

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Surrey Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014.

### **DIRECTORS' RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Directors at this meeting:

#### **Management Report, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014**

1. The Directors noted the progress made on the implementation of SPTO's work programme for the periods 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014.
2. The Directors further acknowledged that activities were implemented according to the work plan and within the approved budget provisions.

#### **Financial Report 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014**

3. The Directors noted the Financial Report and encouraged that future reporting is to include 6-monthly budget forecasts.

#### **2013 SPTO Annual Report**

4. The Directors' approved the 2013 SPTO Annual Report and encouraged the immediate printing and distribution of the reports to stakeholders.

#### **China-Pacific Islands Economic Development Forum 2013**

5. The Directors acknowledged the initiatives taken to secure further assistance from the People's Republic of China and noted the eight (8) areas of tourism support presented in the proposal.
6. The Directors encouraged that the draft proposal be distributed to Board members for comments.
7. The Directors agreed that a high level SPTO delegation is to visit the People's Republic of China to formally submit the proposal to the appropriate authorities.

#### **Draft Pacific Regional Tourism Strategy**

8. The Directors noted the wide stakeholder consultations made at national and regional levels and endorsed that the draft Pacific Regional Tourism Strategy be presented at the next Council meeting for approval.
9. The Directors agreed that the Secretariat review the title of the document and to present to the Board for consideration at its October meeting.

## **European Development Fund (EDF) 11 Consultations**

10. The Directors commended management on the consultations made with the European Union (EU) and urged that these efforts continue towards securing the next phase of funding from the EU (EDF 11) for tourism sector development in the region.

## **Cruise Tourism Development**

11. The Directors recognized the work done towards developing this important tourism segment and encouraged management to continue its work programme on cruise shipping in the region, especially in collaboration with development partners and private sector industry players.

## **Review of the SPTO Constitution**

12. The Directors noted that further research and review work needs to be done and encouraged management to continue the review and consultation process.
13. The Directors agreed that a revised draft Constitution be distributed, before the end of July 2014, to member governments for comments by national authorities prior to submission to the Council meeting in October 2014 for approval.

## **Review of the Government Membership Contribution**

14. The Directors noted the work in progress on the review of government membership contribution and approved that a specialist be engaged to implement this task under the Terms of Reference (ToR) provided.

## **Review of the Private Sector Membership Structure**

15. The Directors endorsed the proposed review of private sector membership structure and agreed that the needs of Smaller Island States (SIS) be given due recognition and consideration.

## **United Nations Small Island Developing States (UNSIDS) Conference, 2014**

16. The Directors recognized the importance of UN SIDS in Samoa and noted the initiatives taken to push the Pacific Islands tourism agenda at this conference.
17. The Directors commended that SPTO efforts be increased towards raising the profile of Pacific Island tourism within the UN system and with global development partners.