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FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS) (Suva, Fiji, 12–15 November 2013)

AGENDA ITEM 8 – CRGA 44: VENUE, CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

VENUE AND DATES

- 1. The CRGA rules of procedure state that CRGA will meet once a year at SPC headquarters in Noumea, except during the years when the Conference is convened, when CRGA will meet immediately before the Conference at a venue chosen by members.
- 2. In accordance with CRGA rules, the venue for CRGA 44 in 2014 will be SPC headquarters, Noumea, New Caledonia.

CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

- 3. The CRGA rules of procedure state that representatives of governments and administrations will provide a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for each meeting, to be chosen in alphabetical order of CRGA member countries and territories.
- 4. The rules further state: 'In the event that the Chairperson is unable to attend the meeting, the Vice-Chairperson will assume the Chair. The Vice-Chairperson will become the Chairperson of the succeeding meeting'.
- 5. Since 1997, CRGA meeting Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons have been provided by the following members:

Year	CRGA	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson
1997	26/27	Palau	Papua New Guinea
1998	28	Papua New Guinea	Pitcairn Islands
1999	29	Pitcairn Islands	Polynésie française
2000	30	Polynésie française	Samoa
2001	31	Samoa	Solomon Islands
2002	32	Solomon Islands	Tokelau
2003	33	Tokelau	Tonga
2004	34	Tonga	Tuvalu
2005	35	Tuvalu	Vanuatu
2006	36	Vanuatu	Wallis & Futuna
2007	37	Wallis & Futuna	American Samoa
2008	38	American Samoa	Australia
2009	39	Australia	Cook Islands
2010	40	Cook Islands	Federated States of Micronesia
2011	41	Federated States of Micronesia	Fiji
2012	42	France	Kiribati
2013	43	Kiribati	Marshall Islands

6. Following the long-standing procedure for appointing the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Chairperson for the 44th meeting of CRGA will be provided by Marshall Islands and the Vice-Chairperson by Nauru.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7. CRGA is invited to:
 - i. note that the venue for the meeting of CRGA 44 in 2014 will be Noumea, New Caledonia, and that members will be advised in due time of the meeting dates;
 - ii. note that the Chairperson for CRGA 44 will be provided by Marshall Islands and the Vice-Chairperson by Nauru.