



Office of the Secretary General

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To whom it may concern,

CONSULTATION - REVIEW OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR PACIFIC REGIONALISM

The Framework for Pacific Regionalism was endorsed by Forum Leaders in 2014, following the 2013 Pacific Plan Review. Its implementation has been led by the Secretary General and coordinated by the Forum Secretariat. A number of processes have been established to support the delivery of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, including the establishment of the FOC Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism (SSCR), and the Regional Priority Setting Process, as set out in the FPR.

2. The Forum Officials Committee endorsed a recommendation of the Secretary General, that the FPR be reviewed in 2018, to ensure that regional prioritisation processes are aligned to national level priorities and processes to ensure its continued relevance, efficiency and effectiveness. As such, a review of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism is being conducted to:

- a) Ensure that the arrangements and processes that have been put in place to support its delivery and implementation are aligned to the underlying principles of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism (see below); and
- b) To ensure that the arrangements and processes put in place deliver on Members' expectations for the Framework for Pacific Regionalism.

3. The review will be limited to assessing the current processes and arrangements in place to deliver on the principles of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. The review team consists of a team of 3 independent consultants (bio-statements are attached), with logistics support provided by the Secretariat. The Forum Troika will provide oversight and guidance to the direction of the review.

4. As part of the Review, consultations are to be carried out with key stakeholders to ensure that the views and positions of stakeholders are incorporated into the findings and recommendations of the review. The consultation will focus on your perspectives on the effectiveness and efficiency of the systems and processes that support Pacific Regionalism.

5. As a key stakeholder, we kindly seek your involvement as part of the consultations for the review. Accordingly, the review team will be in contact to make suitable arrangements for consultation on the review, noting that consultation may be carried out by teleconference/skype call, face-to-face, or as part of a group meeting.

6. Should you have any questions for the independent consultants in advance of your scheduled session, please feel free to forward them to the independent consultants through Joel Nilon, Forum Secretariat at JoelN@forumsec.org

7. I thank you in advance for your participation in this important process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meg Taylor".

Meg Taylor, DBE
Secretary General