

**SUMMARY RECORD
NINTH SPECIAL PIP MEETING (SPIP9)
AND
EIGHT RENEGOTIATION SESSION (RS8)
24-28 April 2023, Honolulu, Hawaii**

1. INTRODUCTION

Both SPIP9 and RS8 were held back to back from 24-28 April 2023 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

SPIP9 was held from 24-25 April at the Ala Moana Hotel and RS8 from 26-28 April 2023 at the NOAA's Inouye Regional Center, Ford Island.

(a) Opening

Each of the meetings was opened on the day that each started.

SPIP9 was opened with a prayer by Samoa, followed by welcome remarks from the FFA Director-General.

RS8 was opened with a traditional Hawaiian welcome followed by welcome remarks from the Hawaiian Community Elder, followed by responses made by Kiribati and Fiji.

(b) Agenda

The adopted agendas for SPIP9 and RS8 are appended as **Attachment A** and **Attachment B**, respectively.

(c) List of Participants

The list of participants for both meetings is appended as **Attachment C**.

2. SPIP9 PREPARATION

The purpose of SPIP9 was for the Pacific Island Parties (PIPs) to prepare for the RS8, especially for the PIPs to agree on their formal Statements for the RS8. As in previous sessions, the approach in the renegotiation was through the exchange of formal Statements between the PIPs and the United States (US).

In addition, PIPs used this opportunity to discuss any other internal matters for the implementation of the Treaty. In this meeting, PIPs had a preliminary discussion of a paper prepared by the Secretariat for the distribution of the Treaty funds of US\$60 million per annum for the next 10 years, starting in 2024 under the new Economic Assistance Agreement (EAA). More discussion was needed on this matter.

SPIP9 continued to meet on the margins of RS8 to consider the response to US Statements.

3. CO-CHAIRS OF RS8

As in past practice, the renegotiation was jointly chaired by the PIPs' Spokesperson and the US Head of delegation.

RS8 was jointly chaired by Mr Uati Tirikai of Kiribati as the FFC Chair and Mr Dave Hogan as the US Head of delegation.

Kiribati was also the lead Spokesperson for the PIPs, assisted by Mr Glen Joseph of the Marshall Islands (in-coming FFC Chair) and Mr. Netani Tavaga of Fiji (Previous FFC Chair) in accordance with current practice.

4. SUMMARY OUTCOME

(a) SPIP9

A summary outcome of SPIP9 is provided in **Attachment D**.

(b) RS8

A summary outcome of RS8 is provided in the same Attachment D.

The exchanged Statements between the PIPs and the US are provided in the attachments:

- PIPs First Statement is appended as **Attachment E**.
- US First Statement is appended as **Attachment F**.
- PIPs Second Statement is appended as **Attachment G**.
- US Second Statement is appended as **Attachment H**.
- PIPs Third Statement is appended as **Attachment I**.
- US Third Statement is appended as **Attachment J**.
- PIPs Fourth Statement is appended as **Attachment K**.
- PIPs made an additional Fifth Statement, appended as **Attachment L**.

5. NEXT MEETING

The Parties tentatively agreed for the next meeting as follows:

- 29-30 May 2023- TWG meeting, virtual
- 5-6 June - SPIP10 meeting, virtual
- 7-8 June - RS9, virtual

6. CLOSING

Closing of each meeting was done on the last day of each meeting.

SPIP8 was closed with words of thanks from the FFA Director-General for the patience and hard work of the PIPs in the preparation for RS8, especially in the achievement made for the agreed text of the new EAA for the next 10 years.

RS8 was closed with words of thanks from both sides. In particular, the US expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet in Honolulu and looked forward to continue to work together with the PIPs to complete the renegotiation business.