## 8th Initiative Executive Committee Meeting - Resolutions

Remote Teleconference: 26 March 2020

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

***Resolution 1:***

The IEC ***approved*** the 7th 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,[[1]](#footnote-1) 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[[2]](#footnote-2)) 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.

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

***Resolution 13:***

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

1. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)