320-8598

<b><u>MEDICAL SERVICES:</u></b>	
Genesis Island Family Clinic	320-3381/3396
Genesis Pharmacy	320-2525
Pohnpei Family Health Clinic	320-5777
MedPharm	320-7556
<b><u>Other Useful Information:</u></b>	
Pohnpei Visitors' Bureau (Mr. Edgar Santos)	320-4851



**Bus Schedules**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee**  
**Bus Schedule for 28-29 September and 1-6 October**

<b>Buses</b>	<b>Hotels to Service</b>	<b>Departure Time to meeting venue</b>
<b>Cliff Rainbow Bus</b>	<b>Cliff Rainbow and Southpark Guests</b>	<b>7:45am from Cliff Rainbow Hotel</b>
<b>Sea Breeze Bus #1</b>	<b>China Star Hotel Pacific Skylight Ocean View</b>	<b>Departs 7:30am from China Star Departs 7:45am from Ocean View</b>
<b>Sea Breeze Bus #2</b>	<b>Yvonne's Pacific Skylight Ocean View</b>	<b>Departs 7:30am Yvonne's Departs 7:45am from Oceanview</b>

**Note: This is a provisional schedule and if there is a need to get to other hotels or apartments, or have two runs in the morning, we will adjust this accordingly. Participants in apartments or hotels not listed here, please make your way to one of the hotels listed here for pick-up.**