

Intergenerational Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of Nauru
Trust Fund Committee Meeting
25 August 2017

Meeting Minutes Summary Outcome

The following members or their alternates were in attendance:

Hon David Adeang, MP - Chairman and Minister for Finance, Government of Nauru (GON)
Richard Bontjer - Member and Director, Pacific Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia (GOA)
Joseph Chin-fa Chow - Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru and Alternate for Winston Wen-Yi Chen, Director General, Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan)

Others present:

John Petersen, Financial Adviser to the Minister for Finance, GON
John Donnelly, Australian High Commissioner
Dan Heldon, Deputy Head of Mission in Nauru, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, GOA
Shau Ann Lee, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Joseph Manteit, Nauru Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, GOA
Anthony Costanzo, Review Consultant to the Intergenerational Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of Nauru – dial in
Michael Maher, Principal, Mercer
Maree Griffin, Executive Administrator, Financial Management Consulting, BDO (Qld) Pty Ltd

Meeting Opening

The meeting was the fifth official meeting of the Intergenerational Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of Nauru (the Trust Fund) and opened at 9:20am with a prayer. Chairman David Adeang welcomed Members Richard Bontjer and Alternate Member, Ambassador Joseph Chin-fa Chow. Ambassador Chow served as an alternate member for Winston Wen-Yi Chen.

Chairman Adeang asked that the Committee address the items on the agenda.

Trust Fund Business

The following Agenda Items were addressed at the meeting:

1. Approval of 23 May 2017 Meeting Minutes confirmed.

Decision: The Committee approved the minutes.

2. Financial Information

Decision: The Committee endorsed the financial information prepared by BDO.

Decision: The Committee endorsed a revised approach to manage the balance of the operational account, whereby the Government of Nauru would make direct contributions to maintain the balance (drawn from its agreed contributions for the year).

3. Quarterly Mercer Report

Decision: The Committee endorsed the Quarterly Report prepared by Mercer.

4. Presentation by Mercer on investment strategy for future investments

Decision: The Committee endorsed the decision to go with the “85/15” SAA option on the basis that progress and efficiency would be reviewed at each Committee meeting during the transition stage.

5. Renewal option for Review Consultant

Decision: The Committee agreed to ask Mr Costanzo to consider the original offer of inputs of up to six days per year.

6. Membership of the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF)

Action arising: Mr Petersen to provide an update on the outcome of the Fund’s application in October.

7. “Indemnity” draft document

Actions arising:

Mr Bontjer to provide a copy of the indemnity document to the legal team within the Australian Government for review. Once reviewed and approved, Mr Bontjer to provide a final copy of the document to Mr Petersen to include with the Cabinet submission document.

Mr Petersen will also include the final indemnity document from Government of China (Taiwan) with the Cabinet submission.

8. Future meetings

Decision: Mrs Griffin to book in the next quarterly meeting for 28 November 2017.

9. Other business

Mr Bontjer advised that he is likely to be transitioning out of his position on the Board at some point, pending a suitable replacement being identified.

Meeting Closure

Chairman Adeang thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting at 11:00am with a prayer.