

Second Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-2)

1-5 July 2013
Nadi
Fiji Islands

Agenda Item 12.5: FINPAC Project

Purpose

1. This paper is to brief the PMC on the status of the FINPAC project.

Background

2. The project document was signed by SPREP on 19 December 2013 with the Finland Ministry of Foreign Affairs signing on 20 December 2013. Implementation began in earnest in February 2013 with the baseline study.
3. The following activities have commenced or will commence in the next few weeks:
 - Baseline study under the project inception phase has commenced. In the project document the baseline study was to have been undertaken by the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) based in Suva along with National Red Cross councils in participating countries. Unfortunately the IFRC have now advised they are unable to participate in the baseline so we have to look at alternatives. At this stage no final decision has been made however discussions have been held with USP to fulfil the coordination role. IFRC will continue to be involved in the project implementation along with other civil society and NGO partners.
 - A FINPAC Project Manager has been appointed. XXXXXXXX has been selected for the position and will commence duties on XX July 2013. The Project manager will take on the role of coordinating the implementation of the work plan and organize the annual work programme and liaise with FMI to ensure the project activities are delivered as scheduled and on time.
 - Activities 1.1 (Aviation Quality management), and Activity 1.4 (Implementation of the SMART MET weather forecasting production system) are scheduled for implementation in the second half of 2013. In addition preliminary work has commenced to solicit information from participating countries with a view to implementing Activity 1.5 (rehabilitation of the RBSN Network), and to create a data base of national and regional warnings and alerts for a Meteo Alarm like web tool (Activity 2.3).
4. The first meeting of the FINPAC steering committee will be held on Saturday 6 July 2013 at the Novotel Hotel Nadi. A work plan is being proposed for the steering committee to endorse. We look to the PMC to guide the steering committee in its deliberations and invite the meeting to provide some

advice to it for their consideration. You may send any suggestions or comments to the SPREP secretariat or to the PMC Chair and Vice-Chair, both of whom are members of the steering committee.

Recommendations

5. The Meeting is invited to:

- **Acknowledge** the generosity of the government of Finland as the sponsors of this important project, and
 - **Encourage** the steering committee to maintain an open and transparent relationship with the PMC to ensure the full benefits of the project are realised.
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