

Pacific Infection Prevention and Control Network Meeting

SPC/PICNet1 (2023)

Informal 2
ORIGINAL ENGLISH

2023 PACIFIC INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL NETWORK MEETING
24 – 26 May 2023, Nadi, Fiji

OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOME OF THE MEETING

THEME: Infection Prevention and Control beyond COVID-19: Embarking on New Horizons.

1. The purpose of the Pacific Infection Prevention and Control Network (PICNet) meeting is to provide a platform to strengthen Infection Prevention Control (IPC) capacity in the Pacific Islands and Territories (PICTs) through dialogue on the implementation of the core components of IPC, in-country technical support and training in IPC.

Meeting Objectives

2. The main objectives of the inaugural PICNet meeting are to discuss, provide updates and share lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic and make recommendations on priority IPC areas in the region to be addressed over the next 3-5 years. The following themes will be discussed:

- Finalize the PICNet Terms of Reference (TOR)
- Progress on the IPC activities in the Pacific
- Education and research
- Health emergencies- COVID-19; lessons identified
- Strengthening Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) surveillance
- The role of IPC in Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) prevention
- Improving safety climate - hand hygiene

Expected Outputs

- Endorsement of updated PICNet TOR
 - Decisions, points and recommendations in the following areas:
 - Education and research.
 - Health emergencies- COVID-19; lessons identified
 - HAI;
 - The role of IPC in AMR prevention;
 - Improving safety climate - hand hygiene
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