



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

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Agenda and Meeting Arrangements for the Online TCC17 Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

Following the Commission's decision to convene an online meeting for TCC17 (ref Circular 2021/51), I am pleased to invite Members, Cooperating Non-Members, Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers to participate in the online Seventeenth Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee from 22 to 28 September 2021. Participants are requested to register for the online TCC17 meeting at the following link: <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc17>.

Drawing on the precedent from the online TCC16 meeting in 2020, I have worked with the TCC Vice Chair and the Secretariat to develop a draft Provisional Agenda for TCC17 (WCPFC-TCC17-2021-02) along with a provisional list of topics for the TCC17 Online Discussion Forum (WCPFC-TCC17-2021-ODF). These documents are posted to the TCC17 meeting page: <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc17> with the circulation of this letter.

Similar to last year, the proposed agenda for TCC17 is prioritised in recognition of the more limited plenary time available in a virtual meeting. However, I recognise that, in the second year of virtual meetings, there will be critical issues that TCC17 will need to address – including related to taskings from last year to consider the impacts of the COVID-related suspensions and address issues related to the tropical tuna measure. In addition, it will be important to allow sufficient time in plenary for consideration of the draft Compliance Monitoring Report, including a trial process for considering the aggregated tables.

Online Discussion Forum

Given the above context, it will be critical that TCC17 participants effectively engage in the Online Discussion Forum (ODF) ahead of TCC17.

1. The ODF will commence on Monday 23 August 2021 and will provide the key platform for preparatory and supplementary work that will enable us to best utilise the limited time available in the Zoom plenary. Hence, the ODF will include both:

- a. Topics that will be considered primarily through the ODF, with outstanding, high priority issues to be resolved in plenary only if needed; and
 - b. Topics that will be presented in the ODF for preliminary discussion and exchange of views but with full consideration in plenary.
2. The regular reports that the Secretariat prepares will be available but will be taken by exception. Members may request that a report be raised to the ODF if there are specific issues that need to be addressed.
 - a. The Executive Director's Annual Report will be included in the ODF.
3. Current IWGs/SWGs (CMS-IWG, VMS-SWG, ERandEMWG, TS-IWG) may be included in the ODF, with discussions facilitated by the leads of those groups.
 - a. There will be opportunity for plenary discussion of these items where necessary under Agenda Item 10.
4. Consideration of CNM applications will be commenced through the ODF, prior to consideration in plenary.
 - a. **I would welcome nominations for a chair for the CNM-SWG by 20 August 2021.** The CNM-SWG Chair will facilitate ODF consideration of CNM applications and prepare recommendations for consideration by the TCC17 plenary.
5. Additional ODF topics can be created at the request of CCMs for consideration of delegation papers or proposals.
 - a. Where a CCM requests creation of an ODF topic, they will be responsible for facilitating discussion and presenting summary of discussions and proposed recommendations to plenary where required.
 - b. CCMs are requested to **provide delegation papers/proposals and/or requests for additional ODF topics** at least 30 days ahead of the meeting, i.e. **by 22 August 2021.**
6. The TCC17 ODF will close at 5pm Monday 20 September 2021.

The list of ODF topics is available at <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc17> .

TCC17 participants must be registered and approved for the TCC17 meeting in order to participate in the ODF. Support for registrations and using Zoom is available from the [Online Meeting Resources](#) helpdesk.

Consideration of the draft Compliance Monitoring Report

Consideration of the draft Compliance Monitoring Report (dCMR) and development of the provisional Compliance Monitoring Report (pCMR) will be undertaken through the TCC17 virtual

(Zoom) format. As per usual practice, TCC17 will decide on whether the compliance review process will be undertaken in open or closed session.

You will recall that, noting the virtual format of the meeting and the absence of an agreed process, TCC16 agreed not to consider the aggregated tables summarizing the information on alleged infringements drawn from the online compliance case file system as per Para 26(ii) of CMM 2019-06. You will further recall that WCPFC17 tasked the TCC Chair to lead intersessional work to provide guidance on how TCC17 would consider the aggregated tables.

The Secretariat has undertaken significant work on the presentation of the aggregated tables based on broader refinements to the online compliance case file system and the views on the presentation of data expressed by members through the course of the last couple of TCCs. I am currently working with the Secretariat and the TCC Vice Chair on guidance for a trial process for considering the aggregated tables in line with para 26(ii) of CMM 2019-06. I would note that I do not expect this to be a straightforward task, especially given we remain in a virtual format. Hence, any process undertaken this year should be considered a trial that CCMs will need to reflect on and undertake further work on as we consider the shape of the CMS measure ahead of its expiry. I also note that this work intersects closely with other key aspects of the CMS Future Work (particularly the development of Audit Points and a Risk-Based Assessment Framework) and will be considered under the broader remit of the CMS-IWG under the very capable leadership of the TCC Vice Chair.

A Chair's paper on the CMR process, including on a proposed approach for considering the aggregated tables, will be provided well in advance of TCC17.

Break-out meetings

As with the virtual meetings undertaken last year, there is some capacity for break-out Zoom sessions to be convened on specific issues, however opportunities will be very limited and reserved for high priority issues.

TCC17 Plenary

The TCC17 Plenary meeting via Zoom will allow for discussion of priority issue –including those arising from the ODF– and identifying TCC17's recommendations to the Commission.

TCC17 Meeting Arrangements

TCC17 plenary will take place from 10am to 2pm Pohnpei time each day (including a half hour break), except for:

- Monday 27 September, when plenary will meet for a shortened session from 4 to 6pm (Pohnpei time) to review the pCMR.
- Sunday 26 September – there will be no meeting, with the day reserved for delegations to rest and for the drafting of the pCMR.

The later start on Monday 27 September is scheduled to ensure delegations have time to review the pCMR ahead of plenary consideration, as well as recognise the impact of the meeting timing on certain delegations.

An indicative schedule will be made available ahead of TCC17. Contingent on progress through the agenda, I may revise meeting timing as necessary (particularly to facilitate SWG discussions).

TCC17 Heads of Delegation meeting


As per standard practice, I seek to convene a meeting of TCC17 Heads of Delegations (HODs) the day before TCC17 (Tuesday 21 September from 4 to 5:30pm Pohnpei time) to confirm key details ahead of the commencement of TCC. An agenda for this meeting will be provided in due course.

Support for registrations and using Zoom is available from the [Online Meeting Resources](#) helpdesk.

All related enquiries about the TCC17 meeting should be addressed to the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int.

I do regret that we are unable to meet in person as we had all hoped following what has been a very long and tiring stretch of virtual meetings. I hope that you are all staying safe and well through these troubling times and I look forward to working with you over the coming months towards a successful TCC meeting.

Kind regards,



Mat Kertesz
TCC CHAIR



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Adoption of agenda
- 1.3 Meeting arrangements

AGENDA ITEM 2 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR *Overview report of the WCPFC MCS and Compliance Programmes, will be taken as read*

AGENDA ITEM 3 IUU VESSEL LIST

AGENDA ITEM 4 CNM REQUESTS

- 4.1 Assess applications for CNM status and provide recommendations and advice on CNM applications

AGENDA ITEM 5 COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME

- 5.1 Provisional Compliance Monitoring Report and Executive Summary
- 5.2 Provide advice on CMMs that need revision to improve compliance and monitoring, including those for which interpretation issues have been identified through the CMS process (TCC Workplan 2019-2021, WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 362)
- 5.3 Enhancing the CMS (CMM 2019-06 para 46, TCC Workplan 2019-2021)
 - (a) Update on Streamlining of Annual Reporting, specifically the trial of Annual Catch and Effort (ACE Tables) (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 312) (*paper will be taken as read*)
 - (b) Update on improving the online Compliance Case File System (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 313 - 315) (*paper will be taken as read*)
 - (c) Continuation of Compliance Monitoring Scheme Intersessional Working Group to progress the CMS Future Work tasks (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 377 - 379)
 - (d) Expiry of CMM 2019-06 (CMM 2019-06 para 47)

**AGENDA ITEM 6 TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS
ARISING FROM COVID-19 RELATED INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS**

- 6.1 Review available information on the implementation of Intersessional Decisions taken in response to COVID-19 in 2020/21 (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 120) and provide recommendation and advice

AGENDA ITEM 7 TECHNICAL MATTERS REQUIRING TCC ADVICE
will include update reports from the relevant IWG/TCC WGs that will be taken as read

- 7.1 Support efforts by CCMs and the Secretariat to continue technical work intersessionally to optimize TCC's efficiency evaluating CCM's Vessel Monitoring System compliance – (TCC Workplan 2019-2021) & to address the VMS Gap and improve the number of vessels reporting to the Commission VMS (TCC15 Summary Report paragraph 211)

(a) Expiry of VMS SSPs 5.4 - 5.5

- 7.2 Review Indonesia and Philippines delegation papers and provide advice to inform a Commission discussion on the application of paragraph 51 of CMM 2018-01 (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 200)

AGENDA ITEM 8 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES

- 8.1 Monitor obligations relating to, and support building the capacity of, SIDS and territories – (TCC Workplan 2019-2021)

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 9.1 Anticipated forecast of Secretariat work commitments for TCC
9.2 Update of TCC Workplan (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 320)
9.3 Update on WCPFC IT/VMS Security Audit
9.4 Next meeting

AGENDA ITEM 10 OTHER MATTERS FOR TCC ADVICE ARISING FROM THE TCC17 ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM

This agenda item is intended to provide a limited opportunity to consider outcomes on other topics from the TCC17 online discussion forum.

AGENDA 11 CLEARANCE OF TCC17 RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENDA 12 CLOSE OF MEETING



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PROVISIONAL LIST OF TOPICS FOR THE TCC17 ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM

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The table below includes the list of agenda items from the TCC17 Provisional Agenda that are earmarked for discussion at the ODF facility that supplements the Zoom online plenary of the electronic TCC17 meeting.

The list of agenda items are those identified in the TCC17 Provisional Agenda for consideration on the ODF and those that are deemed to be taken as read and will not be presented at the plenary.

The table also include agenda items that are placed on the ODF to initiate preliminary discussion and exchange of views, but their full consideration and discussion would still be held at plenary.

CCMs with delegation papers for the TCC17 meeting may indicate to the Secretariat their wish to have their delegation paper also placed on the ODF to initiate preliminary discussion but the CCM concerned will be responsible for facilitating those preliminary discussions (*). CCMs are requested to provide delegation papers/proposals and/or requests for additional ODF topics at least 30 days ahead of the meeting, i.e. by **Sunday 22 August 2021**.

The ODF will commence on **Monday 23 August 2021**. The forum topics will close for further comments after 17h00 (Pohnpei time) on **Monday 20 September 2021**.

TCC17 Agenda item	Subject matter	ODF Topic#	Comments
2	Annual Report of the Executive Director - <i>Overview report of the WCPFC MCS and Compliance Programmes</i>	A	To be taken as read and comments and queries on the report will be responded to on the ODF and only if necessary, at plenary.
4	CNM requests for 2022	B	Initiate preliminary discussion at the ODF but its full presentation and discussion will be held at plenary. <i>{facilitated by CNM-SWG Chair (tbc)}</i>
5.3 (a)	Update on Streamlining of Annual Reporting, specifically the trial of Annual Catch and Effort (ACE Tables) (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 312)	C	To be taken as read and comments and queries on the reports will be responded to on the ODF, only if necessary, at plenary.
5.3 (b)	Update on improving the online Compliance Case File System (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 313 - 315)	D	To be taken as read and comments and queries on the report will be responded to on the ODF only if necessary, at plenary.
5.3 (c)	Continuation of Compliance Monitoring Scheme Intersessional Working Group to progress the CMS Future Work tasks (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 377 - 379)	E	Initiate preliminary discussion at the ODF but its full presentation and discussion will be held at plenary. <i>{facilitated by TCC Vice-Chair }</i>
6	COVID-19 Paper	F	Initiate preliminary discussion at the ODF but its full presentation only if necessary, at plenary.
7.1	VMS SWG report	G	To be taken as read and comments and queries on the report will be responded to on the ODF only if necessary, at plenary. <i>{facilitated by VMS SWG Co-Chairs – Viv Fernandes (Australia) and Terry Boone (U.S.)}</i>
7.2	Review Indonesia and Philippines delegation papers and provide advice to inform a Commission discussion on the application of paragraph 51 of CMM 2018-01 (WCPFC17 Summary Report paragraph 200)	H	Initiate preliminary discussion at the ODF but its full presentation and discussion will be held at plenary. <i>{facilitated by representatives of Indonesia and Philippines}</i>

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9.1	Anticipated forecast of Secretariat work commitments for TCC	I	Initiate preliminary discussion at the ODF but its full presentation only if necessary, at plenary
9.2	Update of TCC Workplan	J	Initiate preliminary discussion at the ODF but its full presentation and discussion will be held at plenary. <i>{facilitated by TCC Vice-Chair }</i>
10	<i>If needed</i>	K	*Additional topic created at the request of a IWG chair/co-chair (WCPFC-TCC17-2021-xx) or a CCM to initiate preliminary discussion through the ODF of a delegation paper (WCPFC-TCC17-2021-DP0x).