

Agenda Item 8.2: Project for Capacity Building for Climate Resilience in the Pacific – Pacific Climate Change Centre (CBCRP-PCCC) and PCCC Post-2023 Capacity Building Proposal

Purpose of paper

1. To inform SPREP members of the outcomes of the Project for Capacity Building for Climate Resilience in the Pacific – Pacific Climate Change Centre (CBCRP-PCCC 2019-2023) and PCCC Post-2023 Capacity Building Proposal.

Background

2. *Outcomes of the current CBCRP Capacity Program*

- The Pacific Climate Change Centre is uniquely placed as the regional centre of excellence in providing capacity training on climate change in the Pacific.
- The PCCC in partnership with the Government of Samoa and the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been implementing the CBCRP-PCCC since 2019. The CBCRP-PCCC will complete its activities in January 2023.
- The twelve capacity building courses were developed in the following areas 1) climate science 2) impact assessment and adaptation planning 3) mitigation 4) adaptation and, 5) access to finance
- Major achievements of the CBCRP-PCCC as of August 2022 include the delivery of 11 of 12 executive training courses, open learning courses, course evaluation, evidence of the use of knowledge by participants, follow-up activities such as mentoring services to support project development, and the development of the draft capacity building sustainability plan to be finalised in October. It is expected that major outcomes of the delivery of 12 executive training courses and the development of the sustainability plan will be produced as planned.

3. *PCCC Post-2023 Technical Cooperation Project*

- The Government of Samoa and PCCC submitted a proposal to the Government of Japan for the post-2023 technical cooperation project in August 2021. It is aimed at strengthening the Innovation and Capacity Building functions of the PCCC to support initiatives of both the public and private sectors in the Pacific to facilitate and institutionalise innovative solutions.
- In April 2022, the proposal was officially approved by the Government of Japan. The tentative project period is 2023-2026. Preparatory works for the post-2023 project will commence in conjunction with the PCCC's initiative on Innovation including the Virtual Innovation Exhibition planned for August 2022.

Recommendation

4. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Note** the outcomes produced by the CBCRP-PCCC and the project is on track towards achieving its expected outcomes by January 2023; and
 - 2) **Note** the approval of the post-2023 project in April 2022 by the Government of Japan and **acknowledge** with appreciation the continuous partnership with the Government of Samoa and the Government of Japan.
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