



"Science to Services for a Resilient Pacific"

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Agenda Item 20.2: Opportunities and Challenges in project proposals

Purpose:

1. To outline current challenges and opportunities with climate information services (CIS) project /programme concept notes /proposals to the Green Climate Fund (GCF); and
2. Seek guidance on rationalising country participation in the three Pacific CIS concept notes /proposals to the GCF.

Background:

1. There is an existing and well-established mechanism at regional level that is assisting with coordination and collaboration across Pacific National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS). The Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2017-2026 (PIMS), establishes a broad framework for ongoing efforts to strengthen the capacity and performance of Pacific NMHS on weather, climate, ocean and hydrological services.
2. SPREP and WMO coordinates the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership which provides secretariat and technical coordination support for Pacific NMHS and delivery of the PIMS with NMHS technical partners and donors.
3. This existing coordination provides the foundation for the scaling up of efforts that strengthen and deepen the level of regional support for enhanced national NMHSs.
4. The region currently has three concept notes /proposals in draft form that will be submitted to the GCF for financing.



5. These are summarised as follows, noting that there are potential overlaps.

Enhancing Early Warning Systems to build greater resilience to hydro and meteorological hazards in Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS)	Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands	Enhancing Climate Information and Knowledge Services for resilience in 5 island countries of the Pacific Ocean
Accredited Entity – SPREP (approx. USD 40m)	Accredited Entity – SPREP (SAP – USD 10m)	Accredited Entity – UNEP (USD 50m)
Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu	Cook Islands; FSM; Fiji; Kiribati; Nauru; Niue; Palau; PNG; RMI; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; and Vanuatu	Cook Islands; Niue; Palau; RMI; Tuvalu

Update:

1. The *Enhancing Early Warning Systems to build greater resilience to hydro and meteorological hazards in Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS)* programme is at the final phase in the development of the proposal. The proposal development is funded through the GCF Project Preparation Facility. A final draft version of the proposal will be submitted to the GCF in October 2019. This will be finalised and tabled in the February 2020 GCF Board meeting for approval.
2. *Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands* has a draft proposal and await guidance from this meeting to consider rationalising country participation.
3. UNEP is leading in the development of the *Enhancing Climate Information and Knowledge Services for resilience in 5 island countries of the Pacific Ocean*.
4. Discussions with the GCF reveals that there is a need to rationalise: (i) country involvement and (ii) objectives and activities in these proposed projects /programmes to maximise the benefits and avoid overlaps

Recommendations:

The Meeting is invited to:

- Note the current challenges with CIS project /programme development and implementation particularly at the national level;
- Note the need for more coordination at the regional level to maximize benefit at each of the NMHS; and,
- Recommend that only FSM; Kiribati; Nauru; Samoa; and Tonga are considered for the project *Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands*

