

SCCP 2 2018 Media Release

The Second Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP 2) Meeting was held at the International Convention Centre, Port Moresby from the 10th -12th August 2018. The meeting was attended by Delegates from Australia; Chile; China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; the Philippines; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States of America and Viet Nam attended the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by WCO and OCO as official observers to SCCP.

The meeting was chaired by Mr James Kombuk Bire, Commissioner Trade and Corporate Services with the PNG Customs Services.

Mr Ray Paul, OBE Chief Commissioner of the PNG Customs Services in his opening address at the meeting stressed on the importance of human resource development to improve border management and revenue collection highlighting the 2018 APEC Customs Business Dialogue discussions. He also acknowledged the SCCP Meeting for the inclusion of the Custom to Customs Cooperation (C2C) in the meeting Agenda.

The SCCP 2 Meeting looked at issues relating to Trade Facilitation, Supply Chain Connectivity Framework, Automation (Single Window, Authorized Economic Operator, Cross Border E-Commerce) and Customs to Customs Cooperation (C2C).

The key outcomes were the submission of two concept notes; Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Authorized Economic Operator Implementation by the Philippines and Tackling Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property by Mexico which were endorsed intersessionally, updated its 2018 Collective Action Plan and Annual Work Program.

PNG handed over the Chair to Chile who will be hosting the SCCP meetings in 2019.