

## 1<sup>ST</sup> PJSI INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (10 September, 2016)

## **Approved Initiative Executive Committee Resolutions**

The Initiative Executive Committee (IEC) resolved the following matters during the first PJSI IEC Meeting in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (10 September, 2016):

#### Resolution 1:

The IEC *accepted* the PJSI Team's Inception Report. The IEC furthermore *accepted* the Financial Report in principle.

## Resolution 2:

The IEC requests that the PJSI Team:

- Circulate the earlier terms of reference for the Initiative Executive Committee (to be provided by MFAT) and attach these to the IEC Meeting Minutes.
- Provide further clarity on the objectives, nature, and scope of activities to be undertaken
  by the Human Rights Adviser and present these for further direction to the Chief Justices'
  Leadership Forum following piloting of the toolkit.
- Seeks to incorporate concepts relating to corruption in relevant PJSI activities.

#### Resolution 3:

The IEC *approved* the option to hold remote IEC Meetings (an initial timing being the 3<sup>rd</sup> IEC Meeting (September 2017).

#### **Resolution 4:**

The IEC noted and endorsed all 'Chief Justices' Recommendations' (attached in Annex One).

### **Resolution 5:**

The IEC **endorsed** the proposed additional activities, namely the: Gender and Family Violence Context Expert; Improving Access to Justice (FSM); Efficiency (Tokelau); and a new Leadership Adviser role, subject to the availability of sufficient underspends.

## Resolution 6:

The IEC *approved* the publication of PJDP materials developed since the previous meeting, on the website.

### **Resolution 7:**

The IEC *confirmed* that the next meeting of the IEC will be held in Apia between 6-7 April, 2017 (immediately after the Chief Justices' Leadership Forum between 3-5 April, 2017).



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## **Annex One - Chief Justices' Leadership Forum Recommendations**

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea: 7-9 September, 2016

We, the Chief Justices and Chief Justices' Representatives of the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI) - in the absence of Niue and Tuvalu - comprising 12 Pacific Island Countries (PICs) being Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, and Vanuatu - have convened at the Chief Justices' Leadership Forum held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (7-9 September, 2016), make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Initiative Executive Committee (IEC) of the PJSI.

## The Forum:

- 1. *Endorsed* the PJSI Activity Design and supports the outcomes, themes and activities developed in the Design.
- Endorsed the Initiative's strategies, approach, and proposed activities with regards to:
   Human Rights; Gender and Family Violence; Institutionalisation of Professional
   Development; Accountability; Monitoring and Evaluation; and the Leadership Incentive
   Fund. The Forum specifically endorsed:
  - a. The development and distribution of court-user perception and baseline data collection surveys.
  - b. The key recommendations of the *Institutionalisation of Professional Development* activity, namely to: initiate detailed consultations with selected training provider(s), including USP Law School and/or USP TAFE, to explore interest to develop a 'Certificate of Justice' and build institutional twinning relationships (in the Gateway Project); and explore the capacity-building needs of PNGCJE to build capacity as a regional training provider (in the Pathway Project).
- 3. **Endorsed** and recommended to the IEC the adoption of the *Regional and Local Activities Schedule* attached in **Annex One**, noting that refinements are likely to occur over the course of implementation. Specifically, the Forum further **endorsed**:
  - a. The timing and location for the next Chief Justices' Leadership Forum (3-5 April, 2017) in Apia, Samoa, followed by the planned IEC Meeting (6-7 April, 2017).
  - b. That where it is feasible for a Chief Justices' Leadership Forum to be aligned with another regional conference or meeting (as was the case in Port Moresby), that individual courts will contribute by paying for travel and related costs for their respective Chief Justice to attend the regional conference, and the PJSI will only need to provide support for accommodation and meals for the duration of the PJSI Forum held immediately prior to the non-PJSI conference.
- 4. **Noted** that Chief Justices' Leadership Fora are intended to be closed meetings. Consequently, only Chief Justices, their representatives, and those receiving the prior approval of the IEC Chair are able to attend.
- 5. **Endorsed** the approach for the IEC Chair to formally invite Fiji judiciary to participate in the PJSI should there be interest on the part of the Chief Justice of Fiji and the Fiji judiciary to participate in PJSI activities.





- 6. **Noted** that the maintenance of PacLII is essential to the operational effectiveness of courts in the Pacific. To that end, the Chief Justices urge that PacLII is adequately funded to provide services to the region on an ongoing basis, and agree to:
  - a. Directly lobby the executive branch of each of their governments to provide direct support to PacLII.
  - b. Raise concerns regarding ongoing support to PacLII for further discussion at the upcoming Pacific Judicial Conference (PJC) seeking endorsement of the approach that the host of the PJC and the IEC Chair jointly draft and circulate a letter to: relevant funding bodies; the executive branches of all judiciaries participating in the PJC; the Pacific Islands Forum; and publish the letter on the PJSI website seeking ongoing support to PacLII.
- 7. **Noted** that where appropriate, PJSI activities may include participation of private and government lawyers following discussion and approval of the relevant Chief Justice.
- 8. **Noted** that Alternative Dispute Resolution and mediation are of interest to a number of the PJSI partner courts, and that where appropriate, PJSI activities may focus on such topics. The PJSI Team was requested that time is allocated in the next Chief Justices' Leadership Forum for PJSI courts that have experience in developing mediation for Chief Justices to showcase their experiences to that Forum. Additionally, MFAT invited applications from courts with substantial needs to be made directly to their local High Commission / Embassy.
- 9. **Endorsed** more general support for leadership with the potential to make a limited reduction to Monitoring and Evaluation activities and reallocate savings and other available funds to such activities; and that the *Papua New Guinea Manual of Judicial Administration* is uploaded onto the PJSI website as soon as an electronic version is available.

## 10. Expressed appreciation and gratitude to:

- a. Chief Justice Sir Salamo Injia for hosting the Chief Justices' Leadership Forum;
- b. MFAT for its ongoing support to the judiciaries of the Pacific; and
- c. in particular to Ms Anna Pasikale and Ms Ranmali Fernando for their inputs over the course of PJDP and the start of PJSI.

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## **Annex One - Regional and Local Activities Schedule**

as at 10 September, 2016

## **Regional Activities:**

Activity	Indicative Timing (TBC)	Location (TBC)
1. 1 <sup>st</sup> Chief Justices' Leadership Forum	7-9 Sep, 2016	PNG
2. 1 <sup>st</sup> Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	10 Sep, 2016	PNG
Project Management and Evaluation Workshop	20-24 Feb, 2017	Vanuatu
4. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chief Justices' Leadership Forum	3-5 Apr, 2017	Samoa
5. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	6-7 Apr, 2017	Samoa
6. Regional Certificate-level Training-of-Trainers Workshop	12-23 Jun, 2017	Cook Islands
7. Leadership Workshop (Topic: <i>Leadership &amp; Human Rights,</i> TBC)	5-7 Sep, 2017	Tonga
8. 3 <sup>nd</sup> Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	25 Sep, 2017	Remote
9. Regional Lay Judicial Officer Orientation Workshop	20-24 Nov, 2017	Solomon Is.
10. Substantive / Capacity Development Training-of-Trainers Workshop (Topic: <i>Access to Justice &amp; Human Rights</i> , TBC)	14-16 Feb, 2018	Vanuatu
11. 3rd Chief Justices' Leadership Forum	16-18 Apr, 2018	Auckland
12. 4 <sup>th</sup> Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	19-20 Apr, 2018	Auckland
13. 5 <sup>th</sup> Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	Sep, 2018	Remote (TBC)
14. Substantive / Capacity Development ToT Workshop (Topic: Efficiency & Gender and Family Violence, TBC)	26-30 Nov, 2018	PNG
15. Regional Training Workshop (Topic: <i>Decision-Making</i> , TBC)	20-22 Feb, 2019	Solomon Is.
16. 4 <sup>th</sup> Chief Justices' Leadership Forum	1-3 Apr, 2019	Palau
17. 6 <sup>th</sup> Initiative Executive Committee Meeting	4-5 Apr, 2019	Palau

## **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)	30 September; 30 March; 30 June





## **In-PIC Local Activities:**

Activity	Tentative Timing (TBC)	Location (TBC)		
National Leadership Output (all inputs aligned with Large-scale LIF grants)				
1. Local Project Management and Planning Visit #1	ТВС	ТВС		
2. Local Project Management and Planning Visit #2	TBC	TBC		
3. Local Project Management and Planning Visit #3	ТВС	TBC		
4. Local Project Management and Planning Visit #4	TBC	TBC		
5. Local Project Management and Planning Visit #5	ТВС	TBC		
6. Local Project Management and Planning Visit #6	ТВС	TBC		
Access to Justice Output (Enabling Rights)				
1. Local Visit #1	26 Jun – 7 Jul, 2017	FSM		
2. Local Visit #2	5-16 Mar, 2018	Marshall Islands		
3. Local Visit #3	1-12 Oct, 2018	Cook Islands		
4. Local Visit #4	1-12 May, 2019	Vanuatu		
Professional Development Output				
1. Local Orientation Visit #1	19-28 Jul, 2017	Tuvalu		
2. Local Orientation Visit #2	6-17 Aug, 2017	Marshall Islands		
3. Local Orientation Visit #3	9-18 May, 2018	Samoa		
4. Local Orientation Visit #4	11-20 Jul, 2018	Solomon Islands		
Human Rights Output				
Piloting of HR resource / toolkit	6-17 Feb, 2017	Solomon Islands		
2. Local Visit #1	21 Aug-1 Sept, 2017	PNG		
3. Local Visit #2	9-20 Apr, 2018	Kiribati		
4. Local Visit #3	21 Jan-1 Feb, 2019	Tonga		
Gender and Family Violence Output				
Piloting of GFV resource / toolkit	6-17 Feb, 2017	Nauru		
2. Local Visit #1	16-27 Oct, 2017	Tonga		
3. Local Visit #2	19 Feb-2 Mar, 2018	Cook Islands		
4. Local Visit #3	16-27 Jul, 2018	Vanuatu		
5. Local Visit #4	11-22 Mar, 2019	Tuvalu		
6. Local Visit #5	April 2019 (TBC)	Palau		
Efficiency Output				
1. Local Visit #1	9-20 Oct, 2017	Palau		
2. Local Visit #2	11-22 Jun, 2018	Niue		
3. Local Visit #3	13-24 August, 2018	Tokelau		
4. Local Visit #4	4-15 Feb, 2019	Nauru		





# In-PIC / remote regional activities:

Activity	Tentative Timing	Location
National Leadership Output		
1. Remote Delivery Facilitation #1	Sept 2016-May 2017	Remote / Regional
2. Remote Delivery Facilitation #2	Jun 2017-May 2018	Remote / Regional
3. Remote Delivery Facilitation #3	Jun 2018-May 2019	Remote / Regional
Localising Professional Capacity Building Output		
Mentoring / resource sharing with local trainers	Sept 2016-May 2017	Remote / Regional
2. Mentoring / resource sharing with local trainers	Jun 2017-May 2018	Remote / Regional
3. Mentoring / resource sharing with local trainers	Jun 2018-May 2019	Remote / Regional
Institutionalising Professional Development Output		
1. Career Gateway: Local Visit #1	ТВС	ТВС
2. Career Gateway: Local Visit #2	ТВС	TBC
3. Career Gateway: Local Visit #3	ТВС	TBC
4. Career Pathway: Local Visit #1	ТВС	TBC
5. Career Pathway: Local Visit #2	TBC	TBC
Accountability Output		
1. Collection, analysis & publication of court performance data	ТВС	Remote
2. Expand collection of data	ТВС	Remote
3. Court User Perception Surveys	TBC	Remote
4. Data Management: collection, collation, analysis & reporting	TBC	Remote
Accountability Output		
1. M&E Assistance Local Visit #1	27 Mar-7 Apr, 2017	Samoa
2. M&E Assistance Local Visit #2	16-27 Apr, 2018	Auckland
3. M&E Assistance Local Visit #3	25 Mar-5 Apr, 2019	Palau

