

FOURTH PACIFIC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON METEOROLOGY

PMMM-4

Nuku'alofa, Tonga • 15, 16 September 2026

Provisional Agenda for the PMMM-4

Hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga

Theme: Weather Ready for a Secured and Sustainable Pacific

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Agenda Item 1: ORGANISATION OF THE FOURTH PACIFIC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON METEOROLOGY (PMMM-4)

PMMM-4 will commence at 9:00am in Nuku'alofa at the Fa'onelua Convention Centre, following the arrival of ministers from 8:30am. The Government of the Kingdom of Tonga will lead the dedication of the meeting. The Chair of PMMM-3 will facilitate designation of the PMMM-4 Chair, who will then assume the Chair and invite adoption of the agenda and Program of Work.

Agenda Item 2: PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION AND PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

There are 3 presentations under this Agenda Item to reflect how the 3 Ministerial Outcomes of the PMMM. The first presentation will be done through a video to summarise achievements and progress made under the Nuku'alofa Ministerial Declaration (2015), Honiara Ministerial Statement (2017) and Namaka Declaration (2023).

The second presentation will be presented by the PMC Chair and will inform Ministers of the outcomes of eighth Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8) held on 10, 11 and 14 September. The outcomes of the PMC-8 will inform the Ministerial Statement.

The president of WMO will deliver the third presentation outlining support from its Executive and Regional Association V and support to developing National Meteorological Services in the region.

Ministers will be given the opportunity to provide comments, interventions and statements relating to each agenda items.

Morning Tea break will begin at 10:00AM.

Agenda Item 3: METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES SUPPORTING THE BLUE PACIFIC AGENDA

This Agenda will focus on how the Meteorological Services are supporting to implement the **2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent**. The 2050 Strategy sets out the region's long-term vision for a resilient, peaceful and prosperous Pacific, including priorities on climate change and disasters, ocean and environment, people-centred development, and technology and connectivity. National Meteorological and Hydrological Services support its implementation by providing reliable weather, climate, water and ocean information; strengthening multi-hazard early warning systems; maintaining

regional observation and communication networks; and delivering climate services that inform development planning, disaster preparedness and community decision-making.

There are two Agenda Items presented to showcase this support. On the strategic level, Ministers will be informed of the new Pacific Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2027-2036 and how the PMC and National Meteorological Services will be supporting governments implement the 2050 Blue Pacific Agenda. This will replace the current PIMS 2027-2026 that will come to an end this year.

Ministers will also be informed of the **Weather Ready Pacific (WRP)** Initiative that was endorsed by Pacific Leaders in 2021 and supported by Ministers on Meteorology as the vehicle to implement the Early Warning for All (EW4All) in 2023 with initial funding support from Australia, New Zealand and United Kingdom. **WRP** is endorsed as a **Regional Collective Action (RCA)** supporting implementation of the 2050 Strategy. It contributes principally to the *Climate Change and Disasters* thematic area by strengthening National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, multi-hazard early warning systems, forecasting capacity, regional centres of excellence and sustainable weather, climate, water and ocean observing infrastructure. Through coordinated regional investment and partnerships, WRP also contributes to the Strategy's priorities on ocean and environment, technology and connectivity, and people-centred development by ensuring that governments, sectors and communities receive timely, reliable and inclusive information to anticipate hazards, take early action, protect development gains and build a safer, more resilient and sustainable Blue Pacific. The presentation will provide an update on activities under the WRP.

Ministers will be given the opportunity to provide comments, interventions and statements relating to each agenda items.

Agenda Item 4: SUSTAINABILITY OF WEATHER, CLIMATE. WATER, OCEANS SERVICES FOR A SAFE, SECURE AND PROSPEROUS PACIFIC

This agenda item will consider regional and national arrangements required to sustain reliable weather, climate, water and ocean services across the Pacific. Under Agenda Item 4.1, Ministers will be informed of the Regional Meteorological Centres of Excellence that Ministers endorsed in 2015, including the Regional Climate Centre (RCC) Network, Regional Training Centre (RTC) and Regional Instrument Centre (RIC). These centres provide a coordinated approach to specialised climate information, professional training, technical standards, instrument calibration and other regional support that strengthen the capacity and service delivery of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services. These Centres of excellence were requested by the PMMM-1 in Nuku'alofa in 2015.

Under Agenda Item 4.2, Ministers will consider measures to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, including institutional capacity, skilled personnel, modern infrastructure, operational coordination and sustainable national investment. Strong and adequately resourced national services are essential for translating regional and global information into timely and accessible services for governments, sectors and communities.

Agenda Item 4.3 will introduce the proposed Pacific Hydromet/Multi-Hazard Early Warning System Sustainable Maintenance Facility. The Facility is intended to support the long-term operation, maintenance and replacement of essential observation, communication and early warning infrastructure. Ministers will be invited to consider how sustainable financing, regional partnerships and coordinated technical support can protect investments and ensure that early warning services remain operational, reliable and responsive to the needs of Pacific communities.

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Agenda Item 5: DISCUSSIONS, COMMENTS FROM MINISTERS

The Chair will invite Ministers to discuss and comment on the priorities of their National Meteorological and Hydrological Services.

Agenda Item 6: METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES SUPPORTING PACIFIC COMMUNITIES

Under Agenda Item 6, Ministers will receive a presentation on the state of the climate and the potential development and impacts of El Niño in the Pacific. The presentation will highlight the implications for rainfall, drought, water security, agriculture, health, fisheries, energy and disaster preparedness. Ministers will be invited to take note of the climate outlook, strengthen coordination between National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and relevant government sectors, ensure that timely information reaches communities, and support early preparedness and response actions to reduce potential social, economic and environmental impacts.

Agenda Item 7: ADOPTION OF THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

The Chair will introduce the draft Ministerial Declaration for consideration. Ministers will be invited to review and comment on the draft before the Chair seeks its adoption as the principal outcome of PMMM-4.

Agenda Item 8: CLOSING OF MEETING

The meeting will close following adoption of the Ministerial Declaration. The Government of Tonga will host a closing reception from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Likualofa.