

Press Release

National Records and Information Development Committee first meeting



Members of the NRMDC are Mr Augustine Tevimule (Acting Chief-Archivist), Vice-Chair— Harold Obed (RTI Unit Manager), Margaret Terry (Chief Librarian), Linda Bakokoto (Public Solicitor’s Office), Ambong Thompson (NFPSA), Miltus Fomani (Police-VANSEC), Selina Naviti (Civil Status Department), Glen Talae (Public Solicitor’s Office), June Naviti (RTI Unit), Monique Kalfau (Public Service Commission), and Pauline Rii (Lands Records).

The newly established National Records and Information Management Development Committee (NRMDC), a component of the Right To Information

strategy, is convening its induction meeting at the National Library conference room today 5th April 2017.

The 11-member committee was appointed by the Prime Minister Charlot Salwai Tabimasma at the end of last month under the chairmanship of the acting chief archivist, with a task to formulate the government's records and information policy and procedures.

The policy and procedures developed by the NRIIMDC will be used as a guide for all government offices, statutory bodies and private entities covered under the Right to Information Act to properly manage public records and other types of documentary materials accumulated by government agencies and officials.

The guide is intended to assist senior government officials, program managers, records officers, and information resource managers in creating and maintaining accurate and complete records of their respective agency's functions and activities and in ensuring the authorized, timely, and appropriate disposition of documentary materials that are no longer needed. Particular attention will be given to policies and procedures governing records of enduring value that are intended for transfer to the National Archives.

The NRIIMDC chair, Mr Augustine Tevimule says he is pleased to be heading this important committee comprising members with the experience and technical knowhow on records management. He added that the guide, once completed, will facilitate an easier access for citizens wishing to obtain information in public offices under the Right to Information Act.

The Records and Information Policy is expected to be completed by September this year.

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