

## Agenda Item 7.4: UNFCCC – COP 27

### Purpose of paper

1. To inform the Members of the progress of preparations being carried out by SPREP in support of Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) that are Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) in their preparations for the Twenty Seventh Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP27) in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt in November 2022 including the preparatory phase in the lead up to COP27, 2022.

### Background

2. Despite the difficulties and restrictions by the Covid 19 pandemic, 146 delegates from the Pacific attended COP26 in person. There was representation from capitals as well as overseas missions of the PSIDS. A survey early 2022 of PSIDS intention to attend COP27 indicated all fourteen PSIDS intention to attend COP27.
3. In addition to the technical support coordinated by the One CROP which included briefs to support interventions and inform on the status of those thematic areas, the PSIDS voice was further amplified by shared side events, media engagement and tools such as the delegates compass and Beats series on key topics for the high level were developed for the PSIDS.
4. The Flex for 1.5 was an effective social media campaign which further amplified the Pacific call for 1.5 and was run in the lead up to COP26 and throughout the duration of the COP.
5. The Government of New Zealand provided necessary resources for both the campaign as well as the dedicated Moana Blue Pacific Office which was the centre for daily coordination of the PSIDS. The Office provided space and opportunity for high level bilaterals, negotiators and partners to meet as well as technical capability to include capitals who were unable to attend face to face in the coordination meetings which were also virtual.
6. The Government of Ireland supported the development of all materials for the PSIDS use in Glasgow as well as the associated preparatory meetings.
7. The preparations for COP27 commenced in Glasgow as COP26 drew to a close. The PSIDS Post COP26 meeting was convened in early 2022 and established a pathway forward in supporting PSIDS priorities.

8. The PSIDS Post COP26 meeting was virtually convened from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and was attended by all parties.
9. The objectives of the meeting were to provide a post-COP26 briefing that addressed the State of Play of the UNFCCC negotiations and key issues; provide updated information on the key related UNFCCC Meetings for 2022 and COP27 and discuss initial planning for PSIDS activities in the lead up to the Subsidiary Bodies session in June 2022 and COP27 in November.
10. SPREP continues to lead the work of the One CROP and work with the PSIDS Chair-Government of Samoa to support PSIDS through the implementation of the Pacific Voyage Plan.
11. A communication strategy and calendar of events have been developed to further guide preparations toward COP27.
12. One CROP+ led by PIFS supported the Political champions who were also instrumental in providing a Pacific voice and high-level engagement on Climate Finance, Oceans, Loss and Damage, Environmental Integrity and Climate Ambition.
13. A high-level political event hosted by the UK COP President with PSIDS was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February following the Post COP analysis meeting of the PSIDS. One CROP continues to engage with the UK COP Presidency and looks to engage with the Egypt COP Presidency.
14. SPREP, in collaboration with Climate Analytics, has convened workshops on Loss and Damage as well as PSIDS SB56 preparatory meeting and will continue to undertake its coordination role at the SB56 in Bonn, June 2022 and carried forward in the lead up to and during COP27.
15. Further technical workshops will be convened from June and will culminate with the PSIDS final preparatory meeting which is tentatively scheduled for early October 2022.

### **Recommendation**

16. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
  - 1) **Note** the progress of preparations by SPREP and One CROP+ in the lead up to the UNFCCC COP27.

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