



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
NINETH REGULAR SESSION**

**WEST PACIFIC EAST ASIA PROJECT
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia
13:30-16:00, 10 August 2013

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE WEST PACIFIC EAST ASIA PROJECT

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I. Steering Committee of the West Pacific East Asia Project (WPEA-SC)

Membership

Membership of the WPEA-SC will include national project focal points of the three participating countries (Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam), the Oceanic Fisheries Programme of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the WCPFC Secretariat. Actual and potential donor governments can attend the WPEA-SC meetings. This membership will be effective until the WPEA-2 Project be commenced.

Chairmanship

In its operations, the WPEA-SC will elect a chair among the Steering Committee members for a one-year term but for the continuity of expertise, the chair may continue one more term. The specific modalities for the election of the chair, eligibility and responsibilities will include that the chair should have a broad knowledge in the West Pacific East Asia Project.

Functions

The WPEA-SC plays an advisory role in:

- helping the project achieve its goal,
- developing and strengthening partnerships for the achievement of the project's goal,
- monitoring the status of financial contributions to the WPEA Project Co-finance Fund and seek additional financial contributions for the implementation of the Project,
- promoting the project's results and lessons learnt at national, regional and international levels,
- facilitating, where possible and necessary, the task of the Implementing/Executing Agency and experts recruited for the purpose of the project,
- having the authority to suspend disbursement if project performance benchmarks are not met (these benchmarks will be based on delivery rates and the qualitative assessments of achievements of outputs), and

- advising the Commission, through the Scientific Committee, in regard to the outputs, progress and future needs in maintaining the Project.