

**FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS**
(Noumea, New Caledonia, 26–28 June 2018)

AGENDA ITEM no. 9: CRGA 49 and 11th Conference – Venue, Chair and Vice-Chair

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

Background

1. The Rules of Procedure for the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA Rules of Procedure, or Rules)¹ provide that ‘CRGA meets once a year at SPC Headquarters in Noumea, except during the years the Conference of the Pacific Community is convened, when CRGA meets immediately prior to the Conference of the Pacific Community at the same venue’.
2. In accordance with these Rules, the venue for CRGA 49 in 2019 will be the same as the venue for the 11th Conference. Members will be advised of the location as soon as practicable.

Chair and Vice-Chair of CRGA

3. The CRGA Rules of Procedure further provide that ‘Representatives of members provide a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for each meeting, to be chosen in alphabetical order of CRGA members’.
4. The Rules also indicate that ‘[i]n the event that the Chairperson is unable to attend the meeting, the Vice-Chairperson assumes the Chair. The Vice-Chairperson becomes the Chairperson of the succeeding meeting’.
5. Since 1999, CRGA Meeting Chairs and Vice-Chairs have been provided by the following members:

Year	CRGA	Chair	Vice-Chair
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 et Futuna
2007	37	Wallis et Futuna	American Samoa

¹ Annex 4 of the Pacific Community Governance Arrangement.

Year	CRGA	Chair	Vice-Chair
2008	38	American Samoa	Australia
2009	39	Australia	Cook Islands
2010	40	Cook Islands	Federated States of Micronesia
2011	41	Fiji	France
2012	42	France	Kiribati
2013	43	Kiribati	Marshall Islands
2014	44	Marshall Islands	Nauru
2015	45	Nauru	Nouvelle-Calédonie
2016	46	Nouvelle-Calédonie	New Zealand
2017	47	New Zealand	Niue
2018	48	Niue	Palau
2019	49	Palau	Pitcairn Islands

6. Following the established procedure for appointing the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Chair for the 49th meeting of CRGA will be provided by Palau.
7. Under normal circumstances, in accordance with the CRGA Rules of Procedure, the Vice-Chair of CRGA 49 would be provided by Papua New Guinea. However, given the issue of Papua New Guinea's long-standing arrears, and in accordance with the decision taken by CRGA 47 and the 10th Conference, the Secretariat proposes that the Vice-Chair be provided by the next country in alphabetical order. Accordingly, the Vice-Chair of CRGA 49 will be Pitcairn Islands.

Recommendations

8. CRGA is invited to:
 - i. note that the venue for the meeting of CRGA 49 in 2019 will be the same as the venue for the 11th Conference and that members will be advised of the meeting dates and location in due course;
 - ii. agree that the Chair for CRGA 49 will be provided by Palau and the Vice-Chair by Pitcairn Islands.