

# Pacific Infection Prevention and Control Network Meeting

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## Agenda Item N°7.2

### PICNet: TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### PICNet: Pacific Infection Control Network

##### Objectives

Within the framework of the PPHSN:

- To set the minimum standards for infection control in PICTs, with adapted evidence-based/best practices
- To develop infection control capacity in PICTs.
- To raising awareness of infection control issues.
- To develop and maintain infection control links with health (and other) entities (e.g. other governmental and non-governmental agencies, donors).
- To develop a strategic plan for PICNet.
- Future objective: To develop and maintain standardized healthcare associated infection (HAI) surveillance and response mechanisms.

##### Membership

###### Core

- All health professionals with interest in infection control with 1 national focal point for each SPC member state

###### Allied

- Health professionals with interest in infection control from Australia and New Zealand
- International organizations: WHO, SPC
- Training institutions, incl. Schools of Nursing, Schools of Medicine, Schools of Oral
- Health
- Donors

### **Steering Committee**

- WHO (1)
- SPC (1)
- FSMed (1) (yet to be confirmed)
- Six core-member representatives, who volunteered and were nominated at the first technical consultation meeting: from Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Papua-New-Guinea, Samoa and Solomon Islands. This composition will be subsequently reviewed and adapted to have a subregional representation, like the PPHSN Coordinating Body. A renewal process will also be put in place.

#### Role:

- Facilitate and monitor the achievements of objectives.
- Maintain records of PICNet meetings/workshops, incl. recommendations and plans of action, and disseminate them to relevant bodies for appropriate action.
- Internal communication: e-mail, with meeting or teleconference twice a year

### **Focal Point**

The focal point of PICNet is PPHSN Coordinating Body FocalPoint.

#### Role:

- Develop and maintain the network communication with core and allied members and external linkages.
- Provide technical assistance in collaboration with other agencies/members.

### **Strategies for Objective 1: To set the minimum standards for infection control in PICTs, with adapted evidence-based/best practices.**

- Development of regional infection control guidelines.
- Review guidelines.
- Finalize and adopt guidelines by end September 2006.
- Implement guidelines as appropriate for each PICT.

**Strategies for Objective 2: Develop infection control capacity in PICTs.**

- Survey PICTs to assess infection control staff capacity and identify training needs.
- Identify, adapt or develop training materials, incl. for distance learning, continuous education unit (CEU), information education and communication (IEC).
- Provide infection control advocacy and training.

**Strategies for Objective 3: Raising awareness of infection control issues.**

- Raise infection control awareness through general education and media campaigns.

**Strategies for Objective 4: Develop and maintain infection control links with health (and other) entities (e.g. other governmental and non-governmental agencies, donors).**

- Identify and maintain an updated list of health contacts for each PICT.
- Identify maintain an updated list of contacts of other appropriate entities.
- Develop and maintain PICNet network communications with core and allied members, and external linkages.

**Strategies for Objective 5: Develop a strategic plan for PICNet.**

- Consultation process by steering committee (or working group reporting to steering committee)
- Development and dissemination of strategic plan document by steering committee (or working group reporting to steering committee)

**Strategies for Objective 6: Future Objective: Develop and maintain standardized healthcare associated infection (HAI) surveillance and response mechanisms.**

- Select conditions for surveillance
- Secure lab support
- Develop/adapt surveillance and response instruments and protocols
- Logo: change into washing hands in the middle and add PIC – Net on top of the eye

