



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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Updated Meeting Notice for the Fourteenth Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee and Associated Meetings

Dear All,

Members, Cooperating Non-Members, Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers are invited to attend the face-to-face Meeting of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme Intersessional Working Group (CMS-IWG), Fourteenth Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC14) and the Third Meeting of the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group (FADMO-IWG3).

Meeting dates

Further to WCPFC Circular 2018-33 that provided initial advice on the TCC14 and FADMO-IWG3 meetings and WCPFC Circular 2018/47 proposing a CMS-IWG face-to-face meeting, I am pleased to confirm the following meeting dates:

- Face-to-face meeting of the CMS-IWG commencing at 8am on Tuesday 25th September;
- Heads of Delegation meeting for TCC14 at 4.30pm on Tuesday 25th September;
- TCC14 to be held from Wednesday 26th September to Tuesday 2nd October, with Sunday designated as a free day; and
- the Third Meeting of the FADMO-IWG3 to be held on Wednesday 3rd October.

Meeting and logistical information

Updated meeting and logistical information has been provided by the Republic of Marshall Islands and this is enclosed as Attachment 1. The host has reiterated their offer to assist delegates with making accommodation bookings. Further to assist with planning for the meeting, they have sought the kind assistance and cooperation of those delegates that have self-booked their accommodation, to kindly advise the host of these arrangements.

CMS-IWG

As agreed at WCPFC14, Glen Joseph of the Republic of Marshall Islands is Chair of the CMS-IWG. The CMS-IWG has been operating electronically during the intersessional period and documents related to this IWGs intersessional deliberations can be accessed from this link <https://www.wcpfc.int/cms-iwg>.

The venue for the face-to-face CMS-IWG meeting will be the Melele Room, Marshall Islands Resort on **Tuesday 25th September** commencing at **8.00am**. The provisional agenda and indicative schedule will be posted on the WCPFC website once developed. The papers for this meeting will be accessed at this meeting page link: <https://www.wcpfc.int/cmsiwg>.

All related enquiries about the CMS-IWG meeting should be addressed to the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott: lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int.

TCC14

Alexa Cole of the United States of America will continue to serve as Chair of the TCC.

A Preparatory Meeting for the Heads of Delegation will be held at the Melele Room, Marshall Islands Resort (at the same venue as CMS-IWG face-to-face meeting) on **Tuesday 25th September** at **4.30pm**.

TCC14 will be held from Wednesday 26th September to Tuesday 2nd October at the International Conference Center (ICC), Majuro, Marshall Islands. Please note that the Republic of Marshall Islands advises that there is a dress code for the International Conference Center which is island formal (please no t-shirts and shorts).

The TCC14 Provisional meeting agenda was issued on 26 June (**WCPFC-TCC14-2018-02**), and a revision 1 was issued on 26 July when the Provisional Annotated Agenda was issued (**WCPFC-TCC14-2018-03**). The inclusion of any supplementary items in the agenda, accompanied by a written explanation, may be requested at least thirty days before the meeting. This is by **Monday 27 August 2018**.

An indicative meeting schedule will be developed and posted on the TCC14 website in due course. This will, amongst others, confirm the indicative scheduling for the review of the Draft Compliance Monitoring Reports and identification of any potential compliance issues (CMM 2017-07).

Every effort will be made to post all meeting documents on the WCPFC website by **31 August 2018**. All participants will be individually responsible for downloading their meeting papers and printing them, as required. A link to the meeting page is provided here: <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc14>.

All related enquiries about the TCC14 meeting should be addressed to the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott: lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int.

FADMO-IWG3

As agreed at WCPFC14, Naiten Bradley Phillip Jr of the Federated States of Micronesia is Chair of the FADMO-IWG. The FADMO-IWG has been operating during the intersessional period and its documents can be found at this link: <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/fadmo-iwg3>.

The FADMO-IWG3 will have a face-to-face meeting at the International Conference Center (ICC), Majuro, Marshall Islands, on **Wednesday 3rd October** 2018. The Provisional meeting agenda will be posted on the WCPFC website once developed. Please note that the Republic of Marshall Islands advises that there is a dress code for the International Conference Center which is island formal (please no t-shirts and shorts).

All related enquiries about the FAD Management Options IWG meeting should be addressed to the Assistant Science Manager, Tony Beeching: tony.beeching@wcpfc.int.

Meeting Registration

In accordance with Rules 6 and 36 of the Rules of Procedure for the CCMs, Observers and others desiring to participate at TCC14 and associated meetings are respectfully requested to advise the Secretariat of contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers at the earliest opportunity. Participants should use the online registration on the WCPFC website, noting that registrations for multiple meetings can be made on the single form at <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc14>

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

The Commission will fund the participation (a daily allowance and most direct economical airfare) of one representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission. Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the Secretariat Finance and Administration Manager, Mr Aaron Nighswander at aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int under the signature of their WCPFC Official Contact for eligible developing countries and participating territories as early as possible but **no later than Thursday 23 August 2018**.

Eligible member countries are kind requested to make every effort to advise the WCPFC Secretariat as soon as it is known who will be attending as the earlier we can book airfares, the more likely we can achieve better rates. Late changes to booking are unlikely to be able to be accommodated as they add significantly to the cost of bookings.

Yours sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attachment 1 – Information for Visitors to Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)

Background information about Majuro, including city maps and weather details, is available at many websites, including <http://www.visitmarshallislands.org>

Travel to the RMI

The RMI Division of Immigration wishes all visiting participants a safe and pleasant journey as they make their way to visit the RMI to attend the 14th Regular Session of the WCPFC Technical & Compliance Committee (TCC14) scheduled to be held at the International Conference Center (ICC) in Majuro from 26 September to 02 October 2018.

Visiting participants must have and present a valid passport. This document must be valid for period of up 6 months from the date of departure out of the RMI. Further, participants must be able demonstrate their ability to return or travel onward from the RMI with a confirmed return or onward ticket including applicable visas for countries that they will be transiting upon exit from the RMI.

All visiting participants will be issued a Visitor's Visa on arrival for a maximum stay of 90 days (Fees – GRATIS). Participants from countries that require a Visitor's Visa prior to their travel to the RMI will be issued an Entry Authorization Letter (Visa Uplift) prior to their travel to the RMI.

Airlines and Airport Transfers

There are two airlines servicing Majuro and the flights are often fully booked so an early reservation is highly recommended.

United Airlines depart either Guam or Honolulu every other day to stop by Majuro (Guam-Chuuk-Pohnpei-Kosrae-Kwajalein-Majuro-Honolulu return). Please refer to the United Airlines website for more details: <http://www.united.com/web/en-US/default.aspx?root=1>

Nauru Airlines operates twice a week flights to Majuro on Fridays and Sundays (via Brisbane/Nadi-Nauru-Tarawa-Majuro-Pohnpei return). Please refer to the Nauru Airlines website for more details: <http://www.ourairline.com.au/>

Transport from the Majuro Airport to the hotels is available by hotel airport transport. Please contact your hotels for transportation arrangement.

Currency in RMI

The currency used in the RMI is the U.S. dollar. ATM cash machines are available in town (Bank of Guam, Ace Hardware, and Payless Supermarket).

Accommodation

With regards to accommodation bookings, as per the advice provided by the Marshall Islands, as host country, via WCPFC Circular 2018-33 dated 31 May 2018, CCM's needing assistance with bookings were requested to liaise directly with Ms. Marcella Tarkwon (mtarkwon@mimra.com) and Ms. Lily Muller (lmuller@mimra.com).

The host country further seeks the kind assistance and cooperation of those CCMs that made accommodation bookings on their own to provide details of said bookings to the same individuals listed above as soon as possible.