

Agenda item 9.1.1: The Pacific Climate Change Roundtable Outcomes

Purpose:

1. To provide the Executive Board with the “Endorsed Recommendations” of the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) reconvened as per decision of the 31st SPREP Meeting,
2. To request the Executive Board to consider the recommendations and approve the Terms of Reference of the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable.

Background:

3. The Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) was established by SPREP in 2000, It coordinated the exchange of experiences, lessons learned and priorities amongst national climate change focal points, practitioners and policy developers at a regional level. It brokered support towards national priorities and linked national focal points with donors and technical support from the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific.
4. The Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) was endorsed by Leaders in 2005 as the regional climate change policy framework. From 2008 to 2017 the PCCR was utilised to facilitate and coordinate the implementation and monitoring of PIFACC.
5. The 2017 PCCR was the last convening as the region transitioned to “The Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP): An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management.” The FRDP was regional framework to coordinate joint action on climate change and disasters. This mirrored the Joint National Action Plans on Climate Change and Disasters that some countries had adopted. Consequently, the PCCR was replaced by the Pacific Resilience Partnership and the Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce.
6. Climate Change and disaster management while related are discrete with their own issues, priorities, governance, communities of practice and processes. The transition to the FRDP and non-convening of the PCCR left the region without a coordinating body for climate change bringing together member states, regional organisations, donor partners, NGO’s, CSO’s, the private sector and academia to exchange information and advance regional priorities and facilitating communities of practice.
7. Members have increasingly raised the need for enhanced coordination on climate change, leading to the decision of the 31st SPREP Meeting (2023) to reconvene the PCCR in 2024. SPREP provides this coordination for climate advocacy and negotiations at the global level and has coordinated regional support for national implementation.

Reconvened PCCR, 2024

8. Pursuant to the decision of the 31st SPREP Meeting, we convened the PCCR at Taumeasina Island Resort in Apia, Samoa from 8 to 10 May 2024. Members present included American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, and Vanuatu. Discussions focused on what members and partners wanted from the PCCR and recommended governance arrangements for the PCCR for consideration of the Executive Board.
 9. A Pacific Climate Change Roundtable Donors and Partners Dialogue was also held in the margins of the Roundtable with participation of the Governments of New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Republic of China and Japan. In addition: Asian Development Bank, World Meteorology Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.
 10. The PCCR's Endorsed Recommendations are presented to the 4th SPREP Executive Board for its consideration. *Refer to WP9.1.1/Att.1 below.*
 11. The Secretariat requests that the Executive Board to consider the Endorsed Recommendations and recommends its adoption with the following amendments;;
 - It be retitled the "Terms of Reference for the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable"
 - Add to Governance section
 - a. The PCCR is convened by the SPREP Meeting and reports to the SPREP Meeting or its Executive Board;
 - b. SPREP is the Secretariat for the PCCR.
- [The amendments have been incorporated into WP9.1.1/Att.1 in square brackets]*
12. The PCCR was kindly funded by The Economic, Social and Cultural Cooperation Fund for the Pacific or "Pacific Fund" (PF) – Government of France with additional support from the Government of New Zealand.

Recommendation:

13. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Endorse** the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable Endorsed Recommendations and approve its adoption as the Terms of Reference for the PCCR after incorporation of the recommended amendments to its governance; and
 - 2) **Acknowledge** with appreciation the funding from the Government of France – Pacific Fund and the additional support from the Government of New Zealand.