

## 8<sup>TH</sup> INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - RESOLUTIONS

Remote Teleconference: 26 March 2020

The IEC resolved the following matters during the 8<sup>th</sup> PJSI Initiative Executive Committee Meeting held remotely on 26 March 2020.

### **Resolution 1:**

The IEC **approved** the 7<sup>th</sup> Initiative Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from the previous remote meeting in August 2019.

### **Resolution 2:**

The IEC **noted** and **approved** the PJSI Team's Progress Report and implications of COVID-19.

### **Resolution 3:**

The IEC **noted** and **approved** the PJSI Team's Budget Report and implications of COVID-19.

### **Resolution 4:**

The IEC **endorsed** the proposed approach to continue to implement PJSI activities, as feasible.

### **Resolution 5:**

The IEC **endorsed** the proposed approach for the PJSI Team to reach out to all Partner Courts to discuss the impact of COVID-19, and to develop an adaptation strategy and re-allocate funds as needed to support alternative implementation options.

### **Resolution 6:**

The IEC provided **approval-in-principal** of the draft strategy papers presented,<sup>1</sup> and **endorsed** the:

- ongoing implementation of related activities, subject to the impact of COVID-19;
- PJSI Team to undertake the previously approved follow-up activities (in particular regional workshops<sup>2</sup>) in coordination with Partner Courts, and that participants may include non-court actors; and
- release of the draft strategy papers to MFAT to assist them with their current/upcoming evaluation and design activities.

### **Resolution 7:**

The IEC **approved** the distribution of the 6 strategy papers to be officially distributed to the New Zealand MFAT Evaluation and Design Teams.

### **Resolution 8:**

The IEC **noted** that given the impact of COVID-19 on the region that there is a significant likelihood that not all PJSI activities and outcomes will be achievable within the current contract period.

### **Resolution 9:**

The IEC **noted** and **endorsed** the need for New Zealand MFAT and the Federal Court of Australia to explore options for an extension to PJSI, if/as needed.

<sup>1</sup> Namely: Assessment of Pacific Legal Aid Systems; Assessment of Pacific Lawyer Associations; UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Cook Island Indicators; PNG's Centre for Judicial Excellence; and Courts, Custom & Hybrid Justice Actors.

<sup>2</sup> Regional Workshops are planned for the: Assessment of Pacific Legal Aid Systems; Assessment of Pacific Lawyer Associations; and United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals Strategy Papers.

**Resolution 10:**

The IEC **noted** the Lay Judicial Officer Representative's report on the consultation webinar and the positive outcomes of the remote engagement tool.

**Resolution 11:**

The IEC **confirmed** the need for an additional remote IEC Meeting, scheduled for Thursday 25 June, 2020.

**Resolution 12:**

The IEC **confirmed** the 8<sup>th</sup> Chief Justices' Leadership Forum to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 24-26 August 2020, subject to re-confirmation at the 9<sup>th</sup> IEC remote Meeting on 25 June, 2020.

**Resolution 13:**

The IEC **approved** the publication of relevant documents on the PJSI website.