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## Twenty Sixth SPREP Meeting of Officials

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### Agenda Item 10.2.1: Outcomes of PCCR

#### Purpose

1. To update members on the outcomes of the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR), held in Apia, Samoa from 12 to 14 May 2015.

#### Background

2. The Fifth Pacific Climate Change Roundtable was held from 12 - 14 May 2015 at the Tanoa Tusitala Hotel, Apia Samoa. The conference was jointly organized by the PCCR Steering Committee, consisting of representatives of countries, development partners and CROP agencies. The Roundtable was hosted by SPREP and the Government of Samoa with major support from the Government of Switzerland. The theme for the Roundtable was "Lessons Learnt from the ten-year implementation of The Pacific Islands Framework Action on Climate Change (PIFACC 2006-2015)".

3. The PCCR was attended by 183 representatives from 24 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) and 22 regional and international organizations and development partners. Delegations included civil society representation. It was opened by the Honorable Prime Minister of the Government of Samoa, Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, who spoke on the challenges faced in the Pacific in relation to climate change, the significance of the transition towards the SRDP, SPREP's commendable achievement in acquiring accreditation as a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE) to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), and the need for PICTs to prepare themselves for COP 21. Opening statements were also delivered by Switzerland, France and the SPREP Director General.

4. The overall objective of the conference was to share lessons learnt through PIFACC implementation and to facilitate discussions on enhancing integrated climate change and disaster risk management policies, programs, projects and actions in the Pacific Region. The 2015 PCCR gathering also facilitated discussions and promoted awareness and understanding of the new Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) and its Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) as well as PCCR transition to this new arrangement.

5. The PCCR outcomes included the following: improved awareness and sharing of lessons learned from the past ten years of PIFACC, including of both regional and national climate change activities; greater awareness of processes and tools used in successful adaptation and mitigation projects and how to be replicated in new activities; clear understating of the new SRDP and its PRP; and awareness and understanding of new initiatives and opportunities to build capacity and to access climate change finances and other resources. The PCCR also provided an opportunity for further discussions on how the PCCR and its Working Groups might transition to the SRDP PRP

6. The PCCR agenda included plenary sessions, panel discussions, side events and a climate change marketplace, as well as displays from different organizations.

### **Outcomes of the PCCR**

7. The key recommendations adopted by the PCCR will provide guidance to PICTs, development partners and regional organizations on future directions for climate change work in the region. The full set of recommendations is contained in Annex 1. There are no recommendations that require endorsement by the SPREP meeting, and the Secretariat will respond in accordance with its capacity and budget considerations.

8. Based on the PCCR report and feedback from participants, most found that the PCCR was highly conducive to sharing of lessons learned from the past ten years of PIFACC, thus providing a greater sense of awareness of both regional and national climate change activities. A further key issue for participants was the strengthened networking and partnerships arising from the PCCR. Participants also appreciated the session on the SRDP and the Climate Change Market Place event.

9. Overall, the PCCR was a great success, with very positive feedback from participants. 32% stated that it was excellent, and a further 50% of the participants claimed that the PCCR overall was good. The full report of the PCCR is available at the SPREP website. The value of the PCCR as a critical regional forum for discussions of climate change was noted, and need for it to continue, was also noted

### **Recommendations**

10. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the information in this paper;
- **note** that it is proposed to continue the PCCR as a stand-alone forum and ensure that it is linked with mechanisms under the SRDP; and
- **note** the recommendations of the PCCR for informing further climate change work in the region.