



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting

2 – 4 September 2020

### Agenda Item 11.4.1: Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme 2020-21 Update

#### Purpose of Paper

1. To provide an update of the Environmental Monitoring and Governance work programme activities for 2020-2021 including challenges and opportunities.
2. **Regional Goal 4:** Pacific people benefit and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance

#### **RO4.1: Strengthened national sustainable development planning and implementation systems through increased utilisation of the results of environmental development assessments such as EIA, SEA and Spatial Planning**

- EIA trainings have been redesigned for virtual delivery. Completed two EIA virtual training series for Kiribati and one open Webinar. Continue to provide technical and policy advice remotely on EIA and related matters. SEA Guidelines finalised. The PNEA has been upgraded with new features added to facilitate more interactive exchange with Members and Partners.

#### **RO4.2: Improve national capacity for good environmental governance supported by technical assistance for the development of policy and legislation, and in support of the implementation of Member international and regional commitments**

- Finalising NEMS for Solomon Islands, FSM, Tonga, and Niue which are expected to be completed before end of 2020. Started the review of the Kiribati Integrated Environmental Policy. NEMS for Palau and PNG initiated. Continue to provide policy and technical advice remotely to Members on environmental policies and related matters.
- Started the process for the regional implementation of the EU ACPMEA Phase 3 project in Pacific ACP states.

#### **RO4.3: Strengthen environmental data collection, monitoring and analysis and reporting on results, nationally and regionally**

- Five new SoEs were completed between November 2019 and April 2020 (FSM, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Solomon Islands, and PNG). Started on the Tuvalu SoE in the first quarter with two new SoEs for Samoa and Vanuatu to start later in the year. Provided technical assistance and input to Fiji's SoE.
- Continue to provide technical assistance, training and capacity building on the national data portals, data management, monitoring and reporting. Continue to work closely with SPC on the Pacific Data Ecosystem.

### 3. Challenges and Opportunities

- COVID19 has significantly affected on the ground delivery of technical assistance, training, and capacity building to Pacific island member countries. Virtual and online approaches have been explored and implemented to ensure services to members continue. These include remote/virtual service delivery, designing and delivery of digital resource materials and knowledge products using digital and virtual platforms and technology.

### Recommendations

4. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
  1. **Note** the update on key implementation activities for the 2020-2021 PIP.

---

31 July, 2020