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TO: SPREP PICS National Focal Points
PMC Members – PICS Directors/
Heads of National Meteorological
and Hydrological Services (NMHSs)

DATE: 25 May 2026

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SUBJECT: **INVITATION: The Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4), the Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8) and related pre-meetings 14-25 September 2026, Nuku'alofa, Tonga**

Dear Focal Points,

In connection with [Circular 26/17](#), I am pleased to invite the Heads of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to attend the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) and the Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8), including related pre-meetings, to be held from 14–25 September 2026 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

Held under the theme “*Weather Ready for a Secured and Sustainable Blue Pacific*,” the meetings will be hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The schedule of meetings is outlined below for your reference:

Dates (2026)	Meeting	Attendance
14 and 19 September	Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) Panels • Pacific Island Climate Services (PICS) Panel • Pacific Island Marine and Oceans Services (PIMOS) Panel • Pacific Island Aviation Weather Services (PIAWS) Panel • Pacific Island Communications and Infrastructure (PICI) Panel	<i>By membership only</i> • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Nominated Staff, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Technical and Development Partners

	• Pacific Island Education, Training and Research (PIETR) Panel • Pacific Hydrological Services (PHS) Panel	
15-16 September	Weather Ready Pacific Liaison Platform	<i>By invitation only</i> • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Technical and Development Partners
17-18 September	Leadership Training	<i>By invitation only (Closed Meeting)</i> • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Senior Management, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services
17-18 September	Pacific Media Training	<i>By invitation only (Closed Meeting)</i> Nominated Pacific media
17-18 September	Hydrology Forum	<i>Pre-registered participants only</i> • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Government Officials- Hydrology sector • Hydrology Stakeholders • Technical and Development Partners
21-23 September	Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8)	<i>Pre-registered participants only</i> • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Government Officials- National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Hydrology sectors, etc. • Private Sector • Technical and Development Partners

		• Meteorology Community
24 September	Ministerial Briefing on PMMM-4	<i>By invitation only (Closed meeting)</i> • Ministers responsible for Meteorology • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services
25 September 2026	Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4)	<i>Pre-registered participants only</i> • Ministers responsible for Meteorology • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Government Officials- National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Hydrology sectors, etc. • Private Sector • Technical and Development Partners • Meteorology Community

These meetings represent an important milestone in the regional governance of meteorology, climate, oceans, hydrology, and related services in the Pacific. The Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) is a specialised subsidiary body of the SPREP Meeting that facilitates and coordinates the scientific and technical programmes and activities of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and regional partners.

The outcomes and recommendations of the PMC inform the Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM), which provides Ministers with the opportunity to consider regional priorities and strengthen political commitment to the advancement of meteorology, climate, hydrology, and ocean services that safeguard lives, protect communities and infrastructure, and support sustainable development across the Blue Pacific Continent.

The upcoming PMMM-4 continues the strong regional leadership established through this ministerial platform, first convened in Tonga in 2015, and builds on the outcomes of PMMM-3 held in Nadi, Fiji in 2023, which resulted in the Namaka Ministerial Declaration. These meetings have played a critical role in elevating the strategic importance of meteorology, climate, hydrology, and ocean services in strengthening resilience to climate variability, extreme weather events, and other natural hazards across the Pacific region.

PMC-8 will also consider the governance of the PMC, its strategic plan, progress to date, and the key priorities of the Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) programme. These discussions will support Leaders' aspirations under the Pacific Islands Forum 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent by promoting

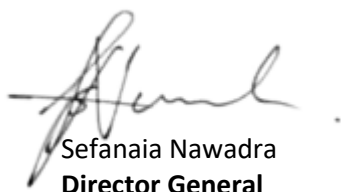
greater accountability, impact, and a more results-driven and transformational approach to regional action. The meeting will also mark an important step in building momentum towards the Pacific's hosting of the Pre-COP31 meeting ahead of COP31.

To this end, Focal Points are kindly invited to nominate the Head of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, or a designated representative, to participate in these meetings. To confirm participation, please complete the registration form via this **Registration Link** by **19 June 2026**. SPREP will arrange the most direct and cost-effective return airfare and provide per diem support in accordance with SPREP's travel policy.

Additional information regarding meeting arrangements, documentation, and the provisional agenda will be made available in due course at **<https://www.pacificmet.net/pmc-8>** and shared directly with nominated participants.

For any inquiries, please contact the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) at: **PacMetDesk@sprep.org**.

Yours sincerely,


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