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16th Meeting of the IOTC Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC16)

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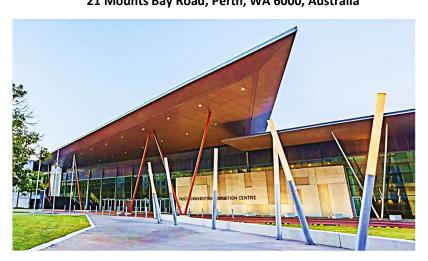**Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

1. Meeting dates and venue

The 16th IOTC Technical Committee on Allocation Committee will be held from the 03 to 06 February 2026, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

The venue of the meetings will be the
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre
21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth, WA 6000, Australia

2. Contacts

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3.   Arrival and entry formalities

Participants should carefully review visa requirements, as visas on arrival may not be available for all delegates. For information on visa categories and requirements, please visit https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing.
Visa applications should be submitted through the nearest Australian consulate as early as possible. For specific assistance, delegates can contact the IOTC Secretariat, who will help coordinate with the host country.

Australia's biosecurity laws, under the Biosecurity Act 2015, aim to protect the country from pests and diseases. Travellers must declare all food, plant, and animal products on their incoming passenger card and present them for inspection. Items that pose a risk may be treated, returned, or destroyed. Failure to comply can result in significant fines, visa cancellation, or refusal of entry. For detailed guidance, please visit
https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/travelling/to-australia

4.   Health Precautions

Australia is a safe and welcoming country. The most common health and safety questions can be found here.

5.   Accommodation Options

Participants are encouraged to make their own hotel reservations as early as possible to secure suitable accommodation. A range of hotels are available near the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) to suit different preferences and budgets.

Guests attending events at the PCEC can access special discounted rates through its network of affiliated hotels. To view available options, compare rates, and make a booking, please visit the official PCEC accommodation page at https://www.pcec.com.au/about-us/hotel-accommodation/. Early booking is strongly recommended, as rooms may fill out quickly during event periods.

In addition, several hotels are located within one kilometre of the PCEC, including:

- Pan Pacific Perth
- Rydges Perth Kings Square
- Four Points by Sheraton Perth
- Novotel Perth Murray Street
- Duxton Hotel Perth

These are provided to help delegates, but are not in any priority order, and no arrangements have been made with them for the TCAC meeting. There are a number of other options close to the venue.

6.   Transportation

Travel from Perth International Airport to the PCEC can be made by the following options:

Train: Take the Airport Line from Airport Central Station to Elizabeth Quay Station, a short walk from the PCEC. Trains run every 20 minutes, with a journey time of approximately 20 minutes.

Bus: Take Bus Route 380 from Terminals 1/2 or Bus Route 40 from Terminals 3/4 to Elizabeth Quay Bus Station. Both bus routes take you directly to the Elizabeth Quay Bus Station, which is right next to the PCEC.

Taxi or Rideshare: Available for a direct and convenient journey to the hotel and venue.

7. Documents

Participants are advised to download all documents from the IOTC website before arriving, as the meetings will be conducted paperless. Documents can be accessed at https://iotc.org/meetings/16th-meeting-technical-committee-allocation-criteria-tcac

8. Interpretation

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

9. Dress Code

The dress code for the meeting will be smart casual.

10. Electricity

Australia operates on 220-240 volts AC at 50Hz frequency. Visitors need a 'Type 1' plug adaptor and a voltage convertor for compatible appliances and chargers.

11. Telephone mobile service

The international dialling code for Australia is + 61. E-Sims and traditional SIMS are available in Australia for international travellers at airports or online from major providers like Telstra, Optus, and Vodafone, or specialist travel SIM companies, with options including prepaid plans for short stays, requiring only your passport for purchase and activation.

12. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available in the meeting room during meeting hours, and most major hotels also provide internet access. Internet service outside the conference will be at participants own expense.

13. Currency

The Australian Dollar (AUD) is the official currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted in banks, hotels, restaurants and shops, and currency exchange services are available at airports and in city centres. ATMs are widely available, though some banks may charge a small withdrawal fee.

14. Local Shops

Explore Hay Street Mall, located between Barrack and William Streets, which features a diverse range of department stores, boutique retailers, and heritage arcades. It offers an ideal setting for shopping, browsing, and discovering local attractions.

15. Weather

February is the hottest month in Perth, featuring very hot days and minimal rainfall. Average temperatures range from 19.3°C to 30.7°C, with daytime highs occasionally exceeding 40°C. Humidity stays low, around 42–53%, keeping the heat more bearable.

16. Tourism

Information on tourism and other information are available at:

https://www.westernaustralia.com/au/home