

Thirty Second SPREP Meeting of Officials

2-4 September 2025

Sheraton Aggie Greys Hotel & Bungalows
Apia, Samoa

“Sustaining our Pacific Environment in Harmony with our Cultures”

Agenda item 7.2b: Pacific Climate Change Research Roadmap 2025-2036

Purpose:

1. Request for endorsement of the Pacific Climate Change Research Roadmap 2025–2036;
2. The objective of the Research Roadmap 2025 is to enable multi-disciplinary research to connect the communities responsible for delivering climate change research to contribute to the improved safety, security, and prosperity of the Pacific.

Background:

3. Applied Research is the second core function of the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC). The PCCC business plan and MERL has defined applied research as “research undertaken focussing on developing and implementing solutions to address mitigation and adaptation priorities and promote climate change resilience”.
4. The PCCC in its efforts to fully realise the research function has developed a strategic Partnership Framework for Climate Change Research in the Pacific. In doing so the Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting in 2023 mandated the PCCC to strengthen coordination of climate change science through the IPCC focal points and further review the Pacific Climate Change Research Road Map 2018.
5. The Pacific Climate Change Research Roadmap (PCCRR) 2025 covers a 12-year period from 2025-2036 to align to SPREP Strategic Plan. The Research Roadmap 2025 has eight pillars: (i) governance; (ii) climate change science; (iii) data and information management; (iv) traditional knowledge; (v) sector impacts and risk; (vi) climate change adaptation and mitigation; (vii) climate finance; (viii) capacity development, knowledge brokerage and communications. A logical framework, Implementation Plan and Monitoring and Evaluation Template for the Research Roadmap 2025 are included in this document.
6. The PCCC Advisory Board met on July 4th, 2025, supported the Pacific Climate Change Research Roadmap, and recommended its submission to the 32 SPREP Meeting of Officials in September 2025, for endorsement (refer to WP7.2b/Att.1).

Recommendation:

7. The Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Endorse** the Pacific Climate Change Research Roadmap 2025 – 2036.