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Information Paper 4: Pacific iCLIM Project

Purpose of the Paper

1. The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the progress Pacific iCLIM project.

Background

2. Griffith University in early 2014, secured funding under the Government Partnerships for Development (GPDF) program (an Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade initiative) to support SPREP in implementing a regional approach to climate change data and information management throughout the Pacific. This will complement work done by SPREP and other partners in upgrading the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) further.
3. Ensuring that the climate change data and information developed throughout the Pacific region is effectively managed, discoverable, accessible and usable will support both regional bodies and national governments to undertake more effective climate change adaptation and resilience planning.
4. Given that the project has finite resources 3 pilot countries were selected for the project that already have advanced their national climate change portals. These are: Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu.
5. The Pacific iCLIM project commenced in March 2014 and will be delivered over the next two and a half years.

1. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

- (i) **PCCP Review and e-infrastructure Upgrade:** Will work with SPREP to determine use cases for the PCCP and scope the best and most regionally appropriate e-infrastructure for meeting these use cases.
- (ii) **Regional Information Management Protocols:** Will work with SPREP to provide consistent guidelines for describing climate change data and information throughout the Pacific, thus making it simpler for PCCP to access data and information.
- (iii) **Climate Change Decision Support Tools:** Will work with SPREP and other regional stakeholders to develop up to three software decision support tools for priority adaptation and resilience planning areas.
- (iv) **Information Management Training:** Will provide information management training to key staff in three pilot countries.
- (v) **Awareness Products:** Will produce products that will help regional bodies and governments to better understand and implement good information management practices.

1. PROGRESS OF THE Pacific iCLIM PROJECT

- (i) The Inception Workshop was held in April 2014 in Brisbane, Australia. The workshop was attended by regional partners and representatives from the 3 pilot countries: Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu;
- (ii) The Pacific iCLIM team have conducted in-country consultation meetings for Vanuatu (May), Fiji (June) and Tonga (July). The objectives of the meetings were to:
 - a. Introduce the iCLIM project to the Government Climate Change Unit and relevant national portal management officials.
 - b. Develop a national level work plan for the iCLIM project.
 - c. Meet with national stakeholders to overview and discuss the iCLIM project, receive feedback and ensure stakeholders involvement.

RECOMMENDATION

6. The meeting is invited to:
- **Note** the progress of the Pacific iCLIM project.

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