Mapping the way forward

Capacity Building Workshop on Strengthening Digital Connectivity Infrastructure and Internet Traffic Management in the Pacific
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1. Commitment of the 3 project countries to establish the PacificIX

a) Letter of Intent offering full support and commitment to the establishment of the PacificIX by key stakeholders of the 3 project countries and submit to ESCAP (20 November 2022)

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2. PacificIX Taskforce from the 3 project countries + other relevant stakeholders:

a) **Established the PacificIX Taskforce with the following core members: Fiji (Ministry of Communications and Telecom Authority of Fiji - FijiIX); New Zealand (NZIX); Samoa (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology); Asia Pacific Network Information Centre; and the Internet Association of Australia) (as of 20 October 2022). ESCAP as secretary of the Taskforce.**

b) ***Extended members: Pacific Island Countries (government ministries responsible for ICT); and other relevant stakeholders.***

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4. PacificIX Taskforce agenda:

a) **Registration of the PacificIX as legal entity (agreed for NZIX to explore registering the PacificIX in New Zealand, pending legal assessment)**

b) **Constitution of the PacificIX (agreed to adapt the NZIX constitution for the purpose of the PacificIX)**

c) **Operational and governance issues**

d) **Future studies: (1). Assessment of the legal aspects of operating a not-for-profit organisation within the 3 project countries; (2). Conduct survey of Pacific cable operators and possible bandwidth arrangement for the PacificIX**

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c) PacificIX Taskforce Meetings (MS Teams):

a) Agreed to meet on a biweekly basis. The first meeting of the Taskforce will be on 23 November 2022.

b) ESCAP secretariat to send out MS Teams calendar invite.

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