

First Executive Board Meeting

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AGENDA ITEM 6.3: *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP)*

Purpose:

1. Endorse SPREP role in the implementation of the FRDP and PRP Taskforce.
Update on the implementation of the FRDP, the role of SPREP and outcomes of the Inaugural Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Taskforce.

Background:

2. Pacific Leaders approved a set of governance arrangements, on a trial basis for a period of two years, for the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Taskforce in September 2017.
3. To bring into effect the Leaders' decision, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the Pacific Community (SPC), and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) have established the PRP Support Unit.
4. The first task of the PRP Support Unit was to facilitate the establishment of the PRP Taskforce as a pivotal and important first step to operationalize the PRP governance arrangements.
5. Membership of the PRP Taskforce includes members and alternate members.
6. There are 15 members representing the various constituencies of the PRP, namely:
 - a. Five positions for countries and territories: This includes one representative from each of the following sub groups: Polynesia, Melanesia, Micronesia, Pacific Territories, Australia / New Zealand.
 - b. Five positions for civil society and the private sector including the following sub groups: Three representatives from civil society (including Pacific based INGOs) Two representatives from the private sector.
 - c. Five positions for regional organisations and development partners, including the following sub groups: One representative from development partners, one representative of multilateral development banks and one representative from regional organisations, one representative from the UN system, one from academia.

- d. Each member is supported by an 'Alternate'. The Alternate is selected by a constituent group as a back-up representative to the Member and provides additional support in connection with any matters pertaining to the constituent group that the Member may require assistance in.
- e. Members and Alternates will be expected to actively represent the interests of the Pacific region and specifically the perspectives of the Pacific countries, territories, partners or agencies, within their constituency group. The Member will be expected to work as a collective to advance consolidated leadership in order to implement the FRDP.
- f. The first meeting of the PRP Taskforce was held on the 22nd – 24th May 2018 in Suva, Fiji:
 - i. SPREP was selected to represent CROP on the Taskforce for the first 2 years with SPC as the alternate member. In that regard, SPREP will seek the input of CROP and represent the views of the collective.
 - ii. The PRP Taskforce agreed to drive, enhance and promote resilient development initiatives to achieve strengthened integrated adaptation and risk reduction to enhance resilience to climate change and disasters, low carbon development and strengthened disaster preparedness, response and recovery.
- g. As an immediate focus, the Taskforce commits to develop:
 - Criteria that enable initiatives to align with FRDP principles, the working group to be supported by SPC;
 - A communication and engagement strategy, the working group to be supported by SPREP; and
 - An agenda and design of an inclusive Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM) supported by PIFS.
- h. SPREP is the lead organization to manage the regional project funded through the EDF11 Intra ACP GCCA+ Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building Project which also supports the implementation of the FRDP. Thus, a dedicated role will be established in SPREP to coordinate SPREP's role in delivering and supporting the countries in implementing the FRDP.

Recommendations:

7. The Executive Board is invited to:
 - **endorse** the role of SPREP as the member representing CROP on the PRP Taskforce;
 - **endorse** the role of SPREP in the development of the communications and engagement strategy for the successful implementation of the Framework for Resilience Development in the Pacific. (FRDP); and
 - **note** the establishment of the SPREP's FRDP Coordinator role.