



Pacific Islands Tax Administrators Association

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual PITAA Heads Meeting

# MEETING COMMUNIQUE

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
11.00am - 1.20pm*

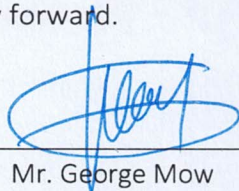
### VIRTUAL

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1. The 17<sup>th</sup> PITAA Annual Heads Meeting was conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams platform on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
2. The Meeting was attended by delegates from thirteen of the sixteen PITAA member countries. The members present were Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, Timor-Leste and Tuvalu. Apologies was received from Chair- Ms. Ann Marie Muller of Republic of the Marshall Islands. No response was received from Palau, Tokelau and Vanuatu.
3. Also in attendance was Mr. Georg Eysselein of Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center (PFTAC) as an Observer.
4. The Meeting was Chaired by the Vice-Chair, Fiji, through Mr. George Mow- the proxy to the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Fiji Revenue & Customs Service, Ms. Fane Vave. In his opening address, he acknowledged the challenging period the region is facing now through the global pandemic COVID-19 and the closure of borders limiting travel and trade. He stressed the need for the region to work together during this period sharing ideas and experience through the PITAA Secretariat.
5. The meeting endorsed the continuation of current Chair, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Vice-Chair, Fiji, until the face-to-face handover is conducted to the next host of the PITAA Heads Meeting in 2021.
6. PITAA members acknowledged the launch of the "*Revenue Statistics in Asia and the Pacific 2020 publication*" and encouraged more participation from members.



7. Through the presentation of the PITAA Secretariat Update, PITAA members:
  - a. noted Samoa (TIER 2 representative) and Cook Islands (TIER 3 representative) interest to be in the PITAA Strategic Plan Working Group; with TIER 1 representative to be approached by the PITAA Secretariat.
  - b. noted Fiji (TIER 1 representative) and Solomon Islands (TIER 2 representative) interest to be in the PITAA Constitution Review Working Group; with TIER 3 representative to be approached by the PITAA Secretariat.
  - c. noted the CATA-PITAA MOU Draft for circulation and final comments from members before signing.
  - d. approved the participation and representation of the Head of Secretariat in the Industry Advisory Council for Fiji National University and the payment of sitting allowance to be paid to the representative.
  - e. approved the 2021 PITAA Secretariat Budget.
  - f. approved the 2020 – 2021 work plan.
  - g. noted the reappointment of Mr. Petero Maivucevuce as Training Coordinator/ Office Administrator for a second term of three years.
  - h. approved the deferment of implementation of the new funding model approved at the 2019 PITAA Heads Meeting until 2022.
8. The 2021 PITAA Annual Heads Meeting will be held in Tonga.
9. Members also reconfirmed their support for PITAA and the importance of working together as we navigate the way forward.



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Mr. George Mow  
Chair - 2020 PITAA Annual Heads Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2020