

Twenty Third SPREP Meeting of Officials

4-6 September 2012
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Agenda Item 4: Action taken on decisions made by the 22nd SPREP Meeting

Purpose

- To report on action taken on the decisions of the 21st SPREP Meeting, and on action taken on suggestions made by individual Members during the Meeting.

Topic	Report para.	Country requests / Meeting decisions	Secretariat actions
Agenda Item 5: 2010 Overview 5.1 - Presentation of Annual Report for 2010 and Director's Overview of Progress since the Twenty-first SPREP Meeting	20	The representative of French Polynesia requested SPREP to take up the matter of nuclear tests in French Polynesia and its impacts on the Pacific environment.	SPREP consulted with SPREP Members on this matter and options will be considered under agenda item 9.3.4 at the 2012 SPREP meeting
5.2 - Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Report on the 2010 Annual Work Programme and Budget	34.	Samoa requested the Secretariat to report on direct impacts from activities, noting that while this may not be possible for the immediate previous year, the cumulative impact of work done in earlier years could be reported on.	The Secretariat has taken this on board as part of its PMER presentation and will progressively report on the outcomes from its work.
Agenda Item 6: Institutional Reform and Strategic Issues 6.1 - Study on options for establishing a Regional Presence for SPREP	60	➤ endorsed further work on strengthening regional linkages and tasked the Secretariat to prepare a paper for consideration at the 23 rd SPREP Meeting, consistent with the elements identified in the Report of the Friends of the Chair (attached as Annex 5).	A consultant study on sub regional options was completed, taking into account the recommendations for the 2011 SPREP Meeting, and involving extensive consultation with SPREP members. This will be discussed under agenda item 6.1
Agenda Item 9: Corporate Services 9.2 - SDR Stabilisation Mechanism	103	➤ approved in principle , the adoption of the average of the last 3 years as an interim measure for setting the reference points for SDR for 2012; and ➤ noted that implementation will be subject to funding availability at the end of the 2011 financial year.	The direction from the 2011 SPREP Meeting was used to set the reference points for SDR in 2012

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Agenda Item 8: 2012 Work Programme and Budget 8.1.1 - 2011 Pacific Year of the Dugong campaign and CMS collaboration	114	<p>➤ encouraged Members that have not signed the Pacific Islands Cetacean MoU to sign and members that are not parties to CMS to join.</p>	<p>SPREP secured funding from the CMS Secretariat for a CMS Pacific Officer position based at SPREP to lead in promoting the PI Cetacean MoU and other CMS related work. A key focus of this work has been encouraging Members to sign the Cetacean MoU and to join the CMS</p>
8.1.2 - Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan	124	<p>➤ directed the Secretariat to collaborate with SPWRC and other partners, such as CMS, to seek assistance to implement the Oceania Humpback Whale Recovery Plan;</p>	<p>The Oceania Humpback Whale recovery Plan (OHBWRP) will be submitted to the meeting of signatories to the CMS/SPREP Pacific Islands Cetacean MoU in September for endorsement. Implementation of OHBWRP highlighted in the revised regional whale and dolphin action plan (2013-2017). Collaboration to implement OHBWRP to be discussed in 2013 SPWRC annual meeting.</p>
8.1.4 Pacific Mangroves Initiatives (SPREP/IUCN)	140	<p>➤ directed the Secretariat, in conjunction with partners, to provide assistance to Members, where needed, in the implementation of the Pacific Mangrove Initiative and its associated activities.</p>	<p>The Secretariat has implemented the PMI so far through the development and testing of a regional mangrove database, the development, printing, dissemination of a mangrove monitoring manual for the Pacific Islands region, through technical assistance provided to the 5 countries participating in MESCAL and by assisting Samoa and Tonga create up-to-date, attributed mangrove range maps to be used in planning and conservation.</p> <p>The Secretariat is continuing engagement in the PMI and co-chaired the 2nd annual meeting of the PMI Steering Committee held in Suva during late July 2012.</p>
8.2.1 - Launch of PIFACC (second edition)	148	<p>➤ requested the Secretariat, working with Members and partners, to develop a strategy for post-second edition PIFACC and for when the DRM Framework for Action ends in 2015, as quickly as possible through a consultative process.</p>	<p>2nd edition of PIFACC launched in 2011. A paper outlining the road map for aligning the DRM Framework with PIFACC pos-2015 has gone to PPAC for consideration. Once finalized this will constitute the process forward.</p>
8.2.2 Climate Finance – Global Environment Facility, Kyoto Adaptation Fund, Green Climate Fund, FEMM --2011 Outcomes	155	<p>➤ directed the Secretariat to undertake any related tasks or provide assistance to Members in matters relating to emerging climate change financing issues.</p>	<p>The Secretariat has applied to become a GEF Project Agency and a Regional Implementing Entity under the Adaptation Fund. Decisions on both applications have required that further work be done to strengthen internal processes and procedures at SPREP and support has been provided by UNEP/Frankfurt School as well as from GEF.</p>

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			<p>Secretariat has been providing technical support to PICs in the negotiations of the Green Climate Fund, and the GCF has been established. However due to quorum issues it has yet to meet. Support will be provided to the representative of PICs on the GCF, Samoa.</p> <p>Secretariat has also cooperated with PIFS and other CROP in the development of climate change financing options for the region. Further work is expected in this respect under the Pilot Programme on Climate Resilience and through the development of a regional technical support mechanism.</p>
8.2.3 - Regional Mechanism to Address Loss and Damage from Climate Change	164	➤ directed the Secretariat to provide assistance to Members in the further development of the work programme on loss and damage where possible, including convening a regional meeting on Loss and Damage in 2011 or 2012 and assisting countries to provide input into the September 2011 submissions to the UNFCCC.	Input has been provided to the development of PICs/AOSIS position papers on loss and damage. Support provided at FCCC expert meetings. Support has also been provided to Kiribati in the context of hosting a SIDS meeting on loss and damage.
8.2.4 - Outcomes of 2011 Niue Pacific Climate Change Round Table (PCCR)	176	➤ directed the Secretariat to respond to the tasks recommended for the Secretariat from the PCCR, where consistent with the SPREP Strategic Plan and PIFACC.	PCCR outcomes have been followed up with the respective working groups. The recommendations on the climate change portal have been carried out by the Secretariat and partners and the portal will be launched at the SPREP meeting in 2012. Recommendation on the alignment of DRM and PIFACC has also been progressed.
8.2.5 - Pacific Meteorological Council's Meeting Outcomes	184	➤ directed the Secretariat to respond to those tasks recommended for the Secretariat from the PMC.	Secretariat worked with the PMC to further develop and refine the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy and published this in early 2012. The Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership has been strengthened by the appointment of the Meteorology and Climatology Adviser and the PI-GOOS Officer, and soon to be augmented by a Meteorology and Climatology Officer and the FINPAC Project Manager. Work is underway to accommodate activities in response to the tasks recommended by PMC.

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8.2.7 - UNFCCC COP 17 in Durban	203	➤ directed the Secretariat to undertake any related tasks or provide assistance to Members in matters relating to emerging climate change negotiations issues;	The Secretariat continued to provide technical assistance to PICs in the FCCC meetings and organised negotiations skills training and preparatory meetings for the COP in Samoa and in Durban. Assistance was provided to Pacific communications at COP through the Pacific Voyage initiative which resulted in enhanced media coverage of Pacific issues. Direct support was also provided in the negotiations to PICs to assist in attaining support for various positions and initiatives.
8.2.8 - Draft Regional Asbestos Strategy	213	➤ directed the Secretariat to provide assistance to Members in the implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan where possible	Requests to assist with regional Asbestos management have been received from Niue. Requests for information to document the extent of the regional asbestos problem have been circulated to Members under the EDF10 programme.
8.2.9 - Draft E-Waste Strategy	220	➤ directed the Secretariat to provide assistance to Members in the future implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan where possible.	The E-waste strategy has been completed and will be presented to the 2013 SPREP Meeting for endorsement. A SAICM grant to better manage E-waste in the region has been successfully secured for 2012-2013.
8.2.10 - SPREP as Implementing Agency/Project Agency for GEF	227	➤ directed the Secretariat to provide an update to the 2012 SPREP Meeting on the status of this application.	This is reflected in the Agenda
9.4 - Amendment to Staff Regulations	246	➤ agreed to the working group continuing to meet inter-sessionally with the Secretariat and the Consultant and submit a final draft of the amended Staff Regulations to the next SPREP Meeting.	This is reflected in the Agenda
9.5 - A SPREP Director's Job Description, Salary Banding & Performance Assessment	247	➤ establish an inter-sessional Working Group to further examine the Directors' Job Descriptions and Salary Bandings; and	This is reflected in the Agenda
9.6 - SPREP Director's Performance Assessment	250	➤ approved the establishment of a Troika (immediate past Chair, current Chair and next Chair) to be chaired by the current Chair, to assess the performance of the Director on an annual basis, in line with the Secretariat's Performance Development System. The Troika shall provide a report to the members at the next Annual Meeting; and ➤ noted that the Secretariat will provide advice and assistance on the process for the Troika.	This is reflected in the Agenda