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Agenda Item 8.2.1:

**Launching of the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (2nd Edition)
and a Proposed PIFACC Roadmap beyond 2015**

Purpose

1. To launch the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC - 2nd Edition) and to propose to the Meeting a roadmap and scope for PIFACC beyond 2015.

Background and Context

2. Article 7 of PIFACC called for its mid-term review, and as such, this review was undertaken in 2010. The purpose of the mid-term review was to (a) strengthen the relevancy of the PIFACC; (b) consider gaps, including ecosystem-based approaches, adaptation technology, links with mitigation, disaster risk management and community-based approaches; and (c) focus on ensuring that there is a clear set of recommendations for how the PIFACC might be implemented over the remaining term, with linkages to the operations of the PCCR and including a specific and measurable performance framework.

3. The findings of the mid-term review was presented at the 2010 SPREP Meeting(SM); and the SPREP Meeting directed the secretariat and the “of Friends of the Chair” (made up of the following countries Australia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Samoa, United States of America and SPREP. The group was an open-ended group) to revise PIFACC guided by the mid-term review recommendations. The work of the Friends of the Chair was completed in 2011 and approved out of session through circulation by the SM chair.

Justification for the Roadmap

4. The Roadmap is a joint SPREP and SPC proposal (supported by other partners) to develop an integrated regional climate change and disaster risk management framework to replace PIFACC and DRM Framework for Action in 2016. One of the key findings of the mid-term review is the need to link and closely align PIFACC with other relevant regional policy frameworks but more specifically with the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005 – 2015. These regional instruments provide a policy underpinning for investments that aim to strengthen the resilience to the impacts of natural disasters and climate change at regional, national and sub national levels within the Pacific region.

5. This initiative was undertaken on the premise that PICTs are extremely vulnerable to climate change impacts, climate variables and natural hazards and to address the challenges to sustainable national development posed by the range of risks including natural hazards and the impacts of climate change, there is a need for a close integration of climate change adaptation and mitigation with disaster risk management.

6. The 2011 PCCR also acknowledged the progress made by countries in developing CCA and DRM joint national action plans as presented by Tonga and the Marshall Islands. Tonga in July 2010 became the first Pacific island country to develop a National Action Plan for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management. Since then a number of other countries have followed suit. 'Joint National Action Plans' as they have come to be referred to are being developed for Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Niue and Tuvalu. Fiji and the Federated States of Micronesia are also considering such an integrated initiative. Potential for similar plans exist in a number of other countries as well.

7. Other forums also supported the integration of DRM and CCA&M at global and regional level in the Pacific include:

International

- The Bali Action Plan which recognizes that capacities to cope with extreme weather events must be harnessed to adapt to climate change;
- The Cancun Adaptation Framework invites parties to enhance adaptation through strengthening their disaster risk reduction strategies including funding support for loss and damage due to climate change;
- The 2009 and 2011 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Regional

- The 2009 and 2010 Meetings of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management, co-convened by SPC/SOPAC and UNISDR;
- The High Level Conference on Climate Change in the Pacific, organized by the EU Global Climate Change Alliance in March 2011, in Vanuatu.
- The Pacific Climate Change Round Table coordinated by SPREP in March 2011, in Niue;
- The 2010 Mid-term Reviews of Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015 (HFA), the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005 – 2015 (RFA), and the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006 – 2015 (PIFACC), and related regional consultation meetings;
- Lessons for Future Action: Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Lessons Learned Conference, organized by the Government of Australia and SPREP in May 2011, in Samoa.
- The Pacific National Stakeholders Meeting on Climate Financing, organized by UNDP in 2011 in Palau.
- The National HFA Progress Reviews of selected Pacific island countries.
- The PIFACC mid-term review
- 2009 Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) outcomes

The key elements of the Roadmap are chronologically sequenced as follows:

2011 – 2015

- Ongoing implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the 2005-2015 PIFACC and DRM for Action Framework
- Ongoing advocacy for the integration of DRM and CCA at regional, national and sub national levels
- Ongoing development, implementation and progress monitoring of JNAPs, NAPs, NAPAs etc
- Ongoing implementation of existing DRM and CCA/CCM activities

Note: Regular review of these initiatives will be undertaken and the lessons learned will contribute to the development of the integrated framework

2011

- Appoint a Technical Working Group (TWG), to develop a work plan and budget and source funds.

Note: Appointment of the TWG and endorsement of a draft work plan and budget will be conducted jointly by SPREP and SPC/SOPAC as the regional intergovernmental organisations responsible for the coordination of capacity building in DRM and CCA/CCM respectively. SPREP and SPC/SOPAC are to jointly resource the TWG.

2012

- Commence development of regional synthesis report of implementation of DRM, CCA and CCM actions to inform progress and update to the Pacific Platform for DRM 2013 (PPDRM), Regional Met Service Directors Meeting (2013), Pacific Climate Change Roundtable 2013 (PCCR), Global Platform for DRR 2013 (GPDRR) and UNFCCC Conference of the Parties 2013

Note: Regional Synthesis Report to be used by Technical Working Group in 2013 as source reference to support framework formulation.

2013

- Joint meeting of the PPDRM, PCCR and RMSD
- Review progress of JNAP/NAP/NAPA and implementation and recommend strategies to strengthen implementation
- Technical Working Group to:
 - Present progress of implementation against work plan and budget
 - Present draft outline of integrated framework – e.g. key goals/themes, expected outcomes etc
 - Present draft monitoring and evaluation framework
 - Present draft implementation and funding arrangements

- Ongoing development of the regional synthesis report of implementation of DRM, CCA and CCM actions
- Develop case studies of best practices in DRM, CCA and CCM

Note: Case studies of best practice to form a compendium with the integrated regional framework upon completion. PICTs and partner organisations are to be invited to collaborate on case studies highlighting examples at national, sectoral, local and community level in relation to DRM, CCA and CCM

2014

- TWG update report
 - Revised framework
 - Monitoring and evaluation framework
 - Implementation and funding arrangements
- Review progress of case studies of best practices in DRM, CCA and CCM

2015

- Joint Meeting of PPDRM and PCCR
 - Endorse the regional synthesis report of DRM, CCA and CCM progress
 - Endorse the draft integrated framework for action on DRM, CCA and CCM
 - Endorse monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework, implementation and funding arrangements
 - Note and endorse case studies of best practices
- Integrated policy framework and M&E framework submitted to SPREP and SPC Governing Councils for approval
- Integrated policy framework submitted to PIF Leaders for endorsement

2016

- Implementation of integrated framework for action for DRM, CCA and CCM commences

Recommendation

- The meeting is invited to:
 - **note** and use/apply PIFACC as a guiding policy framework and where applicable to national situations and priorities.
 - **call** on development partners and donors to support the implementation and advocacy of PIFACC and its M&E in order to provide timely lessons learned to members, partners and the Roadmap.
 - **endorse** the Roadmap for the development of an integrated regional framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Disaster Risk Management by 2015.