Actions of the Secretariat following up Member decisions and recommendations from the Twenty Fifth (2014) SPREP Meeting of Officials

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6.1 Strengthening Regional Linkages Update	46	The Meeting: noted the developments in relation to the placement of technical officers in RMI and FSM and their respective host agreements; noted the developments in relation to SPREP project-based officers in the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Vanuatu; directed the Secretariat to follow up with FSM on the recruitment and finalisation of the host country agreement; directed the Secretariat to continue strengthening its partnership with the MSG to enhance coordination and delivery of services; directed the Secretariat to canvass additional funds and establish an operational budget for the Technical Expert Officers; directed the Secretariat to develop, for consideration at the 2015 SPREP meeting, a methodological framework for the cost benefit analysis and effectiveness reviews of sub-regional technical officers, which can also be used to assess the regional benefits of country based SPREP project officers; and directed the Secretariat to review the effectiveness of the Technical Expert Officers' arrangement, including a cost benefit analysis, for consideration by the 2016 SPREP Meeting	There has been considerable progress in the placement of SPREP Officers in Pacific island member countries and progress will be reported under Agenda Item 6.1: "Strengthening Regional Linkages"
6.2 Accessing Multilateral Financing – Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Adaptation Fund (AF) Accreditation	53	 The Meeting: noted the Secretariat's efforts to seek GEF Project Agency Accreditation; suggested that Pacific Island Countries support a second round of accreditation of project agencies for the GEF, when this is discussed at the GEF Council Meeting in October/November 2014, and request the Secretariat to convey this through to the Pacific GEF Council Representatives (Amb. Winston Thompson of Fiji) and Alternate Representative (Ms. Myra Patai of the Cook Islands); noted the accreditation and RIE status of SPREP with the Adaptation Fund; noted the availability of a guide for AF accreditation developed by the Secretariat and invited Members to use the guide and to work with SPREP on accessing resources from the AF; and invited Members to utilise SPREP as a RIE for adaptation projects under the Adaptation Fund, bearing in mind the financial requirements for project development. 	 The Contract for the MSP was signed with UNDP on 23rd march, 2015. The Secretariat is currently implementing the GEF MSP to build capacity to meet minimum GEF accredited standards. Good progress is being achieved and this will be reported under Agenda Item10.4.2: "GEF MSP Implementation". Considerable support has been provided to the Pacific Council Representative at the GEF Council meetings on the pilot accreditation process and its evaluation findings.
6.3 Reviews of SPREP (Second ICR and MTR of the Strategic Plan	60 Annx II	The Meeting: considered the Second Independent Corporate Review Report and the recommendations; considered the Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2011 to 2015 Report and recommendations; and accepted the recommendations made by the Friends' of the Chair as outlined in the attached tables in Annex II.	 The Secretariat has made considerable progress in implementing the recommendations of the ICR and MTR and this will be reported under Agenda Item 6.5 In most cases follow up to these recommendations have been integrated within the normal business of the Secretariat.

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6.4 Audit Committee Report for period July 2013 to June 2014	58	The Meeting: > noted the activities performed by the Audit Committee during the 2013-2014 period. > requested that relevant Audit Committee report papers be posted on the SPREP website, for transparency. [note: this is in the report content but not a Rec]	 An update on the Audit Committee Report will be provided at 6.7
6.5 SIDS conference 2014	79	The Meeting: > noted the update on the SIDS Conference 2014; > noted the Secretariat's role and support to the Conference; > noted the S.A.M.O.A Pathway Outcomes; and > congratulated Samoa for the outstanding hosting and presidency of the 3rd SIDS conference on behalf of the Pacific region. > suggested that a standing item be included on the SPREP meeting agenda dedicated to S.A.M.O.A Pathway and monitoring and evaluation of its progress. [note: this is in the report content but not a Rec]	 Many of the recommendations in the SAMOA Pathway are relevant to the SPREP Strategic Plan and are being addressed accordingly. The SAMOA Pathway is also being addressed by the Sustainable Development Working Group at regional level and at the national level by individual countries. The SAMOA Pathway will be discussed at Agenda item 10.4.1
6.6 Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) Proposal	87	The Meeting: > noted the progress made with the development of the Pacific Climate Change Centre and the envisaged strengthened services from SPREP to its Pacific Member countries; > noted with appreciation the support from the Government of Japan; and > directed the Secretariat to report to the next SPREP Meeting on the status and on matters relating to programme of work, governance and maintenance costs.	➤ The Secretariat will report on the PCCC at Agenda item 6.3
6.7 UNIDO/SIDSDOCK Centre	89	The Meeting: > noted the progress made by SPREP to secure funding for Pacific renewable energy projects under SIDS Dock; and > noted the unified bid by the CROP agencies on the establishment of the PCREEE Office.	 SIDS Dock projects are being implemented in 6 Pacific Island Countries – RMI, Palau, FSM, Solomons, Tonga and Tuvalu. PCREEE is going to be a joint proposal for a hub-and-spoke system with SPREP playing a role in renewable energy and climate change mitigation. It will likely be based at SPC
7.1 Report on Members' Contributions	104	The Meeting: > considered the report and the problem of unpaid member contributions; and > committed itself collectively and individually to paying current and outstanding contributions in full in 2014.	 This issue is addressed through the report on Members Contributions under Agenda Item 7.1. The Secretariat notes the continuing issue of the core budget which has been reported on to the last 5 SPREP Meetings. On a positive note the Secretariat notes the level of unpaid Membership contributions is currently at the lowest level in SPREP's 40 year history.
7.2 SPREP Working Group on Memberships Contributions: Report to Chair	115	The Meeting: It directed the Secretariat to undertake further analysis with a view to rationalising direct services delivered to Members and report back no later than the 2015 SPREP Meeting; requested that the mandate of the Working Group for Membership Contributions be broadened to allow consideration of the different financial issues including unpaid membership contributions, management fees for projects, exchange rates, voluntary contributions, and;	➤ This issue is addressed through the report on the activities of the Working Group on Members Contributions under Agenda Item 7.2.

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		requested the Working Group to provide analysis and recommendations to Members, no later than 31 March 2015.	
7.3 Business Plan	121	The Meeting: > endorsed the SPREP Business Plan 2013-2015 as an interim plan	➤ The Business Plan is to be discussed at Agenda item 6.12
8.1 Annual Market Data	126	The Meeting: In noted the first draft of the 2014 Annual Market Data report has been received by the Secretariat and a CROP position has yet to be determined; In noted the Secretariat proposal that consideration of any movement to its salary scales for internationally recruited staff be deferred until the findings of the 2015 Triennial Review are available; and In noted the movement in salary scale for locally recruited staff was implemented on 1 January 2014, in line with directions from the 24th SPREP Meeting.	 The CROP Triennial Review of Staff Terms and Conditions will be discussed at Agenda item 8.1 Annual Market Data will be discussed at Agenda item 8.2
8.2 SPREP Director General Performance Assessment	127	The Meeting: > noted the review and evaluation of the Director General's Performance Development Plan for 2013-2014; > endorsed the Director General's Performance Development Plan for 2014-2015; and > noted the value of future Troikas meeting face-to-face well before the SPREP Meeting each year to ensure this process continues to be effectively and efficiently implemented.	 The Troika had a constructive meeting in July 2015. A Draft ToR for the Troika for consideration by Members is provided at Agenda item 6.11
8.3 Process for the recruitment of the Director General	128	The Meeting: considered and approved the proposed Job Description of the Director General post, including amendments, as attached in Attachment 1; considered and decided on the Selection Advisory Committee for the recruitment and selection process of the Director General post as follows: Republic of Marshall Islands as current Chair of SPREP Meeting will chair the process in line with the Rules of Procedure for Appointment of Director General Members with representatives based in Samoa are welcomed to participate - interest confirmed from Australia, New Zealand, Samoa and Tokelau Other Members to participate on a self-funded basis - interest confirmed from Papua New Guinea, Tonga and France with at least one Member from the French-speaking territories; and noted and reconfirmed the process as detailed in section 128 of The Meeting: Report	➤ Interviews have been undertaken and the panel's recommendation will be discussed at Agenda item 8.4. This will be a closed session for SPREP Members.
10.1.1: Outcomes of the 9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas	145	The Meeting: noted the key outcomes of the 9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas; and approved an open and transparent process through a Call for Expression of Interests from SPREP PICT members who wish to host the Tenth Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas	The Secretariat will initiate the process for Call for Expressions in 2016. This action is included in the proposed 2016 Work Plan and Budget
10.1.2 Framework on the Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands	147	The Meeting: > endorsed the Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Island region 2014-2020; and > encouraged Members and partners to support the implementation of the Framework.	 The Framework was widely promoted at key international events such as the CBD COP12 in Korea and the IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney. The Framework was printed in both English and French and has been

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Region 2014-2020			distributed widely to SPREP members and partners. The electronic copy of the Framework is available for download on the SPREP website. The Secretariat has started work to promote and link the Framework with the NBSAP review and update process in selected PICTs. The recent 18th Meeting of the Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation discussed options and opportunities to implement and deliver on the objectives of the Framework.
10.1.3 Pacific preparations for CBD COP12, CMS COP11 and Ramsar COP12	151	The Meeting: noted progress towards harmonising and streamlining activities of the biodiversity multi-lateral environment agreements (MEAs) in the Pacific island region; and endorsed the outcomes of the joint preparatory meeting including planned activities in support of Pacific island delegations, and invited Members in a position to do so to provide technical or financial support. accepted the United States request that paragraph 27 of the WP include the term 'precautionary approach' rather than 'principle' [this is in The Meeting: Report, though not as a Recommendation]	 Joint preparatory meeting outcomes were developed into a brief which was used by PIC delegates at the CBD COP12 and subsequently at the CMS COP11 It is noted that some MEA Convention Secretariats have highlighted the joint pre-COP meeting, convened by SPREP in 2014, to be a leading example of best practice world wide
10.1.4 Conservation of Threatened and Migratory Marine Species	162	The Meeting: noted that the Global Environment Facility and the Convention on Migratory Species have recently launched a global initiative for the conservation of dugong and seagrass habitat, and congratulate the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu for their commitment to this initiative; endorsed SPREP's engagement with CMS in developing this programme in the SPREP region; and urge donors and supporters to facilitate a similar level of engagement for the other SPREP Range States for dugong; noted that marine turtles in the SPREP region appear to be declining in abundance, and that the most iconic species are classified as Endangered or Critically Endangered; noted that a recently-published scientific paper asserts that the levels of legally-permitted take of turtles in SPREP member nations are amongst the highest in the world and may be a major threat to the continued occurrence of turtles in some areas; agreed that where the take of turtles is still permitted, Members should provide to SPREP any reliable estimates that may be available on the level of permitted take, as called for in Action 3.4 of the SPREP Turtle Action Plan; consider prohibiting or more strictly regulating the take of turtles, particularly for major gatherings that involve the harvesting of large numbers of individual turtles; and prohibit the take of turtle eggs and nesters, in line with Action 3.5 of the SPREP Turtle Action Plan. noted that SPREP has implemented several important initiatives related to whales this year, including developing a collaboration with the International Whaling Commission; approved the designation of 2016 as the Pacific Year of the Whale; requested SPREP to begin planning for the implementation of 2016 as the Pacific Year of the Whale;	 SPREP facilitated and attended the Inception Workshop in Honiara and has been supporting implementation of the project by the CMS Dugong Secretariat through ongoing technical exchanges. SPREP has requested that all Members annually provide details of legal turtle harvests. So far only New Caledonia and the Marshall Islands have provided information for 2014. A provisional Year of the Whale work programme has been developed in consultation with Members and other interested parties. A bid has been made to the Darwin Initiative to fund surveys in the Solomon Islands; and a workshop has been proposed for all Members and interested parties on 19 September to prepare for the Annual Meeting. SPREP participated in the 10th Annual Meeting of the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and lobbied successfully for a Commission Conservation Measure on sharks. SPREP will appoint a Shark and Ray Conservation Officer, to begin work in October, to develop this Action Plan, and to assist members with other shark conservation measures as requested. The support of the Pew Foundation is acknowledged with appreciation.

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		and invite members, supporters and potential collaborators, including the International Whaling Commission and the Convention on Migratory Species, to provide technical and financial assistance in the planning and implementation of 2016 - Pacific Year of the Whale; In noted that many species of sharks in the SPREP region have declined significantly in abundance in recent years; Welcomed the steps taken by many SPREP Members and partners to protect sharks within their EEZs through a variety of conservation measures; agreed that, in association with other competent and interested parties, including SPC and FFA, SPREP draft a Shark Action Plan, to be incorporated into the next round of Marine Species Action Plans (2018-2023). Agreed that technical comments provided by the United States (NOAA) be submitted to the Secretariat for revision and inclusion in the record. The comments are attached as Annex III [this is in The Meeting: Report, though not as a Recommendation]	
10.2.1 Pilot Program on Climate Resilience: Pacific Regional Program	173	The Meeting: > noted the progress made by SPREP to implement the Pilot Program on Climate Resilience (PPCR) -Pacific Regional Program; and > invited Members to use and promote the Regional Technical Backstopping Mechanism and its associated financing facility (the Rapid Response Fund) and noted the current available funding of USD1.182 million. > urged the Secretariat and Members to consider how the momentum and progress of PACC(+) and PIGGREP could be sustained in to the future given their imminent termination [this is in The Meeting: Report, though not as a Recommendation]	 The Pilot Programme on Climate Resilience continues to progress. An update is provided at 5.2 The Regional Technical Support Mechanism is now operational and has deployed its first technical consultant to assist Pacific island member countries. SPREP is currently looking at how the GCF and AF can support ongoing work to build on progress made through the PACC and PIGGREP program.
10.2.2 PIGGAREP and PIGGAREP Plus	175	The Meeting: > noted the progress to date of the PIGGAREP and PIGGAREP+ activities and closing date; > noted the Secretariat role and strategy for GHG mitigation; and > encouraged the participating countries and Members to share the success stories, apply lessons learned to future mitigation projects and continue to mainstream and sustain these activities beyond the life of these projects.	 PIGGAREP GEF officially closed June 30th 2015. SID DOCK Supported programme (PIGGAREP+) expected to close in October except for Kiribati Abemama Project. Stories from Tuvalu, Tonga & Solomon Islands have been published. Stories for Cook Islands, Samoa, RMI, FSM are being compiled and currently in final editing.
10.2.3 Climate Information and Meteorology	178	The Meeting: noted the progress of the FINPAC Project; noted the valuable contribution from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Bureau of Meteorology (BoM), other participating scientists from Australia and from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) to enable climate change projections and associated tools, such as climate futures to be provided under the PACCSAP project; noted the valuable contribution from the COSPPac Project in developing the climate services capacity in the Pacific and its collaboration with FINPAC; noted the need to ensure coordination and harmonisation between these projects and related weather and climate projects being implemented in the region, including the Korea funded Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Services project, and the proposed establishment of the Pacific Climate Centre with funding	An update on Climate Information and Meteorological issues will be provided at Agenda item 10.2

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		being considered by the government of Japan; and noted the important role of SPREP, through the Pacific Meteorological Partnership, to harmonise these activities and deliver a regionally coordinated effort to service SPREP Members' needs in the area of weather and climate services.	
10.2.4 Strategy for Resilient Development in the Pacific (SDRP)	189	The Meeting: > noted the features of the draft SRDP; endorsed in principle, the draft SRDP and requested the Roadmap Steering Committee and Technical Working Group to address as necessary concerns raised by Members in an updated draft; requested that the Secretariat play an active role in supporting the SRDP and the Pacific Resilience Partnership; requested that the manner in which the Pacific Resilience Partnership is supported by CROP Agencies be discussed at head of agency level by SPREP and SPC and that the matter should also if possible, be discussed within CROP and resolved prior to the 2015 PIF.	➤ The Strategy for Resilient Development in the Pacific will be discussed at Agenda item 6.12
10.3.1 Regional Healthcare Waste Management Intervention Recommendation Summary	193	The Meeting: noted the significant resources that are being allocated to improving the management of healthcare waste in the Pacific region over the next 3 years, as part of the PacWaste Project; and noted the recommendations for adoption and implementation of best practices in the region for disposal of healthcare waste.	An update on Regional Healthcare Waste management through will be provided at Agenda Item 10.3.4
10.3.2 Improved Regional Management of Mercury	195	The Meeting: In noted the regional importance of improved mercury management; In directed the Secretariat to pursue a regional programme on the environmentally sound management of mercury and mercury-containing products and wastes; In encouraged Members to consider becoming signatories to the Minamata Convention; and In encouraged Members to pursue national initiatives in the environmentally sound management of mercury and mercury-containing products and waste as part of their overall programmes for chemicals and hazardous waste management.	A workshop on the Minamata Convention was held in Apia, Samoa January 2015 to support country's ratification of the Convention. From this workshop an implementation plan and activities have been identified and the Secretariat has secured funds to help in its implementation.
10.3.3 Annual waste Management Data Collation Summary	201	The Meeting: In noted the compiled regional and national summary of waste management activities for 2013-2014; In directed the Secretariat to continue annual waste management information collation and reporting; and In encouraged Members and relevant partners to actively participate in annual national waste management information collection and reporting.	➤ The Secretariat has consulted widely in the development of the first Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025). Through this consultation the Secretariat has started to collate information on waste management and pollution control and develop individual country profiles. The Secretariat will continue to develop these profiles and urge all countries to provide appropriate information where requested.
10.4.1 GEF Support to Members	209	The Meeting: > noted the services provided through the GEF Support Adviser for SPREP Members; > considered whether there is a need to continue the position for GEF 6; and	GEF Support Adviser post continues to be funded by the core budget.

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		recommended modalities for continued funding of the position from 2016	
10.4.2 Improving environmental governance and sustainable development through strengthening planning monitoring and reporting	212	The Meeting: > noted and supported the approach to strengthen environmental governance and sustainable development; > supported the implementation of Phase 2 of the ACP MEAs Project; and > reiterated its endorsement and support for the GEF Regional Project – "Building national and regional capacity to implement MEAs by strengthening planning, and state of environment assessment and reporting in the Pacific Islands."	➤ An update on the GEF MSP will be provided at Agenda item 10.4.2
11.1 Ocean Acidification – Update on international efforts to address ocean acidification	225	The Meeting: > urged SPREP and Member countries to support international ocean acidification monitoring networks; and > encouraged SPREP and Member countries to explore opportunities to pursue the recommendations and actions arising from the workshop on ocean acidification that took place as a parallel event to the September 2014 Small Island Developing States Conference in Samoa	 SPREP has secured support from New Zealand on the Pacific Island Partnership on Ocean Acidification An update on Ocean Acidification is to be provided at 10.2.5.
11.2 Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction	230	The Meeting: requested the Secretariat to submit information relevant to Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction for incorporation in the MSWG brief.	SPREP has been working closely with CROP agencies, particularly the Ocean Commissioner's Office of PIFS, to raise regional awareness about BBNJ, including playing a leading role in a regional workshop in May.
11.3 Oceania 21 Summit	233	The Meeting: > noted the update on the Second Oceania 21 Conference; and > noted the Nouméa Communiqué.	A follow-up conference was held in 2015, with the Lifou Declaration agreed by Leaders and issued.
14 Other Business	245	The Meeting: > noted the invitation by French Polynesia for Pacific island Members to attend the Blue Days meeting.	SPREP worked with the FP Govt to deliver a very successful Blue Days conference, which produced a Communique and a work programme that have been circulated to Members.
