

Pacific Climate Change Centre

Partnership framework for Climate Change Research in the Pacific



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1.0 Background and Rationale

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) is a globally respected Centre of Excellence providing practical information, support, and training to address the adaptation and mitigation priorities of Pacific communities. It will be underpinned by strong partnerships with Pacific Governments, applied research institutions, donors, civil society, and the private sector.

Applied Research is the second core pillar/function of the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC). The PCCC business plan and MERL has defined applied research as “original research undertaken to acquire new knowledge which is directed primarily towards a specific practical aim or objective. Applied research conducted in partnership with PCCC will need to be aligned to the key four themes of the PCCC which are Climate Change Science and Services, Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and low carbon futures and Climate Finance.

The PCCC in its efforts to fully realise the research function has developed a strategic Partnership Framework for Climate Change Research in the Pacific. The PCCC will play a key role in identifying practical aims with research partners and countries such that they meet the medium- and long-term needs of Pacific communities. It is expected that research will be designed and delivered by PCCC research partners who will be based within the PCCC. The implementation of the framework will be informed by the development of a Climate Change Research Roadmap.

2.0 Vision, Objectives and Outcomes

2.1 Vision

“The PCCC will be a centre of excellence for applied research through enhanced strategic climate change research partnerships to meet the medium- and long-term needs of Pacific Island Countries and Territories.”

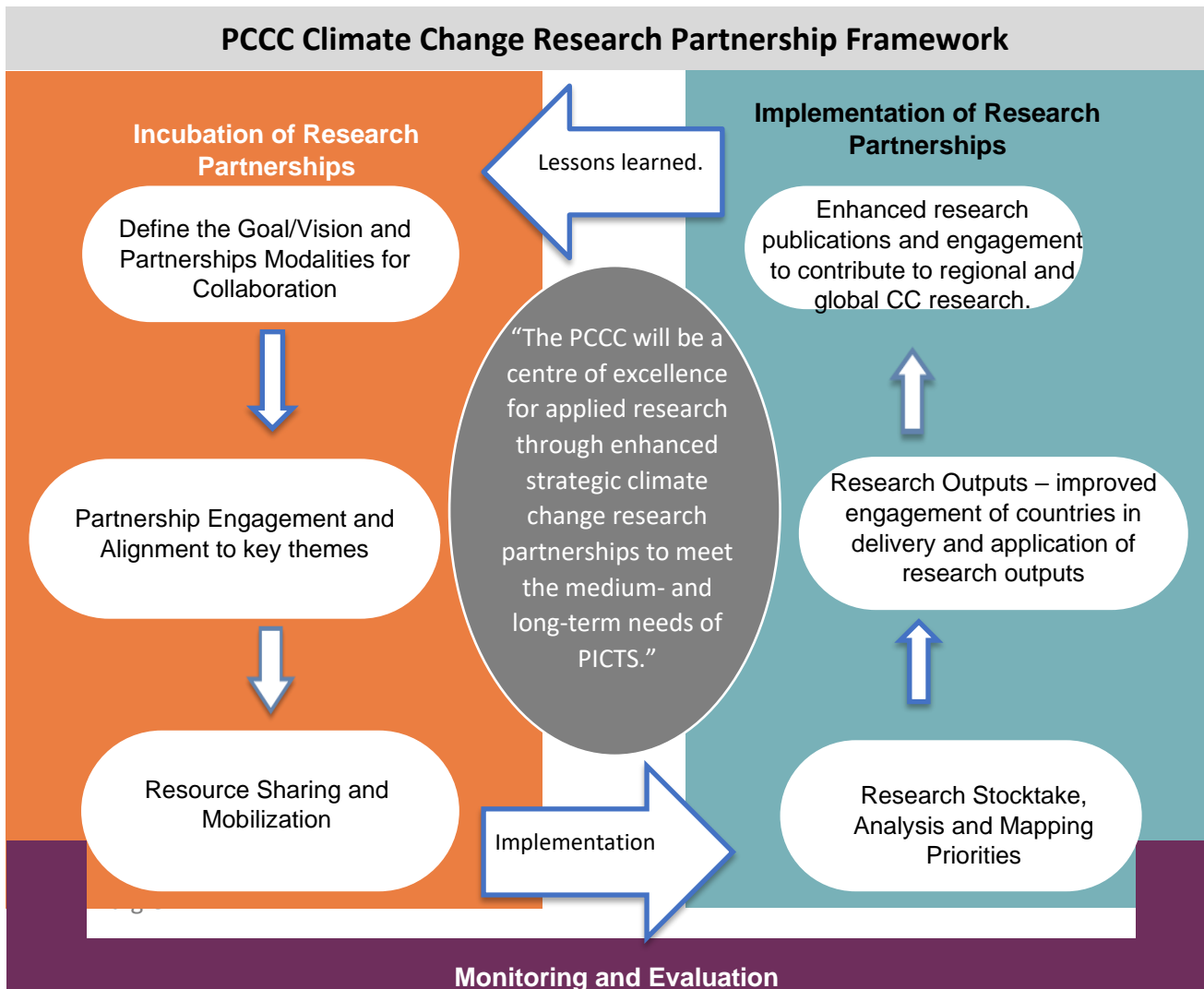
2.2 Objectives and outcomes

Key Objectives	Expected Outcomes
1. Engagement for partnership on Research have clear shared vision and goals	All partnerships initiated through the framework have a shared vision and goal for increased researchers undertaking applied research
2. Partnership engagement aligned to key themes of the PCCC	Research partnerships are aligned to the key 4 themes of the PCCC (Climate Science to Services, Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Low Carbon futures and Climate Finance)

<p>3. Partnership arrangements have improved engagement of countries in the delivery or research and improved application of research outputs</p>	<p>Research partnerships strengthened to contribute towards building climate resilience initiatives in PICTs.</p>
<p>4. The partnership arrangements are adequately resourced</p>	<p>Partnership arrangements will be funded.</p>
<p>5. Enhanced partnership for engagement of researchers to contribute to regional and global climate change research</p>	<p>Network of climate change researchers in the region established.</p>
<p>6. Research partnerships are monitored, evaluated and lessons are drawn</p>	<p>The research partnerships will be sustained through Monitoring, evaluating, and drawing lessons learnt and best practices from the existing partnerships</p>

3.0 The PCCC Strategic Partnership framework for Climate Change Research in the Pacific

3.1 PCCC Partnership Framework for Research



4.1 Partnership Element – Incubation of Research Partnerships

- 4.1.1 Define the Goal / Vision and partnerships modalities for collaboration.
 - 4.1.1.1 All partnerships initiated through the framework have a shared vision and goal for increased researchers undertaking applied research.
- 4.1.2 Partnership Engagement and Alignment to key themes
 - 4.1.2.1 Development of a strategic alignment of research with regional strategic needs as identified in the FRDP, PIMS, Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services and the draft Pacific Climate Change Science and Services Research Strategy.
 - 4.1.2.2 Research partnerships are aligned to the key 4 themes of the PCCC (Climate Science to Services, Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Low Carbon futures and Climate Finance)
 - 4.1.2.3 The development and ongoing management of partnerships will be critical to the effectiveness of the PCCC. As the PCCC communicates to a wide range of audiences with emphasis on national, regional and global. The different type of partnerships and target audience will be required, including the following: National – Country partners, regional – strategic regional partners, research partners within the region, research partners outside the region and Global; funding partners and technical expertise.
- 4.1.3 Resources sharing and mobilization.
 - 4.1.3.1 The partnerships forged will need to ensure that there is adequate financial and technical resource allocated and scheduled. As part of its core operational costs, the PCCC will work with partners and development partners to seek funding opportunities for research. A further assumption is that each partnership will bring its own research budget. Where researchers will be based at the PCCC this budget should ideally include some contribution towards the overheads of the PCCC to support the sustainability of the Centre and its research function.

4.2 Research Element – Implementation of Research partnerships

- 4.2.1 Research Stocktake, Analysis and mapping priorities.
 - 4.2.1.1 The PCCC will play a key role in identifying these practical aims with research partners and countries such that they meet the medium- and long-term needs of Pacific communities. It is expected that research will be designed and delivered by PCCC research partners who will be based within the PCCC. It is therefore important to take research stocktake, analysis and mapping of research priorities to inform the research function of the PCCC.
- 4.2.2 Research outputs – improved engagement of countries in delivery and application of research outputs.

4.2.2.1 Applied research delivered in partnership with the PCCC may take different forms including long-term applied research projects with staff based at the PCCC, short-term visiting researchers and hosting research events. To maximize the benefits for the Pacific the PCCC will strongly encourage long-term partnerships which include researchers hosted in Samoa and elsewhere in the region to generate research outputs and improve engagement of countries in the delivery and application of research outputs.

4.2.3 Enhanced research publications and engagement to contribute to regional and global climate change research.

4.2.3.1 The Centre will support efforts to strengthen research capacity in the region. Existing partners in the region play a leading role in this area, however the PCCC can also make a meaningful contribution through collaboration with these organisations. Activities in this area include Events to connect policymakers, researchers, and practitioners to address regional and national climate-related challenges. Work with partners to strengthen the network of climate change researchers in the region, including improving regional participation in IPCC processes and enhancing the voice of Pacific-based researchers in identifying global climate change research priorities.

4.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

4.3.1 Monitoring and evaluation will set out an approach to demonstrate progress and results delivered by the framework it will clarify the outcomes expected from the framework, define monitoring and evaluation methods to be implemented as well clarifies the roles and responsibilities and tracks the progress and implementation of the strategic research partnership framework.

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