## Actions of the Secretariat following up Member decisions and recommendations from the Twenty Eighth (2017) SPREP Meeting of Officials

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Agenda Item (2017) 6.1: Strengthening Regional Linkages update	<ul> <li>Welcomed decision of the Micronesian Islands Forum of May 2017 in which the Presidents of Palau, FSM and RMI, all agreed and supported the RMI bid to host the SPREP sub-regional office in Majuro</li> <li>agreed that the following actions are to be successfully completed by the Secretariat before establishing a sub-regional office in Majuro.</li> <li>Undertake a detailed assessment of the operational costs and other requirements for establishing a sub-regional office in Majuro.</li> <li>Identify a funding source by assessing all resource modalities available, including financial and inkind support from the host government, cost sharing mechanisms with other organizations, sources of relevant programmatic funding and approved funds under projects that can be applied;</li> <li>invited the DG of SPREP to brief the Micronesian Islands Forum on the actions taken towards establishing the SPREP sub-regional office in</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 6.4: Strengthening Regional Linkages
6.2: Access to Climate Finance – AF, GCF and GEF Accreditation Updates	<ul> <li>Majuro.</li> <li>Noted the progress made, and pipeline initiatives, towards securing climate finance as an accredited entity to the GCF and AF resources;</li> <li>noted the establishment of the PCU and its role in supporting the development and management of the SPREP project pipeline, including for AF and GCF projects;</li> <li>noted completion of the GEF 'MSP' project, and ongoing focus on supporting GEF 7 replenishment and access to Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency; and</li> <li>provided advice on Members' priorities for enhanced and/or additional Secretariat support for access to climate finance.</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 7.4: SPREP's Accredited Entity Role
6.3: PCCC	<ul> <li>noted the progress in the work of establishing the Pacific Climate Change Centre;</li> <li>directed the Secretariat to continue working with the Steering Committee, and in close consultation with members and partners work to define the roles of the PCCC, ensuring that the function and roles of the PCCC complement those of other relevant regional mechanisms and organisations;</li> </ul>	Refer to EB Agenda Item 7.1: Pacific Climate Change Centre

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Agenda nem (2017)	instructed the Secretariat to develop for	Rey delions laken
	review, a governance structure and	
	business plan, including engagement	
	with private agencies, which address	
	budget considerations for the operation	
	of the PCCC;	
	<ul><li>agreed to work together to encourage</li></ul>	
	the Government of Japan in	
	preparation for the upcoming PALM 8	
	meeting in 2018 to provide a fitting	
	showcase of climate-friendly LEED	
	certified building, and 100% solar design	
	for the PCCC; and	
	encouraged development partners and	
	the international community to support	
	the establishment of programmes and	
	partnerships at the PCCC.	
6.5: UN Oceans	noted with appreciation the support	Refer to Agenda Item 7.3: Oceans
Conference:	received from Sweden which allowed	Strategic Partnership
Outcomes and Next	the Secretariat to support Members	
Steps	throughout the UNOC process;	
	> acknowledged the logistical support	
	provided by the UN Missions of Fiji and	
	Samoa to SPREP for the UNOC	
	> reaffirmed our commitment as SPREP	
	Members to achieving SDG 14; and  requested that the Secretariat work with	
	Members to ensure that we achieve the	
	commitments made during UNOC	
6.6: EDF11	<ul> <li>noted that SPREP is a significant</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 7.2: European
0.0. LDI 11	beneficiary of the EDF-11 funding round	Development Fund 11
	which will be implemented in Member	Bevelopment rond 11
	countries, although implementation will	
	only take off in early 2018;	
	> noted that for Objective 2.1 of EDF-11,	
	SPREP's main engagement will be to	
	develop ways to mitigate the by-catch	
	of threatened species and to improve	
	the state of the biodiversity and the	
	management of coastal ecosystems;	
	noted that for Objective 2.2 of EDF-11,	
	SPREP engagement will be to implement	
	priority components of the Cleaner	
	Pacific 2025 programme, with partners,	
	to improve management of waste and pollution in the Pacific;	
	<ul><li>noted that while there will be an OCT</li></ul>	
	component to EDF-11 details of the	
	programme are still in development,	
	and the Secretariat will continue to	
	provide advice and support to the OCTs	
	on development of the programme, in	
	particular the objectives with an	
	environmental focus;	
	> noted that the EDF-11 programme will	
	be implemented in accordance with	
	SPREP's cost-recovery policy and the	
	rules of the EU, and that future reports	
	will reflect this; and	
	> agreed to collaborate with SPREP in the	
	implementation of projects to be	
	initiated under EDF-11.	

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6.7: FRDP	<ul> <li>noted the progress in the work of implementing the FRDP and establishing governance arrangements; and</li> <li>directed the Secretariat to play an active role in the PRP implementation and report to Members on progress.</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 6.3: Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific
6.8.1: SPREP and UN Environment Partnership	<ul> <li>noted the progress and planned activities for the implementation of the strategic priorities for the UN Environment Pacific Office and the new MOU being negotiated between UN Environment and SPREP</li> <li>urged member countries to send ministerial delegations to the 3rd session of the United Nations Environment Assembly</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 7.3: Oceans Strategic Partnerships
Agenda Item 6.8.2 SPREP and University of Newcastle	noted the summary on the developing partnership between SPREP and the University of Newcastle, Australia	In June 2018 support was jointly announced for five targeted PhD scholarships for Pacific island nationals on:
		<ol> <li>Waste to Energy: Phycoremediation of Wastewaters with Simultaneous Generation of Energy</li> <li>The Effects of Plastic Pollution on Marine Food Webs and Implications for Human Health</li> <li>Developing Common Indicators for Environmental Governance</li> <li>Bioremediation of Oil in WWII Wrecks</li> <li>Monitoring and Modelling Tools for Ecosystem-based Adaptation in the Pacific Islands</li> <li>Closing date for applications is 31 July 2018.</li> <li>The recruitment of a PhD coordinator to be based at SPREP funded by UON is in progress.</li> </ol>
6.9: Update on preparations for the COP23	<ul> <li>noted the progress in the preparations for COP 23;</li> <li>provided the Secretariat with views or suggestions on how to further support the COP 23 preparations, including Fiji's Presidency role; and</li> <li>encouraged development partners and the international community to support the participation of Pacific island countries in COP 23.</li> </ul>	SPREP through CROP Plus team provided inputs to briefings for all the five priority areas. SPREP engaged in discussions with PICs and AOSIS on all areas at COP23. However, much of this work is ongoing leading to COP24, and support will be continued.  SPREP has developed the draft 'One CROP-Plus Coordination Framework' for the UNFCCC COP 24: 3 – 14 December 2018, Katowice, Poland.  SPREP will continue, to coordinate as the lead coordination agency for the One CROP-Plus support for Pacific island member parties of the UNFCCC in close collaboration with other CROP agencies. To enable early preparation, the strategy has been developed to seek input from One CROP Plus agencies.  The IMPACT Ministerial and negotiators
		workshop scheduled for 31 October-2

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		November 2018 will provide an important forum to prepare for COP24 and also an opportunity to coordinate roles and responsibilities within the One CROP Plus Group.
		The work plan for 2019 will be subject to the outcomes of COP24.
7.1: Draft PIP	<ul> <li>discussed and endorsed the draft</li> <li>Performance Implementation Plan.</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 5.4: Performance Implementation Plan
7.2: SPREP Country and Territory Action Plans	<ul> <li>noted the responsibility of Pacific Members to drive country and territory plans;</li> <li>agreed to greater involvement of Members in reporting to the SPREP Meeting; and</li> <li>agreed that the scope and content of the action plans will be further developed in the 2020-21 PIP.</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 5.4: Performance Implementation Plan
7.3: Revised organisation structure	<ul> <li>acknowledged that the functional logic driving the revision of the organisational structure is broadly aligned with the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017 – 2026;</li> <li>directed the Secretariat to regularly update Members via the Friends of the Chair on execution of the plan;</li> <li>noted that implementation of the plan is subject to availability of resources; and</li> <li>further noted that financial support is not immediately available in the 2018 – 19 budget.</li> </ul>	Implemented and updated the Trilateral officials of Australia and New Zealand and the Troika of Palau, Niue and Papua New Guinea
8.1: Governance arrangements for Biennial SPREP Meetings	<ul> <li>considered and approved the revised draft terms of reference for the Executive Board;</li> <li>noted the SPREP Troika term to remain as three years;</li> <li>considered the term of the Director General to be in alignment with the biennial arrangements of the SPREP Meeting under Agenda Item 10.1</li> <li>SPREP Director General's Performance Assessment;</li> <li>noted the incoming Executive Board will consist of the Troika of Palau, Papua New Guinea and Niue; and alphabetical rotation of Members of Australia for the Metropolitan Members; Cook Islands for Polynesia; Fiji for Melanesia; Federated States of Micronesia for Micronesia; and France for French speaking Members; and</li> <li>noted the first Executive Board Meeting to convene immediately after the 28th SPREP Meeting on Thursday 21 September 2017.</li> </ul>	Executive Board meeting on 10 and 11 September 2018. The DG term aligned to the biennial arrangements.
8.2: Audit Committee Report	<ul> <li>noted the activities performed by the IA and the AC and approved the report and recommendations provided by the Audit Committee for the period as from July 2016-June 2017.</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Items 5.5: Audited Accounts for 2017 and Agenda Item 8.1: Audit Committee Report.

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9.1: Report on	> considered the report	Refer to Agenda Items 9.1: Report
Members'	<ul><li>committed to addressing the problem of</li></ul>	Members' Contributions and Agenda
Contributions	outstanding member contributions; and	Item 9.2: Sustainable Financing
	committed itself collectively and	
	individually to paying current and	
	outstanding contributions in full in 2017.	
9.2: Sustainable	considered the options for membership fee	Refer to Agenda Items 9.1: Report
Financing	increases presented in WP 9.2/Att.5a-5c:	Members' Contributions and Agenda
	5(a) - Implications of the options for a	Item 9.2: Sustainable Financing
	10% or 20% or 30% increases in	
	Membership Contributions	
	> 5(b) - Implications of the options for a	
	10% or 20% or 30% increases in	
	Membership Contributions excluding	
	Metropolitan Members	
	> 5(c) - Increase in Membership	
	Contribution annually to take into	
	account inflation (3%)	
	> recognised the need for an increase in core contributions in order for the	
	Secretariat to deliver the outcomes	
	agreed to in the Strategic Plan 2017-	
	2026 and the Performance	
	Implementation Plan, including the	
	progressive restructure;	
	recommended a 20% increase in	
	contributions by Members, subject to	
	confirmation by capitals, commencing	
	in time for the SPREP 2018 financial year.	
	This does not include United States and	
	France, noting that France prefers an	
	'up to 20%' recommendation. Tonga will	
	consider the matter after its general	
	election	
	> agreed to review Member contributions	
	as a standing agenda item at each	
	SPREP Meeting;	
	> noted the attribution of outstanding	
	contributions from Members to the negative reserves balance	
	accumulated over past years directed	
	the Secretariat to continue to work with	
	Member countries with outstanding	
	contributions including development of	
	payments plans;	
	> noted efforts by the Secretariat to	Refer to Agenda Items 5.5: Audited
	improve the financial position of SPREP	Accounts for 2017. The SPREP audited
	including the reduction of the overall	accounts for 2017 noted the surplus and
	deficit, reduction in foreign exchange	positive total in reserves.
	losses in 2016, and cost reduction	
	measures	
	> noted the efforts of the Secretariat to	Refer to Agenda Items 9.1: Report
	engage non-traditional donors/partners;	Members' Contributions and Agenda
	and	Item 9.2: Sustainable Financing
	> noted the efforts of the Secretariat to	Review completed and new Reserves
	complete the review of the Reserves	Policy approved by SMT on 13
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10.1: SPREP Director General's	> endorsed the proposed annual PDP for	Refer to Agenda Item 8.2: SPREP Director General's Performance Assessment
Performance	the DG for the period Sept 2017 – Sept 2018, noting that the DG's PDP will be	General's renormance Assessment
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10.2: CROP	<ul> <li>approved by the executive board in 2018;</li> <li>approved the extension of the Director General's existing contract for one year to align with the new governance arrangements for the Secretariat, this means the extended contract will end in December 2019;</li> <li>requested that the Troika advise on the timing realigning the DG's PDP to the rest of the Secretariat's staffs PDP cycle and financial year and timing of the SPREP Meeting</li> <li>noted the intention for CROP Heads to</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 6.1: Framework for
Harmonisation  10.3: Appointment of External Auditors	resolve the issues behind the lack of progress with remuneration harmonisation by 3 November; and  considered the paper and endorsed the appointment of KPMG Fiji to audit	Pacific Regionalism  Refer to Agenda Items 5.5: Audited Accounts for 2017 and Agenda Item 8.1:
12.1.1: Year of the	SPREP's financial accounts for the financial years ending 31 December 2017 and 2018.  In noted the report of the Whales in a	Audit Committee Report  Noted the 14 signatories of the Pacific
Whale: Whales in a Changing Ocean Conference: Outcomes and Next Steps	Changing Ocean conference;  In noted the contents of the Pacific Islands Year of the Whale Declaration and considered signing the Declaration if not already a signatory;  In noted the undertakings given by some Members in Voluntary Commitment #16006 made to the UN Ocean Conference; considered how best to provide support; and  In agreed to contribute through the Whale and Dolphin Action Plan 2018-2022 and other mechanisms towards the effective conservation of whales in the Pacific islands region.	Islands Year of the Whale Declaration at year ended 31 December 2017 of Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and the UK, US.  Secretariat will continue to work with Members and provide support to promote the conservation and management of whales in the Pacific islands region.  An MOU between the Secretariat and Blue Planet Marine (BPM) supported four (4) Pacific candidates from Fiji, Tonga and Cook Islands who joined the 2017 humpback whale expedition at the Great Barrier Reef. This initiative will be supporting the attendance of Samoa and Niue in the 2018 whale expedition.
12.1.2: Draft Marine Species Action Plans 2018 – 2022	<ul> <li>noted that the Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme is revised every five years and is now due for revision to cover the five-year period 2018-2022; and</li> <li>agreed to review the draft Programme provided and to give feedback in writing to the Secretariat by 31 October 2017.</li> </ul>	The Secretariat received comments from New Zealand and Australia by the deadline, October 2017.  The Threatened and Migratory Species Advisor will finalise the drafted Marine Species Programme, once recruited. The Secretariat will continue to seek inputs from other Members and finalise the Programme.  The final Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme will be tabled for endorsement at the 2019 SPREP Meeting.
12.1.3: Pacific Islands Coastal Resilience Framework –	<ul> <li>noted the development and importance of the Pacific Islands Coastal Resilience Framework as a basis</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 7.5: SPREP's accredited role

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Implementing a Paradigm Shift  12.2.1: RTSM	for strengthening national responses to climate change;  > endorsed the framework as an important mechanism to support implementation of the Strategic Plan;  > endorsed the framework as an important mechanism to secure funding through the GCF and other relevant funding facilities; and  > noted that United States reserves its position on the last two points  > noted the Outcome Statement (Annex V);	<ul> <li>The Secretariat has reached out to various development partners for</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>noted also that the technical assistance provided under the SPCR-PR was considered by participating members to be targeted support needed by Pacific island countries to build their resilience to climate change and disaster related risk, to scale up their climate change investments in support of their development aspirations, and to better enable access to climate change finance;</li> <li>requested that development partners support countries in incorporating climate change and disaster related risks into their development planning processes, policies and plans by adopting the methodological approach and the generic tools trialled under this program;</li> <li>recommended that the Secretariat prioritise the sustainability of the mainstreaming work and the RTSM; and</li> <li>invited development partners to lend technical and financial support to ensure that the mainstreaming tools and RTSM assistance are continued, as requested by those Member countries which have benefited from the programme to date.</li> </ul>	supporting the RTSM. Japan has indicated that its capacity building support program through the PCCC may be channelled through the RTSM. Similarly, the regional NDC Hub may also channel support through the RTSM.  The roster of experts is still active on the PCCC, and the Secretariat is adding new names as they become available.
12.2.2: Update from PMC-4 and PMMM 2	<ul> <li>noted the outcomes of PMC-4 and PMMM 2;</li> <li>noted the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021 mid-term review and the revised Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2017-2026;</li> <li>noted the new Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services 2017-2026;</li> <li>requested the PMDP to continue work with regional National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and partners to implement the action items from PMC-4, the priorities highlighted in the Honiara Ministerial Statement, the revised PIMS and the PRSCS. The United States reserves its position on this statement;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SPREP continues to promote the outcomes of the PMC-4 and the Honiara Ministerial Statement with partners.</li> <li>COSPPac phase 2 funded by DFAT and implemented by BoM, SPREP and SPC has been launched in July 2018. The project supports 4 members of the PMDP</li> <li>PMDP (SPREP and WMO) have worked diligently with partners and PMC members to develop project proposals to support the PIMS, PRSCS, PMC-4 Outcomes and the Honiara Ministerial Statement as funding support was one of the main issues raised.</li> <li>There are several projects to support NMHSs</li> </ul>

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12.2.3: Update from the current Pacific Meteorological Council/Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership projects supporting Pacific National Meteorological and Hydrological Services 12.3.1: EU/SPREP Pac Waste Achievements, Evaluation and Legacy	<ul> <li>encouraged Members to support the on-going development of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and SPREP's efforts to support them.</li> <li>noted the achievements of the PacWaste project in improving the management of hazardous waste management in the Pacific, fostering regional collaboration and a Pacific to Pacific approach in line with Cleaner Pacific 2025</li> <li>noted the results of the European Union Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) exercise and Final Evaluation and the end date of 31 December 2017; and</li> <li>noted the legacy that the PacWaste project leaves, by way of the EDF 11 funded PacWaste+ project.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>o WMO-CREWS project implemented in the region and SPREP will lead of the community based early warning systems project in 4 countries (RMI, FSM, Niue, Palau)</li> <li>o EU Intra-ACP project on Climate Services project is currently being designed for implementation</li> <li>o Climate Services Prediction phase 2 project funded by the Government of Korea is being negotiated</li> <li>o PMDP and the PCU have finalised a project concept under the GCF SAP to support the PIMS and the PMC-4 outcomes</li> <li>o WMO and UNEP are also working with the PMDP on Early warning systems projects for the region to be funded by the GCF.</li> <li>&gt; The PMDP continues to support and convene the 6 PMC expert Panel meetings to progress key recommendations from the PMC-4.</li> <li>&gt; Finalised a project concept under the GCF SAP to support the PIMS and the PMC-4 outcomes.</li> <li>&gt; WMO and UNEP are also working with the PMDP on Early warning systems projects for the region to be funded by the GCF.</li> <li>&gt; The PMDP continues to support and convene the 6 PMC expert Panel meetings to progress key recommendations from the PMC-4.</li> <li>&gt; Members have been supportive of the PMC work. The PMC Chair on behalf of its members provided a letter of support and encouraged NMHSs directors to discuss with the NDA's for support the GCF concept projects by SPREP and UNEP.</li> <li>&gt; NMHSs continue to participate in capacity building activities provided by SPREP and the PMDP.</li> <li>Refer Agenda Item 7.2: European Development Fund 11</li> </ul>
12.3.2: Cleaner	noted the progress made in waste	Refer to Agenda Item 10.3.2: Marine

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	SPREP, Member Countries and other partners;  In noted that the success of such activities has been based on strong commitment from participating countries; and  In committed as SPREP Member countries to participate and act fully in waste management and pollution control interventions to stop marine pollution at its source.	
12.3.3: Sustainable Regional Capacity Building for Improved Decision Making	<ul> <li>noted the development of sustainable capacity building activities and a Regional Waste Monitoring System;</li> <li>noted that the success of such activities requires strong commitment from participating countries;</li> <li>agreed to engage as SPREP Member countries to participate fully in the capacity building initiatives; and</li> <li>agreed to engage as SPREP Member countries to designate country counterparts who will be charged with the task of regularly collecting data and submitting them to SPREP for inclusion in a database as appropriate.</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 10.3.1: Clean Pacific Roundtable
12.4.1: EIA Guidelines for Coastal Tourism Development in the Pacific Region	<ul> <li>endorsed the publication of the EIA Guidelines for Coastal Tourism Development.</li> </ul>	Working with SPTO to include executive messages from DG of SPREP and CEO of SPTO before editing, design and publishing.
12.4.2: Programme to support strengthening environmental monitoring and collection of environmental data in the Pacific for national reporting processes and MEAs.	<ul> <li>noted achievements under the ACPMEA2 Programme; and</li> <li>endorsed the ACPMEA III broad priorities and scope.</li> </ul>	Refer to Agenda Item 10.4.1: Inform Project
12.5: Consideration and Approval of Proposed WPB for 2018 – 19	considered and approved the proposed Work Programme and Budget for USD\$28,998,044 for 2018 and the provisional Work Programme and Budget of US\$29,721,842 for 2019.	Refer to Agenda Item 10.5 Consideration and Approval of the supplementary budget for 2019
13.1: The need for a Pacific wide ban on Asbestos	<ul> <li>noted the information provided in this paper provided by the Cook Islands.</li> <li>endorsed initiatives by countries to ban or restrict the importation, re-use and resale of products and wastes containing asbestos with the exception of importation for the purpose of safe disposal; and</li> <li>directed the Secretariat to work with countries and territories to ban or restrict the importation, re-use and re-sale of products and wastes containing asbestos; to be resourced through Cleaner Pacific 2025 and PacWaste+.</li> </ul>	The follow-up work for asbestos will be undertaken by PacWaste Plus so currently it is on-hold. Refer to Agenda Item 7.2: European Development Fund 11
13.2: Call for Action for SPREP Members on plastic microbeads	<ul> <li>endorsed the Call for Action from SPREP Members on plastic microbeads, as amended</li> </ul>	The call for action on microbeads has been overtaken by the broader agenda to prevent marine plastic pollution – this addresses all sources, not just

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		microbeads. Refer to Agenda Item 10.3.2: Marine Pollution
14.1: Framework for Pacific Regionalism – Governance and Financing update	<ul> <li>noted the process followed in developing recommendations to Leaders on the Framework for Pacific Regionalism; and</li> <li>confirmed its understanding of the leaders decisions on the Framework for Pacific Regionalism and express its support for their effective implementation.</li> </ul>	The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat have been informed. Refer to Agenda Item 6.1: Framework for Pacific Regionalism  Refer to Agenda Item 6.2: Implementation of the Pacific Islands Forum and SIS Leaders decisions
14.2: Review of CROP Charter	<ul> <li>endorsed the revised CROP Charter;</li> <li>confirmed the inclusion of SPREP as a current member of CROP;</li> <li>approved cross-CROP agency meetings of governing council Chairs, to strengthen whole-of-CROP governance, and appropriate meeting frequency; and</li> <li>directed the Secretariat to confer with the other CROP (chairs) on what level of resources are required to be deployed towards the implementation of the Leaders priorities.</li> </ul>	The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat have been informed.  Refer to Agenda Item 6.1: Framework for Pacific Regionalism
14.3: CROP Executives Meeting Report	noted the update by the SPREP Director General on CROP CEOs Meetings in 2017	Refer to Agenda Items 6.1: Framework for Pacific Regionalism and Agenda Item 6.2: Implementation of the Pacific Islands Forum and SIS Leaders decisions