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MEMORANDUM

TO: APIL Member Legislative Presiding Officers
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APIL Board Members
APIL Member-Secretariats

DATE: May 1, 2026

FROM: APIL President

SUBJECT: APIL 66th Board of Directors Meeting and 43rd General Assembly
June 25–30, 2026 | Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati

Hafa Adai and Greetings,

The Kiribati Parliament is honored to host the 66th Board of Directors Meeting and the 43rd General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), to be held from June 25–30, 2026, on Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati.

The theme for this year's General Assembly, **“Bridging Distances, Strengthening Links,”** reflects the shared challenges faced by APIL member countries in transportation, trade, tourism, and communication. It underscores the importance of fostering unity, improving accessibility, and promoting inclusivity across the region.

This theme highlights the collective commitment of APIL members to overcome geographic and logistical barriers, ensuring that distance no longer limits collaboration, connectivity, and mutual understanding. Through strengthened partnerships and innovative approaches, our region can build more resilient and enduring links among our island communities.

The APIL General Assembly provides a vital platform for addressing the most pressing challenges confronting legislatures today, while fostering collaboration and strengthening regional legislative networks. The proposed agenda is currently under development and will be shared with your offices once finalized. Should you have any questions regarding the Board Meeting and the General Assembly, please contact the APIL Central Secretariat, Walden Weilbacher, at apil@guam.net.

Travel to Christmas Island will be via Honolulu on Fiji Airways. The anticipated travel schedule includes departure from Honolulu on June 23, 2026, and return on July 1, 2026. Due to limited hotel accommodations on the island, the host recommends making reservations in advance. A list of recommended hotels is attached for your reference. We look forward to the arrival of the APIL canoe to the shores of the Republic of Kiribati and to welcoming you to Christmas Island for this important gathering.

Sincerely,

EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
President

Enclosures: Registration Form
Hotel Accommodations
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