



PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - RESOLUTIONS

13-14 March, 2014 - Auckland, New Zealand

The PEC resolved the following matters during the Sixth PJDP Phase 2 Programme Executive Committee Meeting in Auckland, New Zealand (17-19 March, 2013):

Resolution 1:

With regards to the Recommendations of the Chief Justices Leadership Workshop (see *Annex Two*), the PEC **resolves** to:

CJ Recommendation 1. *Endorse* the *Statement of Chief Justices of the Pacific* on the Nauruan situation.

CJ Recommendation 2. *Endorse* this recommendation with regards to the proposed timing and location of remaining *Regional Activities*, and also *endorse* individual in-PIC as activities as refined in discussions with the relevant Chief Justices, as follows:

1. Regional Activities:

Activity	Indicative Timing	Locations
1. Regional Lay Judicial Officer Orientation/Refresher Workshop	7-12 July, 2014	Solomon Is.
2. 6 th National Coordinators' Leadership Workshop	20-23 Oct, 2014	Cook Islands
3. 9 th PEC Meeting	23-25 Oct, 2014	Cook Islands
4. Regional Capacity Building ToT Workshop	9-20 Feb, 2015	Auckland
5. 7 th Chief Justices' Leadership Workshop	20-22 Apr, 2015	Samoa
6. 10 th (Final) PJDP Phase 2 PEC Meeting	23-25 Apr, 2015	Samoa
7. RTT Mentoring Network	Ongoing	Regional
8. IT Administrators' Network	Ongoing	Regional
9. Collection of Court Performance Data (14 PICs)	Ongoing	Regional

2. Responsive Fund Activities:

Activity	Deadline
<i>RF Applications - Additional Rounds:</i> (depending on availability of funds - assessed on a 'first-in-first served' basis)	Ongoing

3. In-PIC Activities:

Activity	Location(s)	Tentative Timing
<i>Family Violence / Youth Justice Project</i>		
1. Implementation	Niue	Nov 2014 (TBC)
2. Implementation	Sol. Is.	18-22 Aug (TBC)
1. Follow-up	Cook Islands	20-22 Oct, 2014
2. Follow-up	Palau	8-10 Sept, 2014



Activity	Location(s)	Tentative Timing
3. Follow-up	Tonga	28-29 April, 2014
<i>Complaints Handling Project</i>	Vanuatu	30 Jun-18 Jul, 2014
<i>Public Information Project</i>	Tuvalu	1 st visit: 9-27 June, 2014 2 nd visit: TBC
<i>Enabling Rights Project</i>	Kiribati	1 st visit: 18-25 May, 2014 2 nd visit: 5-19 Oct, 2014 (TBC)
<i>National Judicial Development Committee Project</i>	Cook Is. (TBC)	TBC
<i>Project Management Project</i>	Cook Is. (TBC)	TBC
<i>Judicial Administration - Time Standards</i>		
1. Activity 1	Marshall Is.	14 Apr-6 May, 2014
2. Activity 2	FSM	7 May-27 May, 2014
3. Activity 3	Samoa	16 June-4 July, 2014
4. Activity 4	Solomon Is.	29 Sep-17 Oct, 2014
<i>Judicial Administration - Delay Reduction</i>		
1. Judicial Administration - Delay Reduction	Vanuatu	Visit 2: 9-13 Jun, 2014 Visit 3: 9-13 Feb, 2015
2. Judicial Administration - Delay Reduction	Kiribati	10 -28 November , 2014
<i>Court Annual Reporting Project</i>		
1. Follow-up (until first Annual Report developed)	FSM; Palau; Niue; PNG; Tonga; Vanuatu	Ongoing
<i>Local Orientation Workshop Delivery</i>		
1. Activity 1	Tokelau	25 Aug-8 Sept 2014
2. Activity 2	FSM	2-13 June, 2014
<i>Decision-making Local Peer Review Project</i>	Marshall Is.	Aug / Sept 2014 (TBC)

4. Additional In-PIC Activity Priorities:

The information presented below was collected so that the PJDP Team is in a position to quickly identify an activity and an interested PIC should additional funds become available in the remaining contract period to 30 June, 2015:

(*Note:* numbers indicate PIC-priority: 1 = highest priority / most valuable to your court; 2 = secondary priority; 3 = lower priority)



	Cook Islands	FSM	Kiribati	Marshall Is.	Nauru	Niue	Palau	PNG	Samoa	Solomon Is.	Tokelau	Tonga	Tuvalu	Vanuatu
FV / YJ Project:	✓			1				✓	1	2	✓		✓	
Public Information Pilot Project:		3		2				3		3				
Enabling Rights Pilot Project:			2	2										2
CoJC & Complaints Project:				3										
NJDC Project:			3											
Project Management Toolkit:							2					3		
JAP - Time Standards:		1				2		1	2					1
JAP - Delay Reduction:	2	2				3		2	3		3			
Court Annual Reporting Project:	3	✓	1		✓	✓	1				✓	2	✓	
Local Orientation Delivery Toolkit:										1	2			3
Local Decision-Making Toolkit:			1											
Responsive Fund:	1		3			1		3			1	1		

CJ Recommendation 3. *Endorse* this recommendation with regards a survey on 'Conditions of Service'.

CJ Recommendation 4. *Endorse* this recommendation with regards to the Information Technology On-line Forum.

CJ Recommendation 5. *Endorse* this recommendation with regards to:

- exploring options for developing a framework or template of indicators to consider when developing a *State of the Judiciary Report*, and
- Developing a toolkit on judicial independence and separation of powers.

CJ Recommendation 6. *Endorse* this recommendation with regards to:

- Providing hard copies of toolkits where requested, and subject to budget.
- Provide adviser support for the first implementation and provide remote adviser support for subsequent annual reports.

CJ Recommendation 7. *Endorse* this recommendation with regards to the timing of the next Chief Justices Leadership Workshop in 20-22 April, 2015 in Apia, Samoa.

CJ Recommendation 8. *Endorse* this recommendation with regards to the PEC monitoring the situation in Fiji and Nauru, and to provide an update to the Chief Justices as required.

Resolution 2:

The PEC in consultation with MFAT *endorses* that the MSC provides all quarterly, six monthly, and annual reports to the PEC at the time of formal email submission to MFAT. Subsequently, following PEC approval of the PJDP Annual Report, the MSC is to distribute the Annual Report to all PJDP Chief Justices by email. Further, the MSC is to notify all stakeholders in PJDP Newsletters, of which reports have been uploaded on the PJDP website since the previous issue of the newsletter.



Resolution 3:

The PEC *endorses* the proposed 'Additional Activities' presented in the budget presentation (subject to funding and not necessarily listed in order of priority), as follows:

- Delay Reduction Toolkit (Samoa).
- Annual Court Reporting Toolkit (Kiribati).
- Judicial Independence Toolkit & Pilot.
- Concept Paper on Remote Delivery of PJDP Services.
- Publication of hardcopy toolkits.
- Responsive Fund.

Other activities if implemented will be informed by the *Additional In-PIC Activity Priorities* summarised in the chart found in **Resolution 1**, above.

Resolution 4:

The PEC *endorses* the current approach of having six-monthly face-to-face meetings, with additional remote telephone meetings being held as required.

Resolution 5:

The PEC in closed session (excluding the MSC) *notes* that MFAT will consult the PEC prior to finalisation of the Activity Concept Note for the Pacific Judicial Support Programme tentatively scheduled to be held during May 2014. The PEC will be represented in MFAT's concept note process by Mr. John Kenning, JP. Furthermore, MFAT will consult with the PEC and the MSC to develop options to ensure continuity of the Programme after 1 July, 2015, if needed, and MFAT will present draft options at the October 2014 PEC Meeting.

Resolution 6:

The PEC *notes* its appreciation to MFAT for its ongoing support to judicial development in the region, in particular as expressed by the Chief Executive Officer of MFAT to the recent Chief Justices' Leadership Workshop.

Resolution 7:

The PEC *approves* the publication of PJDP materials developed since the previous meeting, on the website.

Resolution 8:

The PEC *notes* that the MSC is to explore options for the re-inclusion of Fiji as a member of the PJDP should it be returned to the Pacific Island Forum, as appropriate and feasible.

Resolution 9:

The PEC notes that the MSC will distribute the approved PEC Meeting Resolutions to all PEC members, and to PJDP Chief Justices 48-hours later.
