

Information on the 9th Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC), 9th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), and 16th Session of the Commission (S16)

Fremantle, Australia, 18-26 April 2012

1. Meetings dates and venue

The 9th Session of the Compliance Committee: 18–20 April 2012

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee on Allocation and Finance: 22–24 April 2012

The 16th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission: 22–26 April 2012

The venue of the meetings will be:

The Esplanade Hotel (Southern Cross Gala Ballroom)

44/54 Marine Terrace

Fremantle Western Australia 6160

Phone: +61 (0)8 9432 4000

Fax: +61 (0)8 9430 4539

Website:

www.esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au



Location map of the Esplanade hotel in Fremantle

2. Contacts

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

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The contacts for these meetings in Australia are :

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3. Registration

Please pre-register online at www.iotc.org/registration/ at your earliest convenience.

The Registration desk will operate outside the Southern Cross Gala ballroom of the Esplanade Hotel from 0800hrs to 1000hrs on Wednesday 18th April and on Sunday 22nd April.

Identification badges will be issued to participants at the Registration Desk. Delegates are requested to check their entries carefully and to immediately hand in any corrections to the Registration Desk for the Secretariat to make necessary changes. Delegates are reminded that the final list of participants will be based on information provided by them at the time of Registration.

4. Interpretation

The meeting will be held in English and French and simultaneous interpretation in the other language will be provided.

5. Travel arrangements

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangement and fund the expenses incurred.

Getting to Australia

Perth International Airport is Australia's gateway to South East Asia, Europe and Africa, and is serviced by 17 international airlines. The International terminal is open 24 hours a day and is located approximately 30 minutes from Fremantle.



If your country does not have direct flights to Perth, it would be convenient to transfer at major international airports in Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Johannesburg or Dubai.

IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

The participation of **one representative of developing CPCs of the IOTC** can be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (cf. IOTC Resolution 10/05). Official letters of application to the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund should be received no later than the **16th March 2012**.

Developing CPCs are also encouraged to seek support through the Assistance Fund established under Part VII of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement of the United Nation (UNFSA). Information and application procedure to the Assistance Fund of the UNFSA, can be found at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fishstocktrustfund/fishstocktrustfund.htm

6. Accommodation

Please find below a list of hotels, guest-houses and apartment in the vicinity of the meeting venue in Fremantle.

Hotel	Rates	Contact	Distance to venue
Esplanade Hotel (meetings venue)	AUD209 Standard room (government rate) Other rooms available	Phone: +61 8 9432 4000 reservations@ehf.com.au http://www.esplanadehotelfremantle.com.au/	n.a.
The Bannister Suites	AUD210 Hotel Deluxe room AUD245 Suite (with kitchenette)	Phone: +61 8 94351288 http://www.bannistersuitesfremantle.com.au/ <i>Quote group name: 'Indian Ocean Tuna Commission' when booking.</i>	400m
Pier 21 Apartment Hotel	AUD225 Studio Apartment AUD245 Executive 1 bedroom apartment AUD375 Executive 2 bedroom apartment AUD430 Riverside Suite	Phone: +61 8 9336 2555 <i>To book, log onto www.pier21.com.au and select the 'book now' tab, scroll down to client login, enter login FISH719, password csor2f, to access these rates.</i>	4.7km
Gallery Suites	AUD275 1 bedroom apartment AUD285 2 bedroom apartment	Phone: +61 8 9219 2199 info@gallerysuites.com.au http://www.gallerysuites.com.au/	1.3km
Platinum Suites	AUD220 King room <i>including breakfast and wi-fi</i>	Phone: +61 8 9336 7186 http://www.platinumsuitesfremantle.com.au/	800m
Santa Maria Executive Suites	AUD170	Phone: +61 8 9331 3316 http://www.santamariasuites.com.au/	3.9km
Quest Harbour Village	AUD240 1 bedroom apartment AUD265-285 2 bedroom apartment AUD 345 3 bedroom apartment	Phone: +61 8 9430 3888 http://www.questapartments.com.au/Accommodation/117/australia/perth_suburbs/quest_harbour_village/welcome.aspx <i>Please quote Indian ocean tuna commission when making booking</i>	1.4 km
Tradewinds Hotel	AUD200 – studio apartment (twin/double)	Phone: +61 8 9339 8188 http://www.tradewindshotel.com.au/	3.4 km
Terrace Central B&B Hotel	AUD185 Queen Room <i>including continental breakfast and internet</i>	Phone: +61 8 9335 6600	900m
Callan Apartments (range of locations)	Sent email 20/1 awaiting response	Phone: +61 (08) 9336 2522 http://www.callanapartments.com.au	
Norfolk Hotel	AUD90 Single room (shared bathroom) AUD130 Queen room (shared bathroom) AUD170 Queen room (ensuite)	Phone: +61 8 9335 5405 http://www.norfolkhotel.com.au/accommodation/default.aspx	600m
Number 6 properties	AUD110 (approx.) A range of apartments in Fremantle, from studios to 4 bedrooms (book early)	http://www.numbersix.com.au/Content/fremantle tracy@numbersix.com.au	Various locations
Rosie O'Grady's	AUD110 Standard room (shared bathroom) AUD150 Deluxe room (ensuite)	Phone: +61 8 9335 1645 http://accommodation.rosieogradys.com.au/	550 metres
Sundancer Backpackers Resort	AUD75 Double room	Phone: +61 8 9336 6080 http://sundancer-resort.joyeurs.com/	450 metres
Backpackers Inn Freo	AUD60 Single room (shared bathroom) AUD85 Double room	Phone: +61 8 9431 7065 http://www.backpackersinnfreo.com.au/	450 metres
Fremantle Village	AUD135 Motel units / ensuite cabin	Phone: +61 8 9430 4866 http://www.fremantlevillage.com.au/	3.6km

7. Health Precautions

Delegates are advised to ensure that their routine vaccinations are up to date before travelling. Vaccinations recommended for measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If you are entering Australia within six days of having stayed overnight or longer in a yellow fever–infected country, you will need your yellow fever vaccination certificate. For a full list of these countries visit the **World Health Organization** (www.who.int/wer) or **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention** (www.cdc.gov/travel) websites.

8. Arrival and entry formalities

Participants should make their own arrangements for their entry visa in Australia and it is recommended to do so as soon as possible.

VISA Information

Any foreign visitors planning a holiday visit or a short business trip to Australia must have a valid passport and are required to apply for either a **visa** or an **ETA** (Electronic Travel Authority). European passport holders also have access to the eVisitor service. Please see: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/956-977/>

Delegates from the following countries are eligible for application to an ETA:

- Andorra
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Monaco
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Republic of San Marino
- Singapore
- Rep. of Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom - British Citizen
- United Kingdom - British National (Overseas)
- United States of America

Delegates from other countries should apply for a business (short stay) visa. Please see:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/456/>

Visa applicants may need to attach a letter of invitation to their visa application. Delegates who need a letter of invitation for this purpose may contact Mr. Glenn McMellon (glenn.mcmellon@daff.gov.au) or Mr. Johnathon Davey (Johnathon.davey@daff.gov.au).

For more information on business visit visa options please contact the local Australian consulate or embassy in your country or refer to the Australian Government website:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/business-visit-visa-options.htm>

Quarantine restrictions

Food, plant material and animal products from overseas, including many common souvenirs, could introduce some of the world's most serious pests and diseases into Australia, devastating the valuable agriculture and tourism industries and unique environment.

A passenger declaration card is given on the plane to all travellers entering Australia, and you must tick **YES** if you have any food or goods of plant or animal origin. Prohibited or unwanted items you don't wish to declare should be dropped in the quarantine bin on the way to collect your baggage. On the spot fines apply if you do not declare items of quarantine concern. We **HIGHLY** recommend that before you travel, check out the following link: [What Can't I Take Into Australia?](#)

9. Transportation

Participants should make their own airport transfers and transports arrangements between their hotels and the meeting venue. Participants may also negotiate transfers with respective hotels.

Getting to Accommodation/Conference Venue

Taxi

Covered taxi ranks are located on the ground floor of both the International Terminal (T1) and Domestic Terminals (T2 & T3). It takes approximately 30 minutes and costs approximately \$58.00 to get to Fremantle and The Esplanade Hotel.

Perth Airport Shuttle

This shuttle bus will pick you up from the International Terminal and drop you to your accommodation in Fremantle for \$33 (\$58 for a return trip). Shuttles depart Perth International Airport at 0630, 0855, 1125, 1445, 1715, and 1945. Bookings are essential and can be made here:

<http://www.perthairportconnect.com.au/pac/frem.php>

Car Rental

If you prefer to hire your own vehicle, there are a number of companies offering services from the International Terminal: Hertz, Thrifty, Budget, etc. <http://www.perthairport.com.au/ToTheAirport/CarRental.aspx>

10. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

11. Delegates kit

All delegates will be provided with a meeting kit containing the programme, documents and other materials for the Compliance Committee at the registration desk on the 18th April. Documents for the 16th Session should be available at the same time, however additional documents might be provided at the registration desk on the 22th April.

12. Electricity

Electricity in Australia is 240 Volts, 50 Hertz. Plugs are sockets “Australian” type (AS 3112). It is recommended to delegates to bring adequate adaptors with them.



13. Telephone service

International dialling code

The International dialling code for Australia is +61

Mobile services:

Several operators are offering SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.

14. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in the conference area and Internet service at hotels will be at participants own expense. Wireless LAN cards could be purchased from the front desk at the Esplanade hotel and used in the hotel lobby, restaurant and bars areas.

15. Currency and exchange

The currency in Australia is the Australian dollar (AUD). The current exchange rates are (25/01/2012):

1 USD = 0.953 AUD

1 EUR = 1.240 AUD

Changing foreign currency or travellers cheques can be processed at banks throughout Australia or at licensed moneychangers such as Travelex or Amex. Most credit cards are commonly accepted in Australia.

Tax and refunds

If you purchase new or second-hand goods with a total minimum value of \$300 from any one supplier no more than 30 days before you leave Australia, you are entitled under the Tourist Refund Scheme to a refund of any Goods and Services Tax (GST) or wine equalisation tax paid. The scheme does not apply to all goods, and those that do qualify you must be able to wear or take as hand luggage onto the plane or ship. Also note that the refund is valid for goods bought from more than one supplier, but only if at least \$300 is spent in each. For more details, contact the **Australian Customs Service** (1300 363 263, 02-6275 6666; www.customs.gov.au).

The GST is a flat 10% tax on all goods and services – accommodation, eating out, transport, electrical and other goods, books, furniture, clothing etc.

16. Tourism

Western Australia

Situated in the southern hemisphere, Western Australia occupies around one-third of Australia's total landmass. Perth enjoys a Mediterranean climate with warm, sunny weather for most of the year and Perth's climate is extremely sunny, with around 3,200 hours annually. This is higher than any other major Australian city. There is very little rainfall in summer. Rainfall comes mainly in winter although, even in winter, Perth usually enjoys plenty of pleasantly warm sunshine.

Average temperatures and number of days with rainfall for Perth and Fremantle area are indicated below.

Month	Maximum Temp.	Minimum Temp.	Days With Rain
Jan.	30	18	3
Feb.	30	17	3
Mar.	27	16	5
Apr.	24	14	8
May	21	12	15
Jun.	19	10	17

Information on tourism and other information can be found at the following website:

http://www.westernaustralia.com/en/Pages/Welcome_to_Western_Australia.aspx

Fremantle



Sitting on the edge of the Indian Ocean and at the mouth of the Swan River, Fremantle is a beautiful coastal port city with a population of 25,000. It is located just 20 minutes from Western Australia's capital city, Perth, and 30 minutes from the Perth International Airport.

Fremantle boasts the best preserved example of a 19th century port streetscape in the world with its world-famous heritage buildings and a fascinating maritime and convict history. With its heritage buildings, stunning landscapes, pristine beaches and eclectic community Fremantle is the cultural hub of Western Australia, with music, dance theatre, film, fashion and community arts.

Fremantle has a Mediterranean climate with hot dry summers and cool wet winters. During April the average maximum is 23.6 degrees so you can expect warm autumn days. Fremantle is also famous for its afternoon sea breeze, fondly known to locals as the "Fremantle Doctor", which is stronger during the summer months and brings welcome relief from the hot summer days.

Things to see and do

For information on things to do in Fremantle please visit: <http://www.fremantlewa.com.au/>. Below are some suggested activities that may be of interest.

Western Australian Maritime Museum – www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime/

Explore the riches of Western Australia's Maritime history located at three sites in Fremantle.

Rottneest Island – <http://www.rotnestisland.com/>

Rottneest features some of the world's finest beaches and bays, as well as unique plant and animal life, including the rare quokka, a small kangaroo-like marsupial. Rottneest is only a short ferry ride from Fremantle and a car-free zone, which adds to its relaxed feel. With 63 sheltered beaches to choose from, the island is refreshingly uncrowded.

Fremantle Markets – www.fremantlemarkets.com.au

Established in 1897, the Fremantle Markets combines fresh local produce and exotic flavours along with a fascinating fusion of music, art and culture. Visit the Markets at South Terrace and Henderson St, Fremantle WA 6160.

Australian Rules Football – <http://www.afl.com.au/tabid/17284/Default.aspx>

Experience Australia's most popular sport during the 2012 Australian Football League (AFL) season. The AFL is the third most attended sporting league in the world, averaging 38,417 persons per game. The Fremantle Dockers are the local team and play their home matches at Patersons Stadium. For fixture details and ticket sales visit the website provided above.

Fremantle Guided Walking Tours – www.fremantletrails.com.au

Explore some of Fremantle's heritage, and cultural sites by foot.

- **Fremantle Aboriginal Heritage Walking Tour**

Discover the other side of Fremantle's Heritage, both before and after European settlement, through the eyes of your Aboriginal (Nyoongar) guide.

- **Historic Walking Tour**

A joint venture between Fremantle Historic Walking Tours and the WA Maritime Museum to offer locals and visitors the opportunity to learn more about the history, heritage, culture and art of the city. The walk takes about 1½ hours.

- **Fremantle Town Hall Tour**

The Fremantle Town Hall was officially opened in 1887 to coincide with Queen Victoria's golden Jubilee. Take a tour of the Town Hall and find out about its fascinating history, architecture and the resident ghost! All guides are volunteers. The duration of the tour is one hour.

