

# EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL

## PMC-8

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## Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8)

Weather Ready for a Secured and Sustainable Pacific

10, 11, 14 September 2026 | Nuku'alofa, Tonga

### Agenda Item 3.0: Setting the Scene for PMC-8: Objectives and Expected Outcomes

#### Purpose:

The Purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the PMC-8 meeting and related meetings, on the objectives, the expected outcomes and arrangements of the Meeting.

#### Background:

The PMC-8 meeting is convened with the theme, *Weather Ready for a Secured and Sustainable Blue Pacific*.

There are 8 series held between 7-16 September. These meetings are:

| Meeting                                             | Date                 | Venue                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Technical Panel Meetings,                        | 7 September 2026     | Tanoa International Dateline Hotel |
| 2. Liaison Platform,                                | 8-9 September 2026   | Faónelua Convention Centre         |
| 3. Pacific Media Mana Class,                        | 8 – 9 September 2026 | Tanoa International Dateline Hotel |
| 4. PMC-8                                            | 10-14 September 2026 | Faónelua Convention Centre         |
| 5. 5 <sup>th</sup> Weather Ready Pacific SC Meeting | 15 September 2026    | Matatoa, Tonga Met Office          |
| 6. Ministers Briefing                               | 15 September 2026    | Anahulu Events Centre              |
| 7. PMMM-4                                           | 16 September 2026    | Anasitasisi Hall                   |
| 8. Leadership Training                              | 17-18 September 2026 | Matatoa, Tonga Met Office          |

There are over 20 Partners at this meeting with over 200 participants over the 4 days of the PMC and the Ministerial Meeting. These are; APCC, PDF PCRIC, BOM, PCRIC, Civil Aviation Authority NZ, SPC, CREWS, SPREP, CSIRO, SOFF, DI lab, UNDRR, Earth Sciences NZ, UNEP, Finnish Meteorological Institute, WMO, GSMA, Country Media Participants, JICA, JMA, Varysian, PASO, NMHSs from PSIDS, Metropolitan and Territories.

Nine (9) private companies are attending as part of the PMC-8 and able to interact with NMHSs. The meeting will feature discussion on the Weather Ready Pacific and other global initiatives such as Early Warning for All and the Systematic Observations Finance Facility and CREWS.

#### Side Events

The PMC-8 meeting will provide limited opportunities for side events to be held alongside the main programme. These side events may include technical briefings, partner showcases, sunrise sessions, lunchtime events, or sunset networking events. Side events will provide an opportunity for development partners, technical agencies, collaborating institutions and other

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stakeholders to present relevant initiatives, tools, innovations and partnership opportunities that contribute to strengthening weather, climate, water, ocean and early warning services in the Pacific. Further guidance on the application and scheduling of side events will be provided by the Secretariat.

### Objectives of the PMC-8

The objectives of PMC-8 are to:

- a. Facilitate and foster coordination, networking, sharing of information and discussions among PMC members, development partners, CROP agencies, United Nations agencies, collaborating organisations and institutions on the current status and advancement of weather, climate, water, ocean and related services in support of national development and a resilient Blue Pacific;
- b. Provide a platform for members to discuss and collaborate on issues related to the advancement of meteorological services in the Pacific;
- c. Build on mutual and complementary strengths to develop innovative and sustainable approaches that support the sustained achievement of agreed national and regional development goals;
- d. Promote capacity development and improved capability of members to provide accurate, timely and reliable forecasts, warnings, climate information and associated services;
- e. Review progress in the implementation of regional meteorological priorities, including progress through PMC panels and related regional coordination mechanisms, identifying achievements, challenges, gaps and opportunities for future action;
- f. Discuss progress, priorities and strategic direction under the Weather Ready Pacific initiative as a key regional framework for strengthening meteorological services and supporting early warnings in the Pacific;
- g. Provide key strategic documents to members, SPREP and partner organisations with respect to programmes related to weather, climate and associated environmental matters in the Pacific; and
- h. Develop and agree technical recommendations and regional priorities from PMC-8 to contribute to the deliberations of the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) on Friday.

### Expected Outcome

The expected outcomes of the PMC-8 meeting are:

- a. Increased awareness of progress, achievements, challenges and gaps in the advancement of meteorological services in the Pacific since the previous PMC meeting;

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- b. Strengthened partnership, networking and coordination among NMHSs, development partners, CROP organisations, United Nations agencies, collaborating organisations and institutions;
- c. Improved shared understanding of regional priorities and strategic actions required to strengthen weather, climate, water, ocean and early warning services in the Pacific;
- d. Guidance from members and partners on the future direction of Weather Ready Pacific and related regional initiatives;
- e. Technical guidance and updates from relevant PMC panels and associated institutions on their work and future priorities in support of meteorological services in the region; and
- f. Agreed technical recommendations and priorities from PMC-8 to inform and contribute to the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4).

### Recommendations:

The Meeting is invited to:

- I. **Note** the meetings arrangements, objectives and expected outcomes of the PMC-8 meeting

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### Attachment

- Annex 1 PMC-8 Concept Note