



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME  
*Twenty-Second SPREP Meeting*  
Apia, Samoa  
13 – 15 September 2011



**Agenda Item 8.2.5:**

**Outcomes of the First Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council**

**Purpose**

1. To inform the Meeting of the outcomes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Meteorological Services Directors (14RMSD) Meeting and the inaugural meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council.
2. To inform the Meeting of developments since SM21 on the Review of Meteorological Services, in particular the development of the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership.

**Background and Context**

3. Based on the recommendations from previous RMSD, the 21<sup>st</sup> SPREP Meeting endorsed the formation of the Pacific Meteorology Council (PMC), and directed the Secretariat to develop a Terms of Reference for the PMC for the Council's own endorsement at their 2011 meeting.
4. The 21<sup>st</sup> SPREP Meeting (21SM) also endorsed the findings of the SPREP coordinated Review of Regional Meteorological Services (2009-2010), and agreed for the SPREP Secretariat to undertake the role of the "Pacific Desk" to lead and support the efforts on regional coordination, resource mobilisation and implementation of relevant meteorological services.

**Update**

5. The 14<sup>th</sup> RMSD Meeting held in Majuro, 8 – 12 August, 2011 discussed and recommended a revised TOR for PMC's approval. The TOR described the vision and functions of the PMC in leading on weather and climate services development in the region in support of National Meteorological Services.
6. The inaugural meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council on August 12<sup>th</sup> endorsed its TOR and also approved the resolutions and outcomes of the RMSD and relevant side workshops. These are provided in annexes 1 and 2.
7. Based on the direction of the 21SM, the Secretariat began a design of the "Pacific Regional Desk" in consultation with its technical partners including Australian Bureau of Meteorology, the New Zealand MetService, the US NOAA National Weather Service, Finnish Met Institute and Directors of NMS. A Suva-based donor roundtable meeting was held in mid-June 2011 where the concept of the Pacific Desk was presented to donors, diplomatic corps and some members to gauge interests in financial support and awareness of the "Desk" tasks in support of the PMC and NMS priorities underpinning weather and climate services development in the region.

8. The 14 RMSD and the 1<sup>st</sup> PMC endorsed the “Pacific Desk” concept and renamed it 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 is provided in annex 3.

### Recommendations

9. The meeting is invited to:

- **note** the outcomes of the 2011 PMC;
  - **endorse** the working arrangements of the Secretariat role in support of the PMC and the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership; and
  - **direct** the Secretariat to respond to those tasks recommended for the Secretariat from the PMC.
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