



Intergenerational Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of Nauru

Trust Fund Committee Meeting
3 December 2018

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) – in person

Bruce Soar - Member and Director, Pacific Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia (GOA) – dial in

Joseph Chin-fa Chow - Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru and Alternate for Baushuan Ger, Director General, Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan) – in person

Others present:

John Petersen - Financial Adviser to the Minister for Finance, GON – in person

Hon Russ Kun MP – Assistant Minister for Finance, GON – in person

David Hutton - Review Consultant – dial in

Maree Griffin - Executive Administrator, Financial Management Consulting, BDO (Qld) Pty Ltd – in person

Rebecca Boyer – Practice Assistant, Financial Management Consulting, BDO (Qld) Pty Ltd – in person

Michael Maher - Principal, Mercer – dial in

Nikki Brown – Senior Business Development Manager, Mercer – dial in

Meeting Opening

The meeting was a continuation of the tenth official meeting of the Intergenerational Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of Nauru (the Trust Fund) and opened at 11.03am with a prayer by Chairman David Adeang who then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman Adeang suggested Mercer provide their update first.

Trust Fund Business

1. Mercer Investment Information

Decision: The Committee agreed to Mercer's recommendation that the Fund commit to a US\$10 million investment in the Mercer Private Investment Partners V fund.

Action arising: BDO to work with Mercer to complete the Private Equity Fund forms for sign off at the February Committee Meeting.

Decision: The Committee endorsed the information included in the Quarterly report prepared by Mercer.

Decision: The Committee endorsed the information included in the Quarterly Investment Update.

Action arising: Mr Petersen to review the Responsible Investment Policy and provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting in February.

2. Independent Consultant Report

Decision: The Committee endorsed the information included in Mr Hutton's Monitoring Paper.

3. Approval of 23 August 2018 Meeting Minutes confirmed.

Decision: The Committee endorsed the minutes.

4. Financial Information

Action arising: BDO to send a copy of the information previously provided to the Fund by the Australian Treasury on the taxation status of the Fund to Mr Soar.

Action arising: Mr Soar to review the document prepared by Treasury and speak with a Treasury representative to determine if worthwhile for the BDO Tax Team to investigate further.

Action arising: Mr Maher to provide alternate investment options at the next meeting in February for the Committee to consider should the Fund be unable to claim Franking Credits.

Action arising: Mr Maher to provide signatory template document to BDO for sign off by the Committee members.

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

Decision: The Committee endorsed the information in the cash flow statement and budget documents prepared by BDO.

Decision: The Committee endorsed the Audited Financial Statements.

Action arising: BDO to arrange for the Financial Statements to be sent to the Committee Members for final sign off and inclusion in the Annual Report for the Fund.

Decision: The Committee endorsed the information contained in the Annual Report.

Action arising: BDO to send the Annual Report to Minister Adeang to sign the Chairman's Report.

5. New Zealand becoming a Committee Member

Action arising: Mr Petersen to send an email to the Government of New Zealand Legal contact and include Mr Soar to enable the legal departments from each Government to discuss impact of changing date within MOU.

6. Future meetings

Decision: The Committee endorsed the Chairman’s suggestion of changing to four face to face meetings and changing the meeting in Nauru from August to November.

Action arising: BDO to tentatively pencil in the next Committee meeting for 11am on Monday 18 February in Canberra.

7. Other business

There was no other business to discuss.

Meeting Closure

The Chairman thanked everyone for participating and the meeting closed at 12:41pm with a prayer by Hon Russ Kun MP.

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Member	Date	David Adeang, Chairman	Date Bruce Soar,

Joseph Chin-fa Chow, Alternate Member Date