



## **ONOC International Relations Commission Terms of Reference 2019-2020**

### **Background**

The ONOC International Relations Commission was established by the ONOC Executive Board in October 2018 in Tokyo, building on ONOC's engagement and leadership of sport and development in the Pacific through its Pacific Sports Compass Working Group active from 2015 to 2019. The ONOC International Relations Commission was endorsed by the ONOC General Assembly in March 2019 in Nadi.

### **Purpose**

ONOC International Relations Commission seeks to engage with regional and international stakeholders through the new Pacific Regional Sports Taskforce (PRST), and contribute towards the development of the Pacific Sport, Physical Activity and Physical Activity (SPAPE) Action Plan 2019 – 2030.

The PRST Taskforce provides a regional coordination mechanism for sport, physical activity and physical education in Oceania and a platform for ONOC to engage with regional stakeholders across government, non-government, UN agencies, tertiary institutions, private sector and civil society organisations. The proposed activities of the ONOC International Relations Commission fall under the first two regional priority action areas of 'Advocacy and Communication' and 'Regional Consultation, Coordination and Action.'

ONOC has demonstrated strong leadership, collaboration and strategic action in driving the sport for development agenda in Oceania and continues to look forward to building on this foundation and continuing to raise the voice for sport.

The ONOC International Relations Commission shall report through its Chair to the ONOC Executive Board and the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Sport and Active Society Commission. The Commission's activities align with the second pillar of the ONOC Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021 "Cultivating regional and global partnerships" and specifically, strategic priority on "strategic partnership with regional and international organizations to increase the value of sports and the impact of sports programs."

## **Tasks**

1. Coordinate with regional and international partners to raise the voice of sports in the Oceania region.
2. Align regional policy, research, advocacy and communication activities with the Pacific Sport, Physical Activity and Physical Education (SPAPE) Action Plan 2019 – 2030 in collaboration with the Pacific Regional Sports Taskforce (PRST) and Pacific Regional Sports Reference Group (PRSRG).
3. Strengthen sports integrity and diplomacy through targeted actions to build stronger relationships between governments and NOCs and build capacity of NOC Presidents and Secretary Generals.
4. Host national and regional events to build stronger relationships between government and NOC stakeholders in the Oceania region.
5. Produce national and regional advocacy and communication tools, ensuring advocacy and communications are evidence-based and informed by consultation with ONOC membership and regional partner organisations.
6. Development of a knowledge sharing platform allowing members to exchange each other in between Commission meetings
7. Represent ONOC at relevant regional and international meetings

## **Governance and Membership**

The International Relations Commission was established in October 2018, and the members are the first members and the appointed term from 2019-2020. The membership term is four years Olympic quadrennial year. Membership is voluntary.

The Chair and Membership are appointed by ONOC Executive and membership of the Commission representing sub-regional representation across Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia and representation from National Olympic Committees, Government and Civil Society stakeholders.

The membership of the ONOC International Relations Commission was approved by the ONOC Executive Board and endorsed by the ONOC General Assembly in March 2019 in Nadi.

The expanded membership now includes:

1. Baklai Temengil, ONOC Vice President (Palau)
2. Jone Maritino Nemani, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports (Fiji)
3. Patrick Fepulea'i, President SASNOC (Samoa)
4. Penisoni Naupoto, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Fiji)
5. Jackie Lauff, Sport Matters (Australia)
6. Athlete Representation
7. USP Representation

## **Commission Budget**

The ONOC International Relations Commission shall be allocated an annual budget of USD\$30,000 for 2019 and 2020. Expenses associated with travel and accommodation for Commission meetings will be organised directly by ONOC.

## **Commission Meetings**

Meetings of the Commission will be called by the Secretariat (ONOC) on behalf of the Chair. At least two face-to-face meeting will be held each year (with additional meetings possible on the sidelines of another appropriate regional meetings that include most of the commission members without budget implications).

Members who are unable to join meetings in person will be able to participate via skype or video conference. IRC with ONOC shall be responsible for preparation and circulation of meeting papers, agendas, minutes and logistics. Meetings of the Commission shall be scheduled ahead of ONOC Annual General Meeting. Technical assistance and funding for the Commission will be provided and with approval of ONOC.

## **Meetings for 2019 and 2020**

For the inaugural two-year term of the International Relations Commission in 2019 and 2020, four meetings are scheduled:

1. Suva 1 & 2 November 2019
2. Palau April 2020 – in conjunction with ONOC General Assembly in Guam
3. Tokyo July 2020 – in conjunction with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
4. Suva November 2020 – in conjunction with a research symposium at USP

## **Reporting**

The ONOC International Relations Commission shall provide regular reports for the ONOC Executive Board Meetings, and annual report contributions for the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Sport and Active Society Commission, ANOC Annual General Assembly Meeting and the ONOC Annual Report.