

**REPORT ON THE PACIFIC ISLANDS MARITIME CONFERENCE (PIMC)  
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017**



Members of the Governing Council of PIMC with the Deputy Director Transport and Economic Development Mr. Thierry Nervale, Ms. Bernedine Managreve and Mr. Sitalingi Payne from the Pacific Community (SPC) at the Governing Council Meeting of PIMC in Nadi, Fiji on 01<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 Pacific Women In Maritime Association (PacWIMA) was invited by SPC to attend the Pacific Islands Maritime Conference (PIMC) Governing Council Meeting at the Novotel Hotel, Nadi, Fiji, from the 28<sup>th</sup> February to the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
- 1.2 The Governing Council Meeting was organised by the Pacific Community (SPC) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and attended by the 5 Regional bodies i.e. the pillars of PIMC –
  - a. Pacific Islands Maritime Association (PacMA);
  - b. Pacific Maritime Transport Alliance (PMTA);
  - c. Pacific International Maritime Law Association (PIMLA);



- d. Pacific Island Ship Owners Association (PISA); and
- e. PacWIMA.

1.3 Discussions centred on the PIMC Logo, Outcome of the Heads of Transport and Energy Meeting 2016 in Vanuatu in December 2016, the Work Plan for PIMC and the Sub-committees and the Amendment to the PIMC Constitution.

## **2.0 BENEFITS**

2.1 PacWIMA's Chairperson, Ms. Mavis Joseph-Logavatu sought the support and views of PIMC members for a "Day for Women in Maritime" (D4WIM) to be celebrated nationally, regionally and hopefully globally.

2.2 PacWIMA also contributed to the amendment of the PIMC Constitution and assisted in identifying members of the Sub-Committees.

## **3.0 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION**

3.1 Amongst other Resolutions, PIMC members gave its support for PacWIMA's initiative to have a "D4WIM" regionally –

- a. PMTA stated its support for a D4WIM and gender equality, equal participation of women in the maritime sector. PMTA further stated that having a D4WIM is acknowledging the vision for women in maritime and recommended that PacWIMA also recognise the wives of sea-based and shore-based maritime professionals;
- b. PacMA stated its support for a D4WIM and highlighted that PIMC has always supported the work of women and if women initiated this, then PacMA is fully supportive of this regional initiative and highlighted that a D4WIM could become a global phenomenon (initiated by the Pacific);
- c. PIMLA also highlighted its support for a D4WIM and congratulated PacWIMA on its re-launch;
- d. The Chairperson for PIMC stated that it is important to keep the organization well and keep it in focus by having a yearly event women in maritime.



#### **4.0 ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY PACWIMA**

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

- a. In consultation with the PacWIMA members, identify 1 member per Sub-Committee to participate and contribute to the (i) Environment; (ii) Audit & Compliance; and (iii) Safety & Training PIMC Sub-Committees;
- b. Identify the D4WIM in consultation with the PacWIMA Members; 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 Governing Council Meeting of the Pacific Islands Maritime Conference resulted in Pacific Women in Maritime Association gaining the support of the PIMC for a D4WIM and participating in the Sub-Committees aforementioned.
- 6.2 In addition, the overwhelming consensus for a D4WIM by PIMC is testament to the support for women within the Region.