

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

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Letter from Acting TCC Chair on Meeting Arrangements for the online TCC16 Meeting

Dear All,

As requested, I circulate for general information a self-explanatory letter dated 24 August 2020 from Dr Robert Day, the Acting Chair for the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC) explaining meeting arrangements for the forthcoming online TCC16 meeting.

Yours sincerely,



**Feleti Penitala Teo, OBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

24 August 2020

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, this circular would have been addressed to you by our colleague and TCC Chair, Laurence Edwards. Unfortunately, he suffered a personal loss that precludes that and I have been asked to step in as acting Chair.

He and I, along with the Secretariat had been discussing the agenda in the run up to the online HoD meeting of 15 July 2020. I have worked with the Secretariat and have taken note of Members comments in regards to the TCC agenda. As well, I participated in the recent SC meeting and, with the Secretariat, noted aspects that can be used for TCC to help facilitate our work.

On 10 August 2020, the Commission formally has decided to convene TCC16 meeting electronically between the 23rd to 29th September 2020 taking into account the guidance provided by the online HOD meeting held on 15th July 2020.

Our work will need to be restructured when we compare it to past practice when we could meet face-to-face. As such, the draft agenda is broken into a number of components.

1. The regular reports that the Secretariat prepares will still be available. Unless a member requests that these be addressed through a discussion forum, they will not be presented or discussed formally as we are limited on time.
2. We will have the use of a discussion forum as we would normally have for break-out sessions. This will allow us to address outstanding issues and help identify recommendation for consideration by plenary, which will meet at its scheduled time in late September. This will be similar to what was used in SC but would I think replicate the work that is regularly undertaken at TCC outside of plenary (e.g., consideration of CNM status, consideration of the work of the SWG, development of the TCC workplan, etc.). I would seek your advice on particular discussions to occur and potential conveners and / or co-conveners.
3. We will also add a secure discussion forum to address the dCMR – as outlined in the CMM and also the convention, this review is an important and necessary component of the TCC workplan.
4. The plenary meeting via Zoom will allow for discussion of outstanding issues and identify recommendations to the Commission based on discussions and input from the various discussion fora.

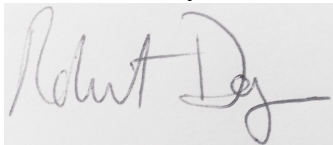
The following three draft documents are posted to the TCC16 meeting page <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc16> with the circulation of this letter:

- *Draft Provisional Agenda for TCC Electronic Meeting (WCPFC-TCC16-2020-02)*
- *Draft list of topics for eTCC16 online Discussion Forum (WCPFC-TCC16-2020-ODF)*
- *Draft Chairs Proposal for Developing a Provisional Compliance Monitoring Report at TCC16 (WCPFC-TCC16-2020-09)*

We are in an unusual environment that means guidance to TCC participants will be essential to allow us to move the key items in our agenda forward, this includes among others consideration of the dCMR, review of CNM applications and draft IUU list. To allow for further consultation with Members on the TCC arrangements and to assist progress more expeditiously, **I propose convening a TCC online Heads of Delegation meeting during latter half of the week of 30 August – 4 September 2020, for no longer than 3 hours to provide guidance to TCC participants on the work to be conducted over the next 5 – 6 weeks.** I will provide notice of the exact time and date for the TCC Heads of Delegation online meeting as soon as practicable, but no later than close of business in Pohnpei on Thursday 27th August 2020.

I also wish to clarify that the proposed TCC Heads of Delegation meeting is not a decision-making meeting of the Commission, rather a forum to assist in organizing the arrangements for the formal TCC meeting and its various components.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Day", is shown within a light gray rectangular box.

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