

Agenda item 10 APFNet/Council/2023/12

Purpose: Information

Seventh Meeting of the APFNet Council

26–27 April 2023 | Manila, the Philippines

Update on the Composition of APFNet Board Directors in 2023

1 Rules on Board composition

According to the *Rules of Procedure of the Board of Directors*, the Board should consist of no fewer than eight and no more than 16 directors. Directors are appointed to three-year terms, which can be renewed once.

2 Composition of the Board in 2023

The Board had 13 directors in 2022. The terms of the following four directors will end in 2023:

- 1) Mr John Leigh, Consultant, former Executive Director of the Peru Forest and Wildlife Service (deceased February 2023).
- 2) Mr W.T.B. Dissanayake, Consultant, Environment Policy and Planning, former Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment;
- 3) Mr Nor Akhirrudin Bin Mahmud, Consultant, former Director General of Forestry Peninsular Malaysia; and
- 4) Dr C.T.S. Nair, Consultant, former FAO official.

The Secretariat sought from Mr Dissanayake, Mr Akhirrudin and Dr Nair their intentions on serving on the Board for a second term. Mr Akhirrudin and Dr Nair indicated that they did not wish to renew their terms, and Mr Dissanayake said he wished to be considered for reappointment.

As of April 2023, the APFNet Board of Directors had ten members, which exceeds the minimum requirement (i.e. eight directors).