AGENDA ITEM 9.2.3: Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) and Regional Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Platform Joint Meeting, 8-11 July, 2013

Purpose

1. To report to Members on SPREP’s roles and the outcomes of the Joint Meeting.

2. To seek Members endorsement of SPREP’s roles linked to the outcomes.

Background

3. SPREP’s participation as a lead partner in the recent joint meeting (July 2013) was based on the 2011 SPREP Meeting decision that "reaffirmed the principle of an integrated regional framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Disaster Risk Management (DRM) by 2015; and requested the Secretariat, working with Members and partners, to develop a strategy for post-second edition Pacific Island Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) and for when the DRM Framework for Action ends in 2015, as quickly as possible through a consultative process".

4. The joint meeting is part of the regional process (roadmap process) for developing the new integrated regional strategy on climate change and disaster risk management to replace PIFACC and DRM for Action by 2015.

Joint Meeting Key Outcomes

5. A joint meeting statement was endorsed (attachment 1) and a chairman’s summary will be distributed for input from participants within a month before finalisation. The remainder of the roadmap process was also confirmed including meetings of a roadmap steering and technical committees and further consultation between now and 2014. It is expected that a final draft will be tabled at the SPREP Meeting of 2014 including implementation, funding arrangements and an M&E framework.
SPREP's roles

6. The joint meeting was led by SPREP, SPC and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (ISDR). The role of each of these lead organisations was in accordance with their respective lead coordination roles in the region on climate change and disaster risk management (SPREP and SPC) and on UN's global disaster agenda (ISDR). SPREP is the lead coordination agency for the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) and the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC). SPC is leading on the Regional DRM Platform and the meeting of the Directors of National Disaster Management Offices. SPREP is also a member of the DRM platform and likewise SPC is a member of the PCCR.

7. SPREP will continue to be a key facilitator and stakeholder in implementation of the roadmap process in collaboration with SPC and UNISDR including co-chairing the roadmap steering and technical committees.

8. Existing mechanisms (PCCR, PMC, DRM Platform, CEO sub-committee on Climate Change) will continue to strengthen coordination, including through coordination in implementing regional projects on both climate change (CC) and DRM.

9. The joint meeting costs were shared between SPC and SPREP. As of end of June the estimated cost was F$343,518.42 of which SPREP was responsible for F$144,822.71. In addition, it is expected that SPREP would need F$60,000 to complete the roadmap process.

Recommendations

10. The meeting is invited to:

   - note the outcomes of the Joint Meeting;
   - endorse SPREP’s role in progressing the joint meeting outcomes; and
   - invite SPREP’s developed Members to discuss and support SPREP’s financial obligations for the remainder of the roadmap process.

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