



## MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROME STATUTE – WHY AND HOW?

### Workshop on the International Criminal Court (ICC)

(10:00 – 12:30, 8 September 2017; Apia, Samoa)

**Moderator:** Ms. Kimberly Prost, Chef de Cabinet, ICC Presidency

TIME		Topic
FROM	TO	
10:00	10:25	Why does the ICC need the Pacific Island States – and why do they need the ICC? Conversation with Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, ICC President, and Tuiloma Neroni Slade, former ICC Judge and former Pacific Islands Forum Secretary-General, on benefits of participation in the ICC, including the importance of the rule of law for small States, protective aspects of the Rome Statute and reciprocity of international cooperation.
10:25	11:00	Perspectives from Forum participants: open discussion on the relevance of international criminal justice for the Pacific region, experiences and prospects of participation in the Rome Statute and related challenges.
11:00	12:00	Overcoming obstacles: interactive discussion on issues of particular relevance to PIF States, including capacity issues and competing priorities as well as financial aspects of ICC membership.
12:00	12:20	Reflections on the way forward by Forum participants
12:20	12:30	Concluding remarks by Tuiloma Neroni Slade and President Fernández