
Fiji to host APO Governing Body Meeting

On 10–12 June 2003, Fiji will roll out the red carpet to welcome delegates attending the 45th Session of the APO Governing Body to be held in Korolevu. Apart from the APO Directors, who are members of the Governing Body, and their advisers, the meeting will be attended by observers from agencies and governments with which the APO has close collaborative relationships and by APO Secretariat staff members. Altogether, about 60 delegates are expected.

The Governing Body is the supreme organ of the APO. It comprises one Director from each member country designated by their respective governments. It meets once a year, usually in June, to receive the Secretary-General's annual report and the auditor's financial report. It will also decide on APO policies, strategies, and membership; approve the rolling two-year plan; lay down guidelines for the ensuing year's program; and approve the budget and financial guidelines. Each year, the meeting elects a chairperson and two vice chairpersons from among its members. Together with the Secretary-General, they will decide on pressing matters when the Governing Body is not in session.
