

Twenty Eighth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Apia, Samoa
19 – 21st September 2017

Agenda Item 12.2.2: Update from the 4th Pacific Meteorological Council and 2nd Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology

Purpose

1. To report on the outcomes of the 4th meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-4) and the 2nd Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-2) supporting sustainable weather and climate services for a resilient Pacific.
2. To seek the support and commitment of Members and development partners for the outcomes of the 4th Pacific Meteorological Council and the 2nd Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-2)

Background

3. The Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC), was established by the SPREP Council meeting in 2011, and has served as the regional mechanism through which meteorological and hydrological services in the region coordinate their activities. SPREP and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) provide secretariat support for both PMC and the Ministerial Meeting through the Pacific Meteorological Partnership Desk (PMPD). The PMPD is the modality adopted by SPREP and its partners for coordinating the implementation of PIMS and for facilitating and convening the PMC bi-annual meetings.
4. The 4th meeting of the PMC was held in Honiara, in the Solomon Islands from 14th -17th August 2017 followed by the 2nd Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-2) on the 18th of August 2017. The PMC-4 theme was: Sustainable Weather, Climate, Ocean and Hydrology Services for a Resilient Pacific" and was supported by SPREP, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the Government of Solomon Islands, University of Hawai'i and the Australian Bureau of Meteorology through the COSPPac Project. There were over 100 Participants in the PMC-4 meeting including representatives from Member Countries and Territories, partner organizations such as the World Meteorological Organisation, CROP agencies and observers. There was also a considerable regional media presence which was funded by the COSPPac Project.

5. Official members of PMC are the directors or heads of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of the SPREP Members. Partner agencies attended as observers. The program structure was arranged according to the goals and objectives of the PMC Panels which focus on the priority areas of climate services, aviation services, education, training and research, marine and ocean services, communication and infrastructure services.
6. **The objectives of the PMC-4 were to:**
 - a) Continue to facilitate coordination, networking, sharing of information and discussions among PMC's members, development partners, CROP agencies, United Nations' agencies, collaborating organisations and institutions on current status and advancement of weather, climate, water and ocean services in support of national development and a resilient Pacific;
 - b) Discuss the contribution of the NMHSs in implementing the Framework for Resilient Development (FRDP), the Sendai Framework, the Sustainable Development Goals and other global and regional strategic strategies;
 - c) Review the progress in the implementation of the *"Nuku'alofa Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Weather and Climate Services for a Resilient Pacific"* through the PMC Panels;
 - d) Review the finding of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2012-2021 mid-term review
 - e) Discuss strategic way forward for sustainable weather, climate, water, and ocean services, in the context of the PIMS, and the new Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services (PRSCS) and resources mobilization during the PMC and the partner and donor roundtable meeting.
7. The PMC-4 meeting updated participants on implementation of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021: reports provided showed that there has been considerable progress on meteorology in the region. The *Key Recommendations Endorsed by PMC-4* are attached as Annex 1 to this paper. (WP.10.2.2/Att1). Key recommendations include:
 - i. Awareness of the shared progress and issues since PMC-3 and PMMM-1;
 - ii. Strengthened partnership and networking with development partners, CROP organisations, collaborating organisations and institutions;
 - iii. Increased awareness of potential direct access to financial resources by PICTs for development and advancement of weather, climate, water and ocean services;
 - iv. Clear linkages provided on how the NMHSs can contribute towards implementing the various strategic priorities outlined in the FRDP and other relevant strategies
 - v. Endorsement of the reviewed PIMS and the PIRCS, and other similar documents if required by PMC's members;
 - vi. Updates provided from the PMC Panels (PICS, PIAWS, PIMOS, PIETR, PICI) on progress of their works and directions for future works of PMC in the development of weather, climate, water, and ocean services.



8. The PMMM-2 held on the 18th of August 2017, was attended by Ministers of Member Countries and Territories responsible for Meteorology or their designated senior government officials. There were over 100 participants who attended the PMMM-2, including state Ministers, high commissioners, senior government officials and NMHSs directors. The outcome of this meeting will be provided through an oral update at the SPREP Meeting. Expected outcomes that were put before Ministers include endorsement of the findings of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2012-2021 mid-term review; the new Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services (PRSCS); resources mobilization during the PMC and the partner and donor roundtable meeting; and the role of NMHSs in the SDGs and other international frameworks.

Recommendations

9. The Meeting is invited to:
- **note** the outcomes of PMC-4 and PMMM 2;
 - **note** the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021 mid-term review and the revised Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2017-2026;
 - **note** the new Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services 2017-2026;
 - **acknowledge** with thanks the support provided by the World Meteorological Organisation, the Government of Solomon Islands, University of Hawai'i and the Australian Bureau of Meteorology through the COSPPac project for PMC-4 and PMMM-2; and
 - **request** the PMDP to continue work with regional NMHSs and partners to achieve the action items from PMC-4, the priorities highlighted in the Honiara Ministerial Statement, and the goals of the revised PIMS.

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