

Attachment 2

53rd Pacific Islands Forum Communique, Annex B: Framing Phase 3 of the Review of the Regional Architecture

Phase 3 will be structured around the following core elements/objectives:

1. Implementation of the 15 recommendations from Phase 2;
2. A comprehensive analysis of the existing institutional structures, arrangements and governance mechanisms that are part of the regional architecture and which operate alongside the CROP;
3. Strengthened understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the wide range of external partners active in the region and the development of effective engagement mechanisms to ensure that their support to the region is aligned to the Vision and Values as laid out in the 2050 Strategy; and
4. Undertake an in-depth consideration of the key political issues that shape and impact the regional architecture, above and beyond what has been undertaken so far in the review, with the intention to meet the objective of a fully effective fit-for-purpose regional architecture to meet the demands of the 2050 Strategy implementation. These issues include: Political Leadership and Unity; Forum Membership and Criteria; Strengthened Regionalism; and the Rationalisation of the regional architecture to foster increased effectiveness and efficiency.
 - i. **Political Leadership and Unity:** How can Leaders ensure that there is collective political leadership that is aligned to international law and unity to overcome shared challenges and disputes, as well as to maintain collective momentum on the 2050 Strategy? Are there key issues that divide the Forum Membership that need to be addressed?
 - ii. **Forum Membership and Criteria:** Is the current Forum membership appropriate to effectively lead the delivery of the 2050 Strategy? What is the ongoing relevance of the Forum Criteria for the Forum Associate Membership and Observer categories?
 - iii. **Strengthened Regionalism:** What can be done to promote and achieve regional integration in key sectors, given that the concept and practice of regionalism has remained mostly at the level of cooperation and coordination between Forum members around specific issues or in a limited number of sectors? What can be done to balance national sovereignty issues against the potential economic benefits of regional integration?
 - iv. **Rationalising the regional architecture to foster increased effectiveness and efficiency:** Is there scope to rationalise CROP agencies and/or review CROP agency membership? Is there scope to more formally recognise regional 17 institutions, networks and associations that fall outside the CROP network, as well as partners and other stakeholders who effectively (and could) support the implementation of the 2050 Strategy