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## **Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)**

Apia, Samoa  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### **Agenda item 3: Adoption of the agenda for COP-9 meeting**

#### **Purpose:**

1. To adopt the Provisional Agenda for the ninth Waigani Convention Conference of the Parties (WC COP-9) meeting.

#### **Background:**

2. In previous COP meetings, the agenda has been structured to provide updates of work done by the Secretariat and where necessary, items that were for a decision to be made;
3. At the STAC-6 meeting, it was discussed that the structure of the previous meetings focused on what the Secretariat had done by way of an update and where necessary, discussion papers on strategic issues. It did not provide a structure that parties were able to provide updates on what they had done or what they were having difficulties with in terms of implementing the Waigani Convention at the national level. It further explained that the current Agenda was designed to allow the parties to provide their updates and their challenges and allow the Secretariat to work towards addressing these issues.
4. The WC COP-9 Agenda is thus structured to provide the opportunity for the parties to not only receive information pertaining to the updates and strategic action issues, but also provide them with an opportunity to inform the meeting of what they have done and also, what their struggles and challenges are so it can be captured and addressed in the coming biennium;

#### **Recommendation**

5. To facilitate the running of the 9<sup>th</sup> COP meeting, the Meeting is invited to:
  - **discuss** the Provisional Agenda and make any amendments, where necessary; and
  - **adopt** the Provisional Agenda (Annex 1)