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Agenda Item 12.2: Climate Change Division – 2018-19 Overview

Purpose

To provide an overview of the Climate Change Division's work programme activities for 2018-19 consistent with the new SPREP Strategic Plan. Detailed activities are outlined in the consolidated Work Plan and Budget.

Summary of Key Activities for 2018-19 by 2019 Outcomes in relation to Regional Objectives:

1. **Institutional strengthening programmes supporting mainstreamed and integrated implementation of CCA, DRR & low carbon development (LCD) in budgeted national development plans in at least 3 PICTs (RO 1.1).**

CCD will:

Support Members to build institutional capacity for mainstreaming through:

- Supporting PICs with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reporting and other requirements under the convention and related agreements.
- Assisting in developing project proposals that can assist in this regard.
- The mainstreaming tools and guidelines that were developed under the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR) will be made available through the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) and utilised in project development, for example through the PCCP adaptation planning tool.
- The PCCP will also assist countries through the rolling out of the national portal starter pack developed, in the first instance to Samoa, Tuvalu, FSM and PNG.

EMG and WMPC divisions will also have activities under this Regional Objective that will be inter-linked with the above.

2. **Ecosystem based adaptation (EBA) incorporated into national adaptation plans of at least 3 PICTs (RO 1.2)**

CCD will:

- Continue the implementation of the Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification, funded by New Zealand and the Principality of Monaco.
- Continue to assist countries with the development of adaptation proposals as well as supporting national adaptation plans and processes.

BEM, EMG and WMPC divisions will also have activities under this Regional Objective that will be inter-linked with the above.

3. **At least 4 National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NHMS) with climate service frameworks integrated across government agencies and communities (RO 1.3)**

CCD will:

- Convene regular coordination meetings of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) panels
- Support the participation by the Pacific Islands Aviation Weather Services (PIAWS) panel chair at ICAO meetings
- Commence implementation of the revised Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2017-2026 and the Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services.
- Implement the PMC recommendations and Ministerial outcomes.
- Provide support the PMC-5 scheduled for 2019 and the PMMM-3 if convened in 2019.
- Develop tools for early warning systems and provide support on these to PICTs
- Support regular convening of meetings for the Pacific Island Climate Outlook Forum (PICOF)
- Support countries to establish National Climate Outlook Forums (NCOFs) and develop national climate services frameworks
- Convene Online Climate Outlook Forums (OCOFs) and provide trainings, guidance and resource materials for seasonal outlooks.
- Support Pacific Island NMHS in developing traditional knowledge (TK) products
- Support NMHS to integrate TK into climate knowledge products
- Support NMHS to communicate integrated knowledge products

EMG and WMPC divisions will also have activities under this Regional Objective that will be inter-linked with the above.

4. **Pacific island Members are supported with information and technical assistance to improve their national systems for accreditation and access to climate finance (RO 1.4)**

CCD will:

- Provide outreach on climate change finance opportunities as these arise, as well as inviting direct expressions of interest in projects that have been developed.
- Provide support upon request from PICs for assistance with projects as part of the Regional Implementing Entity function of SPREP.
- Carry out training workshops for the Adaptation Planning and Decision Support tools on the PCCP.

EMG division and PCU will also have activities under this Regional Objective that will be inter-linked with the above.

5. **At least 3 PICTs have developed policy for loss and damage (RO 1.5)**

CCD will:

- Establish a dedicated webpage on PCCP to loss and damage issues.

- Support will be provided to PICs upon request to develop policies, pending availability of resources.
 - Support will also be provided through related work in the UNFCCC process.
- EMG and WMPC divisions will also have activities under this Regional Objective that will be inter-linked with the above.

6. **PICTs have policies and laws linked to national databases enabling them to implement their major international obligations (RO 4.2)**

CCD will:

- Provide technical assistance as requested by PICs for work under the UNFCCC and associated protocols, including legislation development, national reporting and revision of NAPs, NDCs and LEDS.

BEM, EMG and WMPC divisions will also have activities under this Regional Objective that will be inter-linked with the above.

7. **Challenges**

- The financial sustainability of regional climate change programs as some of the most successful regional projects for SPREP have come to an end
 - The maintenance of CCD staffing levels in a climate of predominantly project based positions.
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