



## “Accelerating actions for a resilient Blue Pacific”

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021, Virtual Platforms  
12:00pm – 5:00pm Samoa Standard Time

### **Agenda Item 8.1.1: UNFCCC COP26**

#### **Purpose of paper**

1. To inform the SPREP Members of the progress of preparations being carried out by SPREP and the One CROP+ team to support Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) that are Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) in their preparations for the Twenty Sixth Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP26) in Glasgow, United Kingdom in November 2021, and in the process leading up to COP26.

#### **Background**

2. SPREP’s Climate Change Resilience Programme has provided technical support and advice to Pacific SIDS that are Parties to the UNFCCC and in leading the One CROP+ team in implementing the Pacific Voyage Plan up to and beyond COP26.
3. The One CROP+ full membership includes SPREP as the lead, PIFS, SPC, FFA, USP, UNEP and UNDP. PIDF was included originally but no longer participates in the meetings and activities of the One CROP+. The One CROP+ have held regular meetings to plan and prepare support and technical advice for the PSIDS in the lead up, during and post COP26.
4. The One CROP+ member agencies have new representatives who have joined the team but lacked experience and or exposure to the UNFCCC process and what is expected of the One CROP+. SPREP developed and delivered three virtual induction workshops for the member agencies. A total of thirty-five (35) representatives from these organisations were trained including fourteen (14) from SPC, seventeen (17) from PIFS and FFA and four (4) from USP and UNDP.
5. SPREP led the development of the Pacific Voyage Plan up to and beyond COP26 with inputs from One CROP+. The Plan, which has been endorsed by PSIDS to guide the work of the One CROP+ in the lead up to, during and after COP26 is under implementation. A communication strategy and calendar of events have been developed and incorporated into this Plan.
6. In addition, the One CROP+ has:
  - (a) Established the One CROP+ Sub-Committee under the leadership of PIFS. The sub-committee is tasked with undertaking High-Level engagement and advocacy of the Pacific Voyage Plan. It has met to discuss and finalise the Concept Note on the rationale, objectives and approach to establish the region’s Political Climate Champions for COP26.

- (b) Established the High-Level Pacific Event Working Group for continued dialogue with the UK COP Presidency representatives in hosting the UK-PSIDS High-Level Pacific Event. The Working Group has developed the Communications Strategy for High Level Pacific Champions. The core team of the One CROP (SPREP, SPC, PIFS, USP) has been engaging with the UK High Commissions in Suva and Wellington to convene a UK-Pacific UNFCCC Parties High Level Political Event tentatively scheduled for early July 2021. This will be an opportunity for PSIDS Leaders to hold discussions with the incoming COP President, and possibly the UK Prime Minister. The UK COP26 Presidency has shared information for logistics for a face to face COP which may also take a hybrid approach.
  - (c) Worked with Fiji as the Chair of PSIDS at the UN and in the UNFCCC process to prepare for the PSIDS Preparatory Meeting held on 20 May 2021. The PSIDS Preparatory meeting was convened by SPREP on behalf of the One CROP+ and in collaboration with Climate Analytics to inform PSIDS on current state of play on various key agenda items. A draft paper on PSIDS priorities was also presented, with the expectation that this will be completed shortly to allow for the development of specific agenda item briefs.
  - (d) Supported PSIDS in thematic workshops convened by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the preparatory sessions in the lead up to the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies sessions held virtually from 28- 30 May 2021.
7. SPREP, in collaboration with Climate Analytics, convened a series of workshops for PSIDS to review the Working Group draft reports for the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report. One CROP+ membership participated in these workshops.
  8. SPREP has held discussions with the Government of New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the support towards the Pacific Pavilion at the COP26.
  9. SPREP has also secured funding from Irish Aid to support its preparations and support services for PSIDS for COP26.
  10. SPREP is actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation through the AOSIS COP26 Bureau Member – the representative of the Government of Samoa. There is still uncertainty around the nature of how UNFCCC COP26 will be conducted, whether participation will be limited and what the implications of that will be, including in relation to COVID-19 vaccinations.

## Recommendation

11. The Meeting is invited to:

- 1) **note** the progress of preparations by SPREP and One CROP+ in the lead up to the UNFCCC COP26.