

First Executive Board Meeting

Apia, Samoa
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AGENDA ITEM 11.1: Green Climate Fund Pacific Presence

Purpose:

1. To seek endorsement for a Green Climate Fund (GCF) Pacific Regional office to be established in Apia as per Government of Samoa offer in previous GCF meetings.

Background:

2. The GCF Pacific Structured Dialogue was held in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia from 30 July to 2 August, 2018.
3. All Pacific island countries were represented by Ministers and officials.¹ The high level plenary was held on the first day, during which several ministerial interventions called for a stronger GCF presence in the Pacific region.
4. The Hon. Sili Epa Tuioti, Minister of Finance for the Government of Samoa echoed the need for a stronger, more visible and accessible presence in the Pacific by the GCF and put forward Samoa's interest to host a GCF Pacific hub office in Samoa.
5. This offer was supported by the Hon. Enele Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu and echoed by the Hon. Poasi Tei, Minister for Climate Change from Tonga and duly supported by other ministers present.
6. A bilateral meeting was subsequently held between the GCF Deputy Executive Director Mr. Javier Manzanares and Director General of SPREP where the issue was further discussed. SPREP was invited with the support of the SPREP Executive Board to submit a request to the GCF Executive by November 2018 for a GCF Pacific Office based at SPREP.

Recommendations:

7. The meeting is invited to:
 - **support** the offer by the Government of Samoa; and
 - **endorse** SPREP hosting the GCF Pacific Office in consultation with the Government of Samoa.

¹ Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.