

**MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND
ADMINISTRATIONS**

(Nouméa, New Caledonia, 13-17 November 2006)

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to Noumea. The Secretariat is pleased to provide the following general information for meeting participants, including the attached Programme for the week of CRGA. If you should require additional information or assistance, please contact the SPC at (687) 26.20.00 or after-hours, contact the Director of Corporate Services, Louni Hanipale Mose at (687) 28.69.10 or mobile (687) 83.63.37

The CRGA meeting is scheduled to begin at 08:30 a.m. on Monday, 13 November.

Dress attire: Informal (no need for suit and tie).

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided daily by the Secretariat at the meeting venue.

Visa requirements (Reminder). A visa to enter New Caledonia is compulsory except for citizens of Australia (and all Australian passport holders), Canada, Japan, New Zealand (and all New Zealand passport holders), USA (and all USA passport holders) and European Union countries. Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu passport holders are required to obtain a visa from the French mission in their country before departure. All other passport holders are required to obtain a visa to enter New Caledonia.

For all enquiries concerning visa formalities please contact the SPC Conference/Travel Officer on telephone number (687) 26 01 56 or email NicoleM@spc.int

Airport transfers. Transport will be provided for all participants on arrival and departure.

CRGA – Meeting services

Meeting venue. The Jacques Iékawé Conference room at SPC headquarters.

No smoking policy. SPC has a Non-Smoking policy covering all offices and conference facility.

Meeting Papers. A set of meeting papers will be delivered to hotels for delegates to collect on arrival.

In the course of the meeting, mail and other meeting papers will be placed in pigeon holes marked for each of the participants in the Secretariat Office adjoining the Conference room.

Internet access will be available through the Internet computers located in the foyer of the Conference facility. Web accessible e-mail accounts, such as Hotmail can be directly accessed through the web browser provided.

Other mail accounts (POP based mail) can also be accessed from the browser as long as the participant knows the server name, username and password of his/her account.

Participants unable to reach external mail accounts may ask correspondents to send e-mail to conference@spc.int. Mail received in this account will be placed in participants' pigeon holes.

Participants with laptop computers will be able to connect them directly to the Internet if they have a 10BaseT network adapter.

Fax facilities are available at the Conference office during meeting times. The charges for outgoing faxes will be the responsibility of the participants incurring them. Incoming faxes will be delivered to addresses or placed in pigeon holes. Fax services are also available at most hotels.

Overseas **telephone** calls can be made from the Conference facility. Telephone cards in the amount of 1000 CFP or 1500 CFP can be obtained from the Meeting Secretary or the Conference/Travel Officer.

Local telephone calls can be arranged as usual with the Meeting Secretary.

Return **travel bookings** may be confirmed through the Conference/Travel Officer or Meeting Secretary. All tickets must be handed to the Secretariat from Monday 13th November.

Participants are invited to become honorary members of the **SPC Staff Social Club** during their stay and all are welcomed to the Club bar.

Participants are welcome to shop at the **SPC Canteen** which is open daily for participants during the lunch break, and which operates on a cash basis.

The working **languages** will be English and French, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Any participant requiring **medical or dental attention** is asked to contact the Meeting Secretary or the Conference/Travel Officer. In urgent cases, the nearest medical facility, the Polyclinic, is located 100 metres from the SPC complex.

Travel insurance. SPC does not insure participants whilst attending, travelling to and from the CRGA and Conference meetings, and will not be responsible for any expenses arising from sickness, injury, other disability or loss of life.

Noumea Information

Currency. Delegates are advised that New Caledonia uses the Pacific French Franc (CFP) as its domestic currency. Most major international credit cards are widely accepted.

Travellers' cheques can be cashed at hotels. There is a bank exchange (Banque Nationale de Paris) situated at La Maison des Iles Loyaute, between the old SPC site and Hotel Nouvata which is open Monday to Friday, from 07 :20 to 15 :45.

Local transport. There is frequent bus service between town and Anse Vata, where SPC and most hotels are located. The one-way fare is 120 CFP on week days, and 150 CFP on weekends.

Taxis are available by calling 28.35.12. Drive-yourself cars may also be hired.

Power supply. The New Caledonia power supply operates at 240 volts. French power adapters are available for purchase from the SPC canteen.

Climate. The average temperature in Noumea in the months of October to March is 27° Celsius.

Tourism information. Please contact the front desk at your hotel for available tourism brochures.

PROGRAMME

MEETING of CRGA

Noumea, New Caledonia, 12 - 17 November 2006

Sunday, 12 November

16:00 – 18:00 : Cocktail hosted by Director-General
Venue: Director-General's residence

Monday to Friday 13-17 Nov : Morning/afternoon tea and lunch will be provided as follows:
10.00 – 10:30 : Morning Tea
12:30 – 13:30 : Lunch provided by SPC
15.00 – 15:30 : Afternoon Tea

Monday, 13 November

08:30 – 17:30 : CRGA Meeting
16:30 – 20:00 : Cocktail, hosted by the Chairman of CRGA & Director-General
Venue: SPC Conference deck

Tuesday, 14 November

08:30 – 17:30 : CRGA Meeting
18:30 – 20:00 : Cocktail, hosted by Government of New Caledonia
Venue: SPC Conference deck

Wednesday, 15 November

08:30 – 17:30 : CRGA Meeting
18:30 – 20.00 : Cocktail, hosted by the French Permanent Representative to the SPC
Venue: French Delegate's Residence

Thursday, 16 November

08:30 – 17:30 : CRGA Meeting
18:30 – 20:30 : Cocktail, hosted by the Australian Consul-General
Venue: Australian Consul-General's residence

Friday, 17 November

08:30 – 12:30 : CRGA Meeting / Adoption of the Report
19:00 : Island Nite
Venue: SPC Social Club

(For cocktails on Wednesday and Thursday evenings transport will be provided for delegates, leaving SPC at 18:00 hrs and returning to the hotels at 20:00 hrs).

CHURCH SERVICES

The schedules of Church services in Noumea is provided for your general information.

Catholic Churches

Cathédrale de Nouméa
Sunday 6.00hrs and 9.00hrs

Eglise du Voeu
Sunday 7.00hrs and 10.00 hrs

Eglise St Jean Baptiste
Vallée des Colons
Sunday 6.00hrs and 8.30hrs

Protestant Churches

Paroisse du Vieux Temple
Bld Vauban
Sunday 9.00hrs

Pentecostal Church

EgliseEvangélique dePentecôte
5, rue Reims
Faubourg Blanchot
Sunday 10.30 hrs
