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Twenty-Second SPREP Meeting

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Agenda Item 4:

Action taken on decisions made by the 21st SPREP Meeting

Purpose

1. 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.

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4 Actions arising from 20SM	16	The Cook Islands would be in a position to work further with SPREP on asbestos management in 2011.	A draft Regional Asbestos Management Strategy has been formulated and circulated to members for comments. After endorsement, this will be translated into tailored national plans to address the asbestos issue based on the local conditions and associated risks.
5.1 2009 Annual Report	21	PNG requested that capacity building consider tailor made approaches that accommodate the different circumstances of different countries.	The Secretariat has taken this suggestion on board as part of its planning
	34	Samoa noted that there were areas of inactivity in the PMER and that these needed to be addressed ... asked that in the future, the PMER consider looking at reporting on impacts and outcomes rather than on activities of the Secretariat.	SM21 Para 41: The Secretariat further acknowledged that the PMER could be improved to include outcomes and impacts, however, it observed that outcomes were not always evident within a year.
	35	Fiji requested that prior planning be done with countries to ensure coordination of in-country activities across the programmes.	The Secretariat has taken this suggestion on board as part of its planning
		Fiji asked that SPREP provide Members with science-based advice to better inform country activities and requested a report at the next SPREP Meeting.	SM21 Para 48: The Secretariat noted that its work under the Australian-funded Pacific Climate Change Science Program is underway and this will be something to report on at the next meeting. The Secretariat reported that all advice is underpinned by good information and science but that it would endeavour to look at this further in 2011.

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		Fiji requested that the Secretariat assist new focal and operational points with familiarising themselves on issues such as the GEF and urged SPREP to assist members with developing practical projects on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).	SM21 Para 45: Members were advised that the Pacific Islands Greenhouse Gas Abatement through Renewable Energy Project (PIGGAREP) is providing the inputs necessary for supporting countries in developing appropriate renewable energy projects that could potentially be funded under the CDM.
	36	PNG asked that risk management be included in all EIA training.	SM21 Para 47: SPREP had conducted a number of training programmes and had made EIA guidelines available on the web in an effort to assist with capacity building in this area
	37	Tonga requested that the Secretariat assist Members with developing proposals to GEF5.	As noted in WP 8.2.6 Secretariat has engaged in support of PICs for their allocations under GEF5, which now allows for country-specific indicative allocations under the System for the Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) totaling UN\$28 million for climate change mitigation, US\$43.81 million for biodiversity, and US\$10.08 million for land degradation, for a total STAR of US\$81.89 million. Additional resources can be accessed from set asides for international waters, POPs and chemicals, sustainable forest management, and corporate programmes including direct access funds. Members should request specific proposal development support under those headings.
6.2 ICR and EC assessment follow-up	85	Samoa stressed the importance of performance-based reviews of staff and the importance of internal audits to ensure transparency.	SM21 Para 85: The Secretariat agreed that both were important, but stressed the need to secure finances to enable this to take place.
7 Report on Members contributions	103	USA said that the voluntary funds column in the Members' Contribution Schedule should not be carried on into the arrears column as this reflected a specific financial situation (i.e. a request for goodwill funds from Members to assist with a budget deficit in 2008).	SM21 Para 103: The Secretariat agreed to this.
	107	⇒ directed the Secretariat to work closely with Nauru regarding the latter's request for assistance in meeting its membership payments.	Nauru is preparing a paper for 22SM for consideration by Members under Agenda Item 7.2.

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9.1 Island Ecosystems	115	On the regional action plan for sharks, New Zealand noted that this should also be extended to coastal sharks and rays. NZ could assist with further iteration of this action plan, and with the development of identification material on sharks and rays.	These elements are included in the scoping consultancy to be undertaken by CI to design a project with SPREP to support the regional shark plan implementation, targeting PEW funding.
	119	⇒ endorsed the year 2011 as the Pacific Year of the Dugong; ⇒ directed the Secretariat to provide assistance to Members in the implementation of the Pacific Islands Regional Plan of Action for Sharks where possible.	YoD launched in Palau in March 2011 As for 115
	124	PNG informed the Meeting that it would seek clarification and guidance from the Secretariat to implement recommendations made at the Nature Conservation Conference.	The Nature Conservation Conference has been deferred to 2013 due to many competing events planned for 2012. SPREP and the Round Table Secretariat are discussing dates and venue for the Conference.
	125	Niue, RMI and Tuvalu requested SPREP for support in NBSAP implementation.	SM21 Para 125: The Secretariat advised that it would endeavour to assist all countries with their NBSAP review and implementation, as necessary. A Pacific Capacity Building Workshop is planned for October 2011. The workshop is part of a series of workshops organized by the CBD Secretariat. SPREP is liaising closely with the CBD Secretariat on the NBSAP Workshop including other CBD related activities. The overall objectives of the workshop is to provide guidance and information on tools, processes and support (technical; and financial) available to assist with the review of NBSAPs.
	126	France suggested that SPREP links up with the CBD identification work on EBSA	SPREP is liaising with the CBD Secretariat on a workshop for the Pacific on EBSA which is planned for November 2011
	131	The Secretariat noted ... the need to work together to support common agendas under a 'One Pacific Voice', whilst noting that national circumstances and priorities need to be considered; the need to link with other regional and sub-regional initiatives; and to focus on oceans and marine issues, and to offer nature-based solutions.	The One Pacific Voice was successfully delivered at COP10. An Oceanscape concept has been developed targeting the GEF5 Biodiversity and International Waters Focal Area Set Aside Fund. This was developed jointly by SPREP, UNEP, CI for the Marine Sector Working Group in its role in implementing the Pacific Forum Leaders' decision on Oceanscape. The Secretariat is also developing projects that will address nature-based solutions to climate change.

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9.2 Pacific Futures	145	<p>⇒ agreed that the PIFACC mid-term review and its recommendations be used to guide and inform the drafting of a revised PIFACC to meet the region's needs in 2011 – 2015;</p> <p>⇒ established an out-of-session working group constituting of 'friends of the chair', tasked with the revision of the PIFACC, guided by the Review and developments over the last 5 years;</p> <p>⇒ tasked the Secretariat with circulating the revised Framework (PIFACC — 2011) to Members for input with a view to out-of-session finalisation by mid January 2011; and</p> <p>⇒ agreed that monitoring and evaluation of PIFACC implementation should form an integral part of the SPREP Strategic Plan and work program and be funded accordingly.</p>	<p>The process endorsed (145) was carried out and coordinated by the secretariat. The revised 2nd edition of PIFACC will be tabled at the 22nd SM.</p> <p>A roadmap for an integrated regional framework for DRM and for climate change to replace both the DRM framework for Action and PIFACC, as these expire in 2015, should be developed in 2016, and will also be discussed at the 22nd SM.</p> <p>The SPREP Strategic Plan M&E is being developed and it is intended that the PIFACC M&E will inform that process and be incorporated into the climate change programme where applicable.</p>
	155	<p>⇒ endorsed the Recommendations and the Next Steps as outlined by the Review of Regional Meteorological Services;</p> <p>⇒ agreed to the nomination of SPREP to undertake the role of the Pacific Desk to provide support to the efforts of countries and the region in coordinating and facilitating regional coordination and implementation of relevant meteorological services;</p> <p>⇒ endorsed the formation of a Pacific Meteorology Council and directed the Secretariat to develop terms of reference for the Pacific Meteorology Council and to submit them for endorsement to the Council's first meeting in 2011;</p> <p>⇒ requested the Secretariat to report on the implementation of these decisions to the 22nd SPREP Meeting.</p>	<p>SM21 Para 155: The Secretariat noted the support for the meteorological services review and recognised the need to mobilise resources for implementation ... undertook to convene a partnership of interested Parties, with WMO as key partner.</p> <p>The Secretariat also acknowledged that the Meteorology and Climatology Officer (MCO) position has been a standing item in many Meetings. Towards the end of 2010, the Commonwealth Secretariat informed SPREP that it will be funding the MCO position which is currently under recruitment.</p> <p>The inaugural meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (note approved change of name) was held 12 August 2011 in Majuro. The renamed Pacific Desk, is now the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP). The PMDP is located with SPREP's Pacific Futures Programme and will provide the secretariat, coordination; resource mobilisation and capacity development in line with the Pacific Meteorological Strategic Plan (under development) and priorities of NMS. The PMDP concept paper endorsed by the PMC.</p>

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	157	Tonga asked that the Secretariat work towards becoming an implementing agency to enable fast tracking of funds under the Accord and the Kyoto Protocol.	SM21 Para 157: The Secretariat has already submitted an application proposal to the Kyoto Protocol Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) to become an implementing agency and is currently in discussions with AFB.
	158 - 159	Nauru commented that the Secretariat should consider adding legal advisory personnel to the SPREP delegation to strengthen COP negotiations and that the Secretariat facilitate common positions on areas of divergence to assist for the region at the COP. Several Members highlighted the need for continued negotiation skills training as well as convening separate Pacific meetings during the FCCC COP.	SM21 Para 169: The Secretariat advised that negotiations training would be provided as part of the pre-Cancun meeting and also informed Members of plans to make negotiations training an ongoing component of a proposed climate change course at the University of the South Pacific.
	161	France and American Samoa suggested that practical, concrete stories on adaptation successes be developed and that these be used to feed into the international processes.	SM21 Para 169: The Secretariat advised that more work was needed in this area and that it would focus on sharing lessons from its current projects.
	163	Fiji recommended that the Secretariat identify other opportunities for financing adaptation and mitigation in the region.	AusAID PACC Plus USAID SIDS DOC for mitigation People's Republic of China for renewable energy Japan PIFS PEC Fund for photovoltaics and desalination ICCAI Second Phase EU Global Climate Change Alliance Republic of China/Taiwan Republic of Korea
	164	USA suggested that communication could be improved in order to understand the different positions of the Members and to use the opportunity to engage the Membership as a whole and to do this more openly.	The Secretariat will continue to explore different ways to facilitate communication between Members
	170	⇒ endorsed the recommendations on the establishment of PCCR Working Groups as a means for more effective delivery on climate change in the region and enhancing interactions between SPREP, CROP and national climate change focal points.	The PCCR agreed to a working structure of four Working Groups and a Steering Committee and there Terms of References. The working groups are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation Working Group – coordinated by SPC and PIFS • Adaptation and Mainstreaming Working Group – coordinated by SPREP and IUCN • Climate Change Resources Working Group coordinated by PIFS and SPREP • Climate Change Information and Knowledge Management Working Group, coordinated by SPC and SPREP 2011-2013 PCCR Steering Committees which made up of country representatives, CROPs and Partners which will be on a rotational basis.

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	181	PNG noted concerns in regards to GEF implementing agencies and requested that the Secretariat seek feedback from the GEF Secretariat in this regard.	SPREP has already applied to become an Implementing Agency under the Kyoto Protocol Adaptation Fund. The matter of SPREP applying as an Implementing Agency under the GEF is considered under Agenda Item 8.2.10.
	188	Tuvalu asked that the 2012 waste campaign address the removal of hazardous waste, which had been stored for some years since the earlier removal under a previous SPREP project	Only US\$35,000 has been secured for the regional campaign to date, which does not allow for this activity. However there is a UNEP/GEF-PAS Project to be implemented which will provide assistance in costing the removal of hazardous waste. GEF 5 is also a possible opportunity to address this specific issue, using existing bilateral funding in Tuvalu as leverage. Tuvalu also has a \$6Mil Euro project with EU and can be used to address environmental sound waste management approaches linked to other GEF-Pas programmes.
	189	Cook Islands reiterated the need to address removal of asbestos ... also expressed the need to deal with growing amounts of whiteware waste and e-waste.	A regional asbestos management strategy has been drafted and circulated to members for comments (SPREP Circular 11/40). A component of this strategy is for the development and implementation of national measures to address the problem based on the severity of the problem. A similar strategy is planned for e-waste.
	191	⇒ endorsed the Secretariat's proposal for a Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention Campaign in 2012.	The Secretariat requested campaign focal point nominations from all members and received responses from 12 members. We are working with these focal points to finalize the campaign plan.
9.3 2011 work programme & budget	196	The Secretariat agreed to remove from future budget documents references to 'assessed contributions' and 'arrears', and to refer instead to 'contributions' and 'unpaid contributions'.	The Secretariat has already made these changes to budget documents for 22SM
	197	FSM, NZ, PNG and RMI called on the Secretariat to provide more detailed information in future on which countries and territories were likely to receive assistance under which budget lines – i.e. a more specific list of the benefits individual Members could expect from the work programme.	SM21 Para 198: The Secretariat noted that the purpose of the presentations under agenda item 9 at the SPREP Meeting were to allow more detailed scrutiny of individual budget line items. SM21 Para 202: The Secretariat noted that the work programme is designed to be flexible, and that other documents gave more detail on individual countries and territories targeted for assistance.

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	199	France would welcome an assessment of the leverage of the Secretariat, to determine how this results in actions within countries and territories.	SM21 Para 199: The Secretariat undertook to provide more country-by-country detail in the 2011 PMER.
	201	American Samoa called for measures to reduce the burden of the high level of expenditure on travel, such as for Members to cover the costs of their own travel to attend SPREP events.	The Secretariat has undertaken a number of measures including a reduction of the UN DSA from 100% to 80% for staff and Member representatives when attending SPREP workshops/meetings
	204	The Secretariat agreed to include the PI-GOOS position in the work programme and budget at the request of USA.	The PIGOOS is included in the work programme and budget for 2012 but funding for this position will need to be on a more sustainable footing
10.1 Salary banding model	206	FSM, Samoa and Tokelau recommended that the issue of the Director's salary banding be separated from performance. Tokelau suggested that in the future, these be two separate agenda items.	This is reflected in the meeting agenda for 22SM.
	215	<p>⇒ noted the evaluation of the SPREP Director role and relevant banding as recommended in the 'Report on the Banding of CEO roles' by the Consultants and request the consultant to further discuss this matter with the SPREP chair</p> <p>⇒ agreed to appoint a Standing Committee, to be chaired by the current SPREP Chair, to evaluate the Director's performance on an annual basis.</p>	<p>The Chair of the 21SM (PNG) discussed the issue of the SPREPs CEO Banding with the consultants in July 2011. This matter will be discussed under agenda item 9.4</p> <p>This matter will be discussed under agenda item 9.4</p>
10.5 Amendments to staff regulations		<p>⇒ approved the establishment of an open-ended Working Group comprising interested Members to meet inter-sessionally in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) dispose of proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations that arise during the course of the year; and (ii) recommend a more efficient process of dealing with Staff Regulation amendments other than solely by way of the SPREP Meeting. 	An open ended Working Group met in July to discuss an approach to amending the staff regulations. This will be discussed under agenda item 9.3
10.6 Staff appointment beyond 6 years	238	Samoa recommended that in future, there should be an outside panellist on all selection panels for senior appointments for purposes of transparency.	The Secretariat is implementing this practice i.e. ensuring outside panelists are on panels for senior appointments.

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11.1 Mainstreaming invasive species and biodiversity	244	<p>⇒ noted prior efforts in invasive species control and encouraged the Secretariat and Members to search for increased resources and collaborative efforts to address the invasive species threat;</p> <p>⇒ requested the Secretariat to develop a social marketing strategy and programme that emphasises both political mainstreaming and environmental inspiration for the very young, to raise the level of understanding of the values of biodiversity and healthy ecosystems and of threats to it, including invasive species and climate change, and thereby generate increasing public and political support for management of these threats to livelihoods and the environment.</p>	<p>Increased resources from NZ are under discussion, with increased collaboration with the Pacific Invasives Initiative encouraged by NZ MFAT.</p> <p>This second item is biodiversity valuing (including understanding the invasives threat), rather than just invasives. I've discussed it with Seema, and suggest IE should consider how to proceed, as a whole programme.</p>
11.3 Country profiles	250	Members undertook to provide their written country profiles to assist the Secretariat with ongoing work in biodiversity conservation.	The Secretariat has received Profiles from 10 member countries and territories.