

**REPORT ON THE 1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS MARITIME CONFERENCE (PIMC) – 10TH DECEMBER 2016**



Members of the Executive Committee of PacWIMA Ms. Mavis Joseph (Chairperson), Ms. Kelela Tonga (Member) and Ms. Tanny Saepio (Member) with representatives from Niue - Ms. Lynsey Talagi, Kiribati - Ms. Mareta and Palau - Ms. Marygold Yobech at the Inaugural General Meeting of the Pacific Islands Maritime Conference (PIMC) in Vanuatu on 10th December 2016.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Pacific Women In Maritime Association (PacWIMA) was invited by SPC to attend the Inaugural General Meeting of the Pacific Islands Maritime Conference (PIMC) at the National Convention Centre, Port Vila, on the 10th December 2016.
- 1.2 The PIMC Inaugural General Meeting was organised by the Pacific Community (SPC) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), hosted by Vanuatu and attended by the Governing Council –
 - a. Pacific Islands Maritime Association (PacMA) executive members from – Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu;



- b. Pacific Maritime Transport Alliance (PMTA) executive members from – Fiji and Tonga;
 - c. Pacific International Maritime Law Association (PIMLA) represented by Samoa;
 - d. Pacific Island Ship Owners Association (PISA) represented by Samoa;
 - e. PacWIMA executive members from Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga; and
 - f. Delegates from Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, New Zealand and Palau.
- 1.3 The Inaugural General Meeting was to endorse the constitution of PIMC and to provide understanding of its role along with its planned activities and specialized sub-committees.

2.0 BENEFITS

- 2.1 PacWIMA’s Chairperson, Ms. Mavis Joseph-Logavatu presented and highlighted to PIMC what PacWIMA has achieved, regional activities its members have participated in and what it is currently working on, since the re-launch of PacWIMA in April 2016 in Tonga.
- 2.2 PacWIMA also made its submission regarding the constitution of PIMC to ensure that PacWIMA is represented in PIMC as an effective regional Association.



“Since the re-launch of PacWIMA in April 2016, with the assistance of SPC, PacWIMA has achieved the most imminent task as per the Work Plan, such as the:

- (i) Development and adoption of State WIMA Constitution template in July 2016.*
- (ii) Development and adoption of the PacWIMA Logo.*
- (iii) Development and adoption of the PacWIMA Constitution in August 2016 and the signing of the same in September 2016.”* PacWIMA Chairperson Ms. Mavis Joseph-Logavatu

3.0 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

3.1 The Governing Council –

- a. Acknowledged the registration of PIMC in Tonga as an official legal entity;
- b. Adopted the Pacific Islands Maritime Conference Constitution with amendments;
- c. Adopted the PIMC Work Plan subject for review by each party in the next six (6) months;
- d. Recognised the availability of commercially available training material;
- e. Agreed to establish an Audit Sub-Committee and an Environmental Sub-Committee under PIMC (in addition to the Safety & Training Sub-Committee);
- f. Approved and welcomed the Pacific Women in Maritime Association as a Party to the Conference; and
- g. Acknowledged and requested the participation of Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in PIMC activities and agreed to strengthen SPREP involvement in the matters of the conference.





4.0 ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY PACWIMA

To address the resolutions of the Conference, PacWIMA will undertake the following actions:

- a. Participate and contribute to the (i) Environment; (ii) Audit & Compliance; and (iii) Safety & Training PIMC Sub-Committees;
- b. Identify PacWIMA Members to participate and contribute to the Sub-Committees mentioned in (a) above and notify SPC; and
- c. Support the Work Plan for PIMC.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the actions to be taken by PacWIMA as stated in Clause 4 is undertaken.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 In conclusion, the Inaugural General Meeting of the Pacific Islands Maritime Conference resulted in Pacific Women in Maritime Association being welcomed and approved as a Party to the Conference and recognizing the role of women as a resource for the maritime industry.
- 6.2 In addition, the overwhelming consensus for women participation in PIMC is testament to the capacity support within the Region.