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

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SUBJECT: Call for Nominations - Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) Awards 2026

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is pleased to announce that the call for nominations for the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) Awards 2026 is now officially open.

The PMC Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to weather, climate, hydrology, and other related environmental services in the Pacific region. The Awards honour the individuals, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) institutions, and partner organisations whose dedication over many years has shaped the strength and reach of these services, and inspire the next generation of Pacific professionals working in these fields. Awardees will be celebrated at the PMC Awards Ceremony, to be held during the 8th Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting (PMC-8) and the 4th Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) in Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga, from 10 to 16 September 2026.

Nominations are invited across the following six award categories:

1. **Lifetime Award** - recognising individuals whose immense and sustained contributions, including those who have retired or passed on, have left a lasting legacy of mentorship and founding contributions.
2. **Long Service Award** - acknowledging individuals whose perseverance, leadership, and ongoing dedication over many years has moulded the development of weather, climate, hydrology, and related environmental services in the region.
3. **National Development Award** - recognising individuals or groups that have led significant development of their NMHS institutions, including institutional establishment, capacity building, and service delivery milestones.
4. **Outstanding Individual / Group Contribution Award** - honouring those whose exceptional service, leadership, and active engagement have driven the development of weather, climate, hydrology, and related environmental services in the region.
5. **Innovation & Research Contribution Award** - celebrating individuals or groups whose outstanding and innovative research has advanced weather, climate, hydrology, and related environmental services, including work on traditional knowledge, climate change, and adaptation.

6. **Regional Contribution Award** - recognising organisations, institutions, and partner agencies whose project support, technical assistance, and long-term investment have strengthened these services at the regional level.

Nominations are now open and will close on 10 August 2026. Nominations may be submitted by PMC Members and partners using the online nomination form available here: <https://www.pacificmet.net/form/pmc-8-awards-nomination-form>

All nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Panel, and successful awardees will be announced at the PMC Awards Ceremony during PMC-8 week. Members and partners are warmly encouraged to submit nominations recognising the individuals and institutions whose contributions have advanced weather, climate, hydrology, and related environmental services across our Blue Pacific.

For further information, please contact the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) at: PacMetDesk@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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