



PACIFIC REGIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) OFFICIALS MEETING

16–17 June 2010

Fa'onehua Convention Centre, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

Summary of recommendations to the Pacific ICT Ministers Meeting

AGENDA ITEM 1: ICT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Acknowledge the ICT development partners and their respective initiatives being implemented in the region
- (ii) Recognise the CROP Heads decision for SPC and USP to co-chair of the CROP ICT Working Group
- (iii) Noting the importance of being engaged in ICT and cross-sectoral issues and recognising the resource constraints that PICTs face in participating in these meetings, request that SPC participate at global fora such as the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
- (iv) Acknowledge the need for the media to be partners in ICT development and to build their capacity to engage more actively in this area, particularly where relevant and practical Pacific content needs to be promoted and developed
- (v) Recognise the importance of capturing traditional knowledge, historical documents, and facilitating knowledge sharing
- (vi) Urge national, regional and international agencies to collaborate better and ensure there is greater information sharing to promote effective coordination to reduce duplication and wastage of already limited resources, and in doing so to coordinate with SPC regarding ICT development in the region

AGENDA ITEM 2: REVIEW OF THE PACIFIC PLAN DIGITAL STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATION: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Accept the report of the Pacific Plan Digital Strategy Review

AGENDA ITEM 3: ICT POLICY, LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Endorse the establishment of the Pacific ICT Regional Regulatory Resource Centre (PIRRRC), to be located at USP's Japan-Pacific ICT Centre
- (ii) Endorse the establishment of the PIRRRC Working Group that was established in the Pacific ICT Officials Meeting in Honiara April 2010 to progress the governance framework of the Centre and report back to PICTs

- (iii) Direct their Officials to work with SPC, the Council of Europe, ITU and development partners on developing appropriate policy, legislative and regulatory frameworks and strategies to combat cyber crime and promote Internet safety and security, including child online protection
- (iv) Urge Officials to engage with the regional organisations, the private sector and civil society to prepare for the transition of critical IP-based infrastructure to IPv6 due to IPv4 space exhaustion

AGENDA ITEM 4: ICT CAPACITY BUILDING

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Encourage USP to work with ITU, PITA, SPC and partners to develop appropriate higher education and training programmes in ICT policies, regulations and telecommunications management
- (ii) Request SPC and USP to collaborate with partners to ensure that human and institutional capacity building initiatives are developed in accordance with the Pacific Plan and the regional ICT framework to address the capacity constraints in the PICTs
- (iii) Agree to request the ITU to liaise with the European Commission and ACP Secretariat to extend the ICB4PAC project beyond the original two year time frame

AGENDA ITEM 5: ICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Call on PITA, SPC, and USP to collaboratively explore options for ICT infrastructure and access development using new and innovative technologies, and to ensure that such information is transmitted to key national ICT focal points or provided at appropriate regional meetings; and
- (ii) Call on SPC, in collaboration with SOPAC, ITU and PITA, to develop a Regional ICT Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework to be tabled at the next ICT Ministers Meeting, planned for 2012.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIVITY

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Encourage PICTs to participate in the joint ADB/SPC study on ICT for Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction
- (ii) Support the proposal to organise a Regional Internet Governance Forum in the Pacific in 2011

AGENDA ITEM 7: CYBER SECURITY AND ICT APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Endorse the establishment of a Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (PacCERT), to be hosted at USP's Japan-Pacific ICT Centre

- (ii) Support SPC, ITU, and other development partners to implement the ICT applications for Telecentre project
- (iii) Encourage PICTs to establish e-waste programmes

AGENDA ITEM 8: FRAMEWORK FOR ICT DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Pacific Regional ICT Ministers:

- (i) Endorse the Framework for Action on ICT for Development in the Pacific
- (ii) Request SPC to work with USP, PICTs and development partners to develop the 3 year rolling Strategic Action Plan that will be updated annually, and to report back on targets set in the framework, and outline upcoming ICT activities in the region
- (iii) Request SPC to coordinate the implementation of the framework in collaboration with USP, and other CROP agencies and development partners
- (iv) Agree that the framework be reviewed before mid-2013
- (v) Convene a Pacific ICT Ministers Meeting after the review to consider the findings and provide direction to the implementation of the framework

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

None

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