

**MATRIX OF CROP ACTIONS AGAINST THE 2016 FORUM LEADERS' DECISIONS RELEVANT TO WORK OF SPREP**

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15	<p><b><i>Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management</i></b></p> <p>Leaders <b>endorsed</b> the <i>Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP)</i> and <b>agreed</b> for it to be fully elaborated and operationalised upon the entry into force of the Paris Agreement, and <b>recognised</b> its potential to support coordination and action on a number of key issues related to climate change and disaster risk management.</p> <p>Leaders <b>noted</b> that the FRDP is a voluntary non-political framework which does not replace the role of existing regional political statements or declarations on climate change and disaster risk management. Leaders <b>agreed</b> that the <i>Pohnpei Statement: Strengthening Pacific Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk</i>, would complement the FRDP, and <b>tasked</b> the Forum Secretariat to convene a Working Group, including Members, CROP agencies, and relevant stakeholders, to elaborate on the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) process by December 2016, to implement the FRDP.</p>	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIFS to regularly consult with CROP on this. All CROP should be involved in the WG including the SPREP Secretariat and SPREP members. In terms of hosting a back to back meeting, there will be a GCF Board meeting in Samoa from 13-15 December and maybe an opportunity to host such a meeting.</li> <li>• SPREP to continue to lead in the coordination of regional climate change initiatives such as in coordinating the CROP Team for COP 22 in supporting PICs, as well as providing an update after Marrakesh from the COP22 team of any relevant outcomes and linkages with the Paris Agreement.</li> <li>• SPREP has a role in climate services through support and capacity building for National Meteorological Services, climate information and knowledge management through the Pacific Climate Change Portal.</li> <li>• SPREP as an accredited entity for the AF and GCF is working with members in conceptualizing readiness and full proposals</li> <li>• Through SPREP, CROP to explore linkages between the FRDP and the Pacific Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) and SPREP will continue coordinating the implementation of the PIMS and its linkages with the FRDP.</li> </ul>	<p>The Pacific Resilience Partnerships (PRP) met from 4-6 February, 2017 to develop governance arrangements for the implementation of the FRDP. Forum Leaders will have made decisions immediately prior to the SPREP Meeting. We will update on outcomes from the Leaders' deliberations at the SPREP Meeting.</p>
17	<p>Leaders <b>stressed</b> that the amendment should include an early freeze date for HFC production and consumption, followed by a rapid phase down of HFCs. They also <b>emphasised</b> the need to maximise the climate benefits of an HFC phase down by providing incentives to secure the major energy efficiency gains in applications that can be achieved concomitant with the global phase down of HFCs.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This work is carried out in the context of SPREP's work on chemicals. The whole issue of environmental and climate benefits of the phasing out of the HFCs are well documented through the work of the Montreal Protocol. In terms of how CROP can assist, SPREP will provide assistance to countries who are yet to put in place mechanisms or policies that will assist them in the actual phasing out of the HFC at the national level. On the countries that have already established such mechanisms, SPREP will work closely with them on strengthening these mechanisms through establishing</li> </ul>	<p>In 2017, Japan has also funded some work through FFA to conduct similar work on HFCs in relation to fishing vessels.</p>

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			ways in which major energy efficiency gains can be attained through exploring the use of “cleaner” appliances that do not use such chemicals. A good number of the Pacific Island countries have already established these mechanisms while other are still moving towards establishing theirs – SPREP’s assistance will not only be establishing these mechanisms and also bringing everyone to be at the same levels.	
21	Leaders <b>noted</b> the messages conveyed by the private sector through the Private Sector Dialogue. Leaders <b>reaffirmed</b> their commitment to support private sector development in the region with a focus on improved mobility of businesses and skilled personnel, including the streamlining of business processes to support the ease of doing business in the Pacific. Leaders <b>directed</b> relevant Ministerial Meetings to lead and monitor progress on the implementation of these initiatives as appropriate.	Private Sector Prep Feb 2017  FEMM April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPREP encourages the development of regional and national enabling environments for transitioning to green and blue economies, eg, leading the regional ecotourism project and training workshops on green and blue economies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SPREP Input</b> SPREP in partnership with UNEP delivered green growth and green economy meeting for selected PICs in 2016. PICs share experiences on the implementation of Green Growth/Green Economy initiatives. It is encouraging to note that the selected Pacific Island countries participating has developed national framework to promote green growth and green economy. SPREP will continue to work with UNEP to identify potential project concepts on green growth/economy for SIDS. On ecotourism- SPREP working with SPTO is finalizing coastal tourism guideline.</p>
26	<b>Oceans</b> Leaders <b>reaffirmed</b> that the Pacific region's most important natural resource is the ocean. Leaders <b>recalled</b> that the Pacific had shown strong global leadership on oceans through the SAMOA Pathway and in ensuring a stand-alone SDG on the ocean and seas (SDG14). Leaders <b>noted</b> that the UN Conference on Oceans and Seas to support the implementation of SDG14, 5 – 9 June 2017, will now be held in New York. The Conference will provide the Pacific with another opportunity to lead the way and demonstrate its collective interest in the sustainable	By June 2017	<p>PIFS and in particular OPOC to engage further with CROP and coordinate support to Pacific countries on substantive issues.</p> <p>CROP commits to greater demonstration of collaboration among its agencies in designing joint solutions and programmes for oceans.</p>	PIFS support to OPOC, FFA’s fisheries expertise, SPREP’s environmental expertise, USP’s marine research and capacity development, and SPC’s coast fisheries expertise ensured a strong Pacific presence at the global conference, and well-rounded technical advice during the regional consultations preceding the Conference.

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	development, management and conservation of the Pacific Ocean and its resources, including through the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC).			
27	Leaders <b>recalled</b> their support for negotiations towards implementing a new agreement to deal with biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, and <b>acknowledged</b> the technical support coordinated through the OPOC at discussions underway on the issue at the UN. Leaders <b>agreed</b> on the importance of maintaining the Pacific momentum towards a swift conclusion of the Preparatory Committee, to ensure approaches to ocean management across jurisdictions that do not undermine existing regional fisheries management arrangements. To that end and noting the global attention on oceans, Leaders <b>endorsed</b> the <i>Pohnpei Oceans Statement: A Course to Sustainability</i> , and <b>reaffirmed</b> their support to the OPOC, given its central coordination role with respect to ocean governance and integrated ocean management in the region, under the Framework for a Pacific Oceanscape.	Sept 2017 or when IA negotiation is concluded  Finance needed now.	CROP to coordinate technical advice to countries through the OPOC during BBNJ negotiations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide guidance to CITES Parties in the region on the implementation by RFMOs and national governments of recent CITES decisions on marine species.</li> <li>provide technical advice in the area of Area Based Management Tools; Access Benefits Sharing of Genetic Resources; EIA and SEA.</li> <li>SPREP continues to deliver training on EIA and provided technical advice to member countries on EIA and SEA.</li> </ul>	CROP provided technical analysis and advice on the zero draft outcomes document for the Oceans Conference (March 2017).  <b>SPREP Input</b> Response to written questions on ABS provided to the CROP technical support team to the 3rd PREPCOM. ABNJ Clarion-Clipperton Zone Marine Spatial Planning analysis for BBNJ (Mining, Fishing, EBSA). SPREP have run in country area based tool trainings including a Marine Spatial Planning workshop in Nauru (February 2016) and developed an online data node for data access (gis.sprep.org) to assist members undertake area management tools processes.
28	<b>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development/SDGs</b> Leaders <b>commended</b> progress by the Pacific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Taskforce and Reference Group on the development of a draft Outline of the Pacific SDGs Roadmap for regional reporting and implementation of the SDGs, SAMOA Pathway and the <i>Framework</i> . Leaders <b>noted</b> that the final Roadmap will be submitted for approval in September 2017.	2017	Through the CROP SDWG Taskforce, CROP supports the preparations for the Pacific SDG Roadmap, towards the formulation of the SDGs Regional Indicators aligning the SDGs/SAMOA Pathway/FPR.  A Regional SDGs multi-stakeholder consultation will be held in June 2017 with some funding available to support participation of both CROP and countries.	<b>SPREP Input</b> SPREP is a member of SDWG, SDG Taskforce, SDG Technical Team. SPREP will undertake internal awareness on SDG Indicators and environment data and its relationship to environment indicators in line with SPREP programmes.
36	<b>Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration</b> Leaders <b>agreed</b> that future reporting on the PLGED would comprise: a full report on progress against the PLGED incorporated into the proposed quadrennial regional reporting of progress against the SDGs, with the first regional report proposed for 2018; and a	Sept 2018	CROP Gender Working Group to advise and support PIFS' coordination of a full progress report against the PLGED. SPC will host the Triennial Women's Ministries meeting in October 2017 and launch the new Pacific Platform of Action for women.	<b>SPREP Input</b> SPREP is a member of the CROP Gender Working Group. SPREP recently endorsed its Gender Policy.  The goals of the SPREP gender policy are:

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	report on a particular theme/area of the PLGED prepared biennially, between the full regional SDGs report, to maintain a focus on progressing gender-related commitments.		The FFC approved a gender equity framework in July 2016 and is implementing programs in support of this.	to strengthen and maintain an institutional environment that supports and encourages gender mainstreaming; (ii) to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of SPREP's projects and programmes; and (iii) to promote the integration of a gender perspective into the programmes and projects of Member countries and cooperating partners.
41	<b>Radioactive Contaminants in Marshall Islands</b> Leaders <b>tasked</b> the Forum Secretariat to coordinate assistance by CROP Agencies to the Republic of the Marshall Islands in addressing ongoing impacts of nuclear testing, including, <i>inter alia</i> , human rights, environmental contamination, and health impacts. Leaders also <b>tasked</b> the Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General to report to the 48th Pacific Islands Forum on actions taken in this regard.	Sept 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIFS to coordinate Forum representations to the U.S. Government, urging the United States to take further action to meaningfully address the ongoing impacts resulting from the U.S. Nuclear Testing Programme;</li> <li>PIFS to coordinate Forum representations to the United Nations Secretary-General seeking action in response to recommendations contained in the 2012 report of the UN Human Rights Council Special Rapporteur for "the international community, including relevant United Nations departments, funds and agencies" to address the ongoing impacts of nuclear testing in the Pacific; and PIFS will confirm expectations of RMI and coordinate CROP assistance to RMI, as required.</li> <li>Noting the metropolitan members of SPC and SPREP may not support specific agency assistance to RMI, CROP to consider appropriate levels of resourcing for this decision.</li> </ul> <p>Note: <i>The issue for RMI is ensuring that the level of radioactive waste that is captured under the atolls is capped. SPREP can provide advice on the dangers of the waste if humans are exposed to the material. SPREP is not able to determine the levels of radioactive material in the environment (environmental contamination). However, SPREP can provide some approaches to how it can be done, such as making linkages with researchers who provide this service.</i></p>	<p>PIFS has developed, in consultation with RMI, draft representations by the Forum Chair to the US President and the UN Secretary General. PIFS is coordinating a CROP scoping mission to RMI which SPREP will be a part of to confirm expectations and to develop a CROP program of support.</p> <p><b>SPREP Input</b> For the first time RMI included the "environmental legacy of nuclear testing" in their State of Environment Report, noting the lasting impacts.</p>

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			<i>It is also advisable that this can be handled through the Basel Convention where there is a working relationship with the IAEA. This very issue can be addressed through that mechanism as well.</i>	
44	<p><b><i>Outcomes of the SIS Leaders' Meeting</i></b></p> <p>Leaders <b>endorsed</b> the SIS Regional Strategy as the basis for articulating SIS regional priorities and aspirations with the <i>Framework</i>.</p>	2017	<p>CROP, through its agencies, commits to advocate for regional programming to incorporate elements of the SIS strategy relevant to agency mandates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIFS will recruit an SIS Adviser to coordinate and monitor implementation of the SIS Strategy, as well as facilitate further resource mobilization as required.</li> <li>• SPREP has integrated the SIS strategy into its 2017 work plan – one of the five key priorities of the Strategy is a joint SIS proposal on climate finance to GCF. SPREP will continue to ensure a focus on supporting SIS climate priorities in its role as a Regional Accredited Entity to the GCF and AF.</li> <li>• SPC's CRGA in June 2016 endorsed the SIS Strategy which will guide future programming.</li> <li>• SPREP, USP and SPC will support efforts on sustainable maritime transport.</li> </ul>	<i>Refer to implementation of the SIS Strategy and SIS Leaders Decisions.</i>