

## 31<sup>st</sup> SPREP MEETING OF OFFICIALS

5, 6, and 7 September 2023, Apia, Samoa

### Agenda item 9.1.3: Reconvening the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable

#### Purpose of paper:

1. To seek endorsement to reconvene the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable to facilitate climate change dialogue and networking in the region and to link global and regional stakeholders with action at the national and community levels.
2. Note proposed draft concept for the Pacific Climate Change Round table in WP.9.1.3/Att.1.

#### Background:

3. The Pacific Islands Framework Action on Climate Change (PIFACC, 2006-2015) was the regional climate change policy endorsed by the Pacific Leaders in 2005. The Framework's vision was "Pacific Island people, their livelihoods and the environment are resilient to the risks and impacts of climate change".
4. From 2008-2017 the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) functioned as the premier climate change mechanism, established under the PIFACC, to coordinate and facilitate climate change dialogue and networking in the region and to link global and regional stakeholders with the national and community levels.
5. 2017 saw the final Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) as the region transitioned to Pacific Resilience Meetings underpinned by the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP): An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management.
6. However, although the climate change and disaster resilience communities of practice share links, they are fundamentally discrete. The transition to the FRDP has meant that the region was left without a functioning coordinating body for bringing together climate change communities of practice, member states, regional organisations, NGO's, CSO's, the private sector and academia to exchange information and advance regional priorities.
7. Many Members and Partners have raised issues that point towards the need for increased climate change coordination within the region. SPREP already provides this coordination for climate advocacy through the One CROP Plus (Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific plus others) mechanism and is best placed to also cover coordination of regional action.

8. Reconvening the PCCR, will provide a platform and forum for coordination, exchange of information, approaches and lessons learnt for climate change-related actions at both the national and regional levels. The event would bring together PICTs, donors, development partners, NGO's the private sector and other stakeholders involved in climate change related actions.
9. The PCCR will add value to the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) by allowing for a platform for a regional dialogue on national actions to address respective climate change goals as stipulated in National Adaptation Plans (NAPs, JNAPs and NAPAs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and other related policies and strategies. It will also provide a space for discussions on the emerging areas of loss and damage, nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based adaptation, gender, human rights and traditional knowledge.
10. The key objectives of the PCCR, are to:
  - Be a platform to report on action and implementation of adaptation and mitigation actions in PICTs focusing on CC Policies, Strategies, NAPs, JNAPs, NAPAs and NDCs.
  - Facilitate engagement and dialogue to draw on the lessons and successes in the implementation of CC Policies, Strategies, NAPs, JNAPs, NAPAs and NDCs.
  - Exchange and share knowledge with donors and stakeholders on country implementation experiences to improve delivery modalities, resource mobilisation and climate finance access.
  - Be a platform for a PICT regional, sub-regional and national CC Science Dialogue based on the recent IPCC reports and national vulnerability assessment results and the tools, approaches and methodologies being used.
  - Exhibit, exchange and share knowledge on ongoing, emerging and innovative solutions, technologies and opportunities to address CC.
  - Strengthen PICTs networking and exchange towards establishment of partnerships, community of practice, interest groups and working groups.
11. The proposed PCCR reinforces the regional architecture for resilient development through the framework for resilient development (FRDP). This include the key regional elements such as the Blue Pacific 2050 Strategy and regional disaster platforms and related cross-cutting themes around socio-economic development, gender and social inclusion and the global climate negotiations outcomes:



12. The PCCR will be closely linked to existing national level climate change coordination mechanisms. Respective PICTs will be encouraged to organise their own national climate change dialogues, based on their own national processes and practices, to ensure they are coordinated in their approach, and prepared to add value, to the PCCR.
13. Donors and development partners will be encouraged to engage and use the opportunity to understand implementation experiences and challenges, to leverage the necessary financing, improve delivery modalities and consider emerging opportunities.
14. The process will also provide a regional platform for parties to exhibit, share knowledge and exchange information on emerging and innovative solutions, technologies and opportunities to address climate change.

**Recommendation:**

15. The Meeting is invited to:

- 1) **Endorse** the reconvening of the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable in 2024.

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6 July 2023