

Twenty Fourth SPREP Meeting

17-19 September 2013
Apia, Samoa

AGENDA ITEM 4: Action taken on decisions made by the 23rd SPREP Meeting

Purpose

- To report on action taken on the decisions of the 23rd SPREP Meeting, and on action taken on suggestions made by individual Members during the Meeting.

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6.1 Strengthening Regional Linkages	66	<p>The Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted the report of the KVA Consultant; ➤ Recommended the placement of SPREP contracted technical desk officers in Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands for a one year trial period, subject to funding being available within the existing SPREP budget; ➤ Directed the Secretariat to negotiate and finalise appropriate host-country agreements with the two Governments; ➤ Agreed to reconsider a sub-regional office for the North Pacific at SM 2014 based on resource availability and updated cost benefit analysis; and ➤ Recommended that the Secretariat explore partnership mechanisms with the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) secretariat to enhance coordination and delivery of services to South West Pacific members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is discussed under agenda item 6.1
6.3 SPREP's GEF Application	89	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted the progress made by the Secretariat and encouraged the work to be continued as quickly as possible; ➤ Encouraged Members of SPREP, who are also Members of the GEF, to strongly support the application of SPREP to become a GEF Project Agency; in accordance with the accreditation criteria established by the GEF council; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is discussed under agenda item 6.2

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encouraged interested donors and partners to support the implementation of any new standards, regulations and operational structures through possible secondments or financing. ➤ Noted the establishment of an internal audit function within the Secretariat. 	
7.2 Increase in Membership Contributions	113	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted the importance of core funding for the continued viability of SPREP and also the fact that SPREP membership fees have remained unchanged since 2004; and ➤ Requested that the Secretariat prepare a discussion paper on how SPREP work is being impacted by unchanged membership fees since 2004 within the next 3 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is discussed under agenda item 7.2
9.2.1 SPREP Climate Change Adaptation Programmes – PACC & PACC +	168	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted the positive outcomes from the PACC project in assisting Pacific Island Countries and Territories to adapt to climate change; ➤ Welcomed the increased support from the Governments of the United States and Australia for adaptation efforts under PACC+; ➤ Reaffirmed the vital coordinating role of SPREP in the Pacific Region on climate change adaptation and mitigation, and mainstreaming climate risks in national and sector development plans and budgetary planning and implementation; and ➤ Commended SPREP's technical back stopping assistance on climate change provided to PICTs through the PACC project and noted this should be adequately resourced to continue beyond the life of the PACC Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been positive progress with PACC in all participating countries, with support for country efforts to adapt to climate change in the key sectors of water, food security and coastal zone management. • PACC has also played a key role in supporting the development of national policies for climate change, including through the JNAP (Joint National Action Plan) process, which has been implemented closely with SPC • PACC has also increased its work with territories, including support to Tokelau in adaptation in the water sector. All territories were invited to 2013 PCCR and joint meeting, and participation by New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Guam, American Samoa and Wallis and Futuna was secured. SPREP will continue this outreach but there are limitations imposed by donor requirements. • The Secretariat has held in-depth discussions with UNDP resulting in some payments being made directly to Members. This has been a long standing issue and goes back to management arrangement under the project document. A lot of progress has been made in 2013, looking at other options of direct payments including different approach of fund management. To fully resolve this issue, member countries reports needs to be delivered in a timely manner. However, as stated, currently, all member countries are receiving their funds in timely manner. • The PACC Team has strengthened its capacity in 2013 to ensure better support for Member priorities on climate change. PACC also works closely with other programmes from the Climate Change Division and other SPREP Divisions.

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9.2.4 SPREPs role in assisting Members to access climate change financing and other international climate support mechanisms	199	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted the update on SPREP's work to support Members; ➤ Directed the Secretariat to continue its support for member countries in the UNFCCC negotiations and to disseminate all relevant information including Loss and Damage; and ➤ Directed the Secretariat to continue to provide support to Members on climate financing, through the continuation of cooperative efforts with other agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPREP has continued its strong support for Pacific members in 2012/3 for the UNFCCC. This has included capacity building for Pacific negotiators and dissemination of a wide range of information materials, including on Loss and Damage • SPREP has worked closely with PIFS to support Pacific countries to access climate finance, including through activities such as the Nauru Case Study on climate finance • SPREP's experience in applying to become a Regional Implementing Agency under the Adaptation Fund Board and also under GEF is being documented and will be shared fully with Members.
9.3.1 Clean Pacific Campaign	212	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reaffirmed commitment to implement the Clean Pacific 2012 campaign in each country; and ➤ Noted the progress in Regional Waste Management Initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clean Pacific was successfully implemented in 2012/13 and this is discussed under agenda item 9.3.1 • SPREP continued to increase its support to Pacific Members on the management of waste and pollution.
9.3.3 Improved Regional Solid Waste Coordination and Monitoring	233	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Endorsed the Regional E-waste Strategy and Action Plan (<i>Pacific E-waste: A Regional Strategy and Action Plan, 2012</i>); ➤ Called on partners and donor agencies to provide assistance where possible to ensure completion of the Action Plan; ➤ Noted the involvement of multiple partners (including SPC and the National Environment Service, Cook Islands) in development of the Strategy and Action Plan; and ➤ Directed the Secretariat to provide assistance to Members in the implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is discussed under agenda item 9.3.3
9.5 Building Capacity for Environment: The Pacific Emerging Environment Leaders Network	265	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ endorsed the Pacific Emerging Environment Leaders' Initiative and Network as an important mechanism through which the Secretariat can strengthen capacity of young emerging leaders for environment in the region; ➤ agreed to involve PEEL members in relevant national and regional meetings, where appropriate and relevant; and ➤ agreed to work with the Secretariat to encourage the further development of PEEL. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEEL has continued in 2012/13 as an important mechanism to strengthen the capacity of young environmental leaders in the Pacific. • The Pacific Leadership Program supported the PEEL Forum in June 2013 with USD21,000 funding. PEEL invited participation of the Australia government funded Future Climate Leaders' Program (FCLP) run by University of South Pacific at the June forum. A working partnership has resulted from this with PEEL and FCLP. • PEEL members have already working with national youth and leadership programmes to establish links and provide support.

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10.1 Review of the Staff Regulations	284	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adopted the draft Staff Regulations with the exception of the Staff Retention Clause; and ➤ Agreed that an intercessional working group be established to address the issue of staff retention that is consistent with agreed practices across CROP agencies and to report to the 2013 SPREP Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is discussed under agenda item 8.5
10.9 SPREP Building Proposal	300	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted the progress made on the application to the Government of Japan; and ➤ Endorsed the follow-up application being made to JICA for Grant Aid to Build a Pacific Climate Change Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is discussed under agenda item 6.7
14. Other Business	341	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Endorsed the creation of a Pan Pacific Tsunami Awareness Day; ➤ Requested that SPREP engage with other appropriate CROP organisations at the next meeting of the CROP heads to advance the creation of a Pan Pacific Tsunami Awareness Day; and ➤ Further requested that the SPREP Secretariat work with its Members to hold the first annual Pan Pacific Tsunami Awareness Day in 2013. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A workshop on strengthening standard operating procedures and using enhanced tools for tsunami warning was held in Wellington 12-16 August 2013. It is expected that this workshop will establish a regional work plan for enhancing community awareness in the Pacific on tsunamis. • Given SPC's lead mandate in the area of disaster risk management, it was agreed that SPC will take the lead on the Pan Pacific Tsunami Awareness Day