



Kia ora and warm Pacific greetings


2023 will be a year of change!

For me personally, it means moving on from my role as Registrar-General, New Zealand and into a new role as CRVS Adviser at the Pacific Community - SPC. After 10 years I am looking forward to moving away from the daily challenges of being a Registrar and focusing on assisting others to strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in their country.

For PCRPN, it means selecting a new Chair. I have held the role since PCRPN was formed 8 years ago - it is time for another Registrar to step forward! We will discuss this at our face-to-face meeting in March (see below) and I will continue to provide logistical and secretariat support to the new Chair and the wider Network through my new role at SPC.

Jeff Montgomery  
PCRPN Chair, New Zealand Registrar-General



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## PCRPN Meeting 20-22 March 2023

With support from ESCAP and other Brisbane Accord Group Partners, we are planning an in-person PCRPN Meeting, tentatively **20-22 March 2023 in Suva, Fiji**. A formal invitation has been sent to each Pacific country or territory inviting their Civil Registrar to attend. **If you have not recieved an invitation please contact [jeff.montgomery@dia.govt.nz](mailto:jeff.montgomery@dia.govt.nz) immediately**. The deadline for registering for the conference, especially if you need support with travel costs, is 18 January (next week).

The meeting will provide a professional forum for civil registrars to discuss priority areas that are of common concern to the civil registrars in the region. Thematic discussions will focus on digitisation of registration systems and climate change resilient CRVS systems. There will also be status updates from participating civil registrars on improvements to their systems and response to current challenges. In addition, the Registrars General's office of Fiji will host visits to relevant registration facilities and offices.



## About PCRPN

PCRPN is an independent network of Civil Registrars in the Pacific, established in 2014 for sharing knowledge, lessons learned and good practice in Civil Registration among practitioners. We foster peer-peer relationships and support in tackling common challenges affecting the implementation of CRVS systems in the region. We are key participant in the implementation of the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan (PVSAAP) and the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.

Before the pandemic we met annually (sometimes more often). Significant conferences were held around the topics of Disaster Planning and Response, IT Systems and Cloud Technology, Legal Identity and Security and Improving the Quality of Mortality Data.

More information, including a copy of our strategic plan (needing updating) is available at <https://sdd.spc.int/pacific-civil-registrars-network-pcrpn>.



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