



**Board of Directors Meeting
The Edgewater Resort & Spa, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 11 October 2016.**

DIRECTORS' RESOLUTIONS

The meeting of the Directors was attended by the government representatives of American Samoa, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The Directors discussed issues related to SPTO's policies, activities, work programme and budget since the last meeting; and passed the following resolutions:

2017 Divisional Work Plans and Budgets

1. The Directors approved the SPTO 2017 Divisional Work Plans and their respective budgets.
2. The Directors further approved the SPTO Budget for 2017.

Update on the European Development Fund (EDF) 11

3. The Directors endorsed the revised key result areas and four pillars in SPTO's EDF 11 submission.

SPTO Governance Policy

4. The Directors approved the recommendation that the Secretariat begins the relevant administrative work.

SPTO Tourism Industry Members on the Board of Directors

5. The Directors approved the recommendation to establish a sub-committee to administer the appointment process for the next Board of Directors' meeting.
6. The Directors also approved the revisions to the Policy and Procedures as outlined by the Secretariat.
7. The Directors further approved the membership of this sub-committee comprising the following Board Directors:
 - i. Yolinda Chan – Fiji
 - ii. Reeti Onorio – Kiribati
 - iii. Felicity Bollen – Niue

- iv. Jerry Agus – Papua New Guinea
- v. Josefa Tuamoto – Solomon Islands
- vi. Sonja Hunter – Samoa
- vii. Allan Kalfabun - Vanuatu

SPTO Private Sector Membership – Looking Beyond 2017

- 8. The Directors endorsed SPTO to revamp the SPTO private sector membership fee structure and benefits.
- 9. The Directors further endorsed the development of a 3 year membership strategic plan.

South Pacific Tourism Exchange (SPTE) – Looking Beyond 2017

- 10. The Directors approved that SPTO sends an EOI for the hosting of SPTE in the Pacific to all member countries by the end of October 2016. This will be reviewed at the SPTO Board meeting in Sydney in May 2017 together with the option of dovetailing ATE.
- 11. The Directors approved that the SPTO meeting in Sydney will take place after SPTE. The venue and date for SPTE 2018 will be announced shortly after SPTE 2017.

SPTO Brand Development and Strategy

- 12. The Directors endorsed the brand concept that will be tabled to the Council of Ministers of Tourism meeting for approval. The Secretariat will provide a program of implementation of the brand roll-out in consultation with the National Tourism Offices (NTOs) by October 21.

Next Meeting

- 13. The Directors endorsed that the next Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Sydney in May 2017. The Secretariat will confirm the date and venue at a later time.
- 14. The Directors also endorsed that the 2017 Council of Ministers of Tourism Meeting will be held in Vanuatu in October and the date will be communicated by the Secretariat in due time.
- 15. The Directors noted the request from Samoa to host the 2018 Council of Ministers of Tourism Meeting and from Niue to host the 2019 Council of Ministers of Tourism Meeting.