6TH INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - RESOLUTIONS

Koror, Palau

3 April, 2019

The IEC resolved the following matters during the Sixth PJSI Initiative Executive Committee Meeting held in Koror, Palau on 3 April, 2019.

Resolution 1:

The IEC *noted* and *approved* the PJSI Team's Progress Report and acknowledged the progress made under the PJSI to-date (attached in the *Annex One*).

Resolution 2:

The IEC *noted* and *endorsed* *Chief Justices' Recommendations* (attached in the *Annex Two*). The meeting endorsed all Chief Justices' recommendations.

Resolution 3:

The IEC *noted* and *approved* the *2-year Extension Plan* as presented to the Meeting, including the proposed additional activities made as part of the Chief Justices' recommendations. The Meeting acknowledged that some reallocations (within the available budget) will need to be made to allow for all proposed activities to be undertaken.

Resolution 4:

The IEC *noted* the value of the sub-regional discussions between Chief Justices immediately preceding the IEC Meeting, and proposed to institutionalise this as part of the wrap-up of each Chief Justices' Leadership Forum in future.

Resolution 5:

The IEC *noted* and *approved* the PJSI Team's Budget Report and the Indicative PJSI Phase 2 Budget.

Resolution 6:

The IEC *approved* the publication of PJSI materials developed, on the website.

Resolution 7:

The IEC *confirmed* that the next *IEC Meeting* will be a remote meeting held on 29 August, 2019 at Nuku'alofa-time 3pm; Wellington and Majuro-time 2pm; Honiara-time 1pm; Sydney and Brisbane-time 12pm; and Rarotonga on Wednesday 28 August at 4pm.

The following *Chief Justices' Leadership Forum* will be held between 27-29 April, 2020; and *IEC Meeting* will be held on 30 April, 2020. The location for both meetings will be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands.
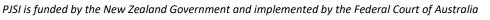
Resolution 8:

The IEC **noted** that there is a need to include remote consultations with lay judicial and court officers using the webinar allocations in the budget prior to the next Chief Justices' Leadership Forum.

Annex Two: Chief Justices' Recommendations

Fourth Chief Justices' Leadership Forum Recommendations
Koror, Palau- 1-3 April, 2019

We, the Chief Justices and Chief Justices' Representatives of the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI) - in the absence of Tuvalu - comprising 13 Pacific Island Countries (PICs) being Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu - have convened at the Chief Justices' Leadership Forum held in Koror, Palau (1-3 April, 2018), make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Initiative Executive Committee (IEC) of the PJSI.

The Forum:

1. *Noted* the importance of PacLII as a critical resource to courts in the Pacific, and requested a summary document explaining models that other Legal Information Institutes ('LII') have developed to ensure sustainable provision of services. Additionally, PacLII will be requested to provide a breakdown (if possible) of jurisdiction-specific usage data.

2. *Noted* the UNODC *Draft Guidelines on the Use of Social Media by Judges*. The Forum further *noted* that each court will need to decide how best to use these guidelines within their respective jurisdiction, and may include these guidelines in judicial ethics training.

3. *Noted* the Mid-term Review and recommendations presented to the meeting. The Forum further *endorsed* the PJSI-Team's collegial approach to implementing PJSI, and the PJSI Team's responses to the recommendations made, as attached in the *Appendix*.

4. *Noted* and *endorsed* the *PJSI Progress Update* presented to the Forum.

5. *Noted* and *endorsed* the draft *Final Court Performance Trend Report* presented to the Forum.

6. *Noted* and *endorsed* the *Information and Communications Technology* update presented to the Forum.

7. *Noted* and *endorsed* the *Monitoring and Evaluation* update presented to the Forum.

8. *Noted* and *endorsed* the proposed *2-year Extension Plan,* activities, and related draft schedule, subject to necessary refinements to allow for effective implementation and the finalisation of contracting with MFAT. Specifically the Forum endorsed the:

   - Distribution of support and balance between regional, local, and remote support.

   - New activities focussing on: scoping the actions needed to progress towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets in the region; assessment/review of the regulatory capacity of bar associations to promote the competence, ethics and discipline of the legal profession; legal aid situation and needs analysis; and scoping options for PJSI to promote access to justice for citizens particularly in remote communities by building awareness and understanding of the respective roles and relationships of custom and law, including the role, functions and

jurisdiction of Courts. Chief Justices requested that PJSI explore options to include concepts for wellness and mindfulness.

- Draft schedule of activities (subject to some refinement of dates), as attached.

9. *Noted* concerns with the representative nature of existing programmatic governance structures, and requested that such structures are reviewed as part of a future programme design. Chief Justices committed to having an informal sub-regional meeting after the CJLF and include remote consultations with lay judicial and court officers using the webinar allocations in the budget.

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Annex Two - Proposed Activities Schedule

Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (Phase II)
Activity Schedule - Chronological Order
as at 17 May 2019
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Activity	Location	Tentative Timing (TBC)	Project
2019			
Local Efficiency Visit #1	Niue	24-28 June, 2019	Efficiency
Local ICT Visit #1	Niue	24-28 June, 2019	Efficiency
Assessment & Support Design Visit	Fiji	July, 2019	National Leadership
Local Project Management and Planning Visit #1	FSM	15-19 July, 2019	National Leadership
Local Human Rights Visit #1	Solomon Islands	5-9 Aug, 2019	Human Rights
Local ICT Visit #2	Tuvalu (TBC)	19-23 Aug, 2019	Efficiency
7th Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	Remote	29 Aug, 2019	Regional Leadership
Local GFV Visit #1	Vanuatu	16-20 Sep, 2019	G&FV
Webinar #1 (Topic TBC)	Remote	1 Oct, 2019	Localising Prof. Capacity Building
Local Access to Justice Visit #1	Kiribati	7-11 Oct, 2019	Access to Justice
Regional Substantive Capacity Building Workshop (Topic: Efficiency & ICT - TBC)	Vanuatu (TBC)	14-18 Oct, 2019	Efficiency
Career Pathway Visit #1	PNG	11-15 Nov, 2019	Institutionalising Prof. Dev't
Local Accountability Visit #1	TBC	TBC	Accountability
2020			
Local Efficiency Visit #2	Nauru	20-24 Jan, 2020	Efficiency
Webinar #2 (IEC rep./led engagement with Lay JOs)	Remote	Feb-Mar, 2020	Localising Prof. Capacity Building

Webinar #3 (IEC rep./led engagement with Court Officers)	Remote	Feb-Mar, 2020	Localising Prof. Capacity Building
Local Human Rights Visit #2 (TBC)	Tonga (TBC)	2-6 Mar, 2020	Human Rights
Local Project Management and Planning Visit #2	Tokelau (TBC)	9-20 Mar, 2020	National Leadership
Local Visit #1 (Topic TBC)	Fiji	23 Mar-3 Apr, 2020	TBC
5th Chief Justices' Leadership Forum	Solomon Islands	27-29 Apr, 2020	Regional Leadership
8th Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	Solomon Islands	30 Apr, 2020	Regional Leadership
M&E Visit #1	Solomon Islands	27 Apr-1 May, 2020	Accountability
Career Gateway Visit #1	Vanuatu	4-8 May, 2020	Institutionalising Prof. Dev't
Local GFV Visit #2	Samoa	June, 2020	G&FV
Local Human Rights Visit #3	Kiribati	15-19 June, 2020	Human Rights
Local Efficiency Visit #3	Tokelau	July, 2020	Efficiency
Regional Substantive Capacity Building Workshop (SDGs - TBC)	Fiji or Samoa (TBC)	20-24 July, 2020	Localising Prof. Capacity Building
Local GFV Visit #3	FSM	7-11 Sept, 2020	G&FV Output
9th Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	Remote	15 Sept, 2020	Regional Leadership
Local Visit #2 (Topic TBC)	Fiji	21 Sept-9 Oct, 2020	TBC
Regional Substantive Workshop (Topic: Bar Assoc., Legal Aid - TBC)	Palau (TBC)	Oct, 2020	Bar Associations
Local ICT Visit #3	Palau	12-16 Oct, 2020	Efficiency
Career Gateway or Career Pathway Visit (TBC)	TBC	19-30 Oct, 2020	Institutionalising Prof. Dev't
Webinar #4 (Topic TBC)	Remote	11 Nov, 2020	Localising Prof. Capacity Building
Local Access to Justice Visit #2	Cook Islands (TBC)	16-20 Nov, 2020	Access to Justice
Local Accountability Visit #2	TBC	TBC	Accountability
2021			
Local ICT Visit #4	Marshall Islands	Feb, 2021	Efficiency
Local Access to Justice Visit #3	Vanuatu	Mar, 2021	Access to Justice

6th Chief Justices' Leadership Forum	Brisbane	19-21 Apr, 2021	Regional Leadership
10th Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	Brisbane	22 Apr, 2021	Regional Leadership
M&E Visit #2	Brisbane	19-22 Apr, 2021	Accountability

Leadership Incentive Fund Activities:

Activity	Deadline
LIF Applications available for all PICs (depending on availability of funds – assessed on a 'first-in-first served' basis)	*Open*

Remote activities:

Activity	Location	Tentative Timing	Project
2019-2020			
Remote Delivery Facilitation #1	Remote/Regional	June 19-May 20	National Leadership
SDG Issues Paper	Remote	July-Dec 2019	Sustainable Development Goals
Desk Review: Needs Analysis of Bar Associations	Remote	Sept 19-Feb 20	Bar Associations
Desk Review: Needs Analysis of Legal Aid Organisations	Remote	Sept 19-Feb 20	Institutionalising Legal Aid
Access to Justice: Community Awareness Discussion Paper	Remote	Sept 19-Feb 20	Access to Justice
2020-2021			
Remote Delivery Facilitation #2	Remote/Regional	June 20-May 21	National Leadership
Career Gateway Progress Assessment & Strategy Paper	Remote	Sept 19-Feb 20	Institutionalising Prof. Dev't
Career Pathway Review & Curriculum Assessment	Remote	Oct-Dec 19	Institutionalising Prof. Dev't
Development of Final PJSI Trend Report	Remote	Oct 20-May 21	Accountability
Ongoing			
Collection, analysis & publication of court performance data	Remote	Ongoing	Accountability
Technical M&E assistance and Court User Perception Surveys	Remote	Ongoing	Accountability