## 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, andproposed 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.

1. ***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** |
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| *LIF Applications available for all PICs*  *(depending on availability of funds – assessed on a ‘first-in-first served’ basis)* | *Open* |

***Remote activities:***

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| **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 |