



“Science to Services for a Resilient Pacific”

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Agenda Item 21.0: PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Platform

Purpose:

1. This paper introduces and provides background to the potential of a *PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Platform*, and seeks the endorsement of the PMC in principle to develop a Platform for launch in 2020, and to instruct the PMDP and invite all donors and partners of the PMC to be engaged and to contribute resources to begin its development.

Background:

2. A study to develop a *PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Strategy* was commissioned jointly by SPREP and the Australian Pacific Climate Partnership (APCP) in late June 2019. The study was to undertake a rapid assessment to map the current level of activities coordinated regionally and nationally in support of the PIMS, and to consider the potential of improving the engagement and coordination of donors and partners in support of the issues and work of the PMC.
3. The study recognizes that the core focus of the PMC, communicated through the updated PIMS 2017-2026, is reflected by the most updated priority needs of the PMC members with regards to
 - a. *weather services,*
 - b. *climate services,*
 - c. *hydrology services,*
 - d. *oceans science services, and*
 - e. *research, training and capacity building.*
4. The study noted that since the establishment of the PMC in 2011, the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) has become a critical supporting mechanism in facilitating the priority needs areas of the PIMS, including servicing of the ad hoc needs of the NMHS. It has also become the key mechanism for the advocacy for, and coordination and facilitation of regional projects and programmes relating to the PMC works.
5. The study found for the continuing key role of the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) as ideally placed to continue to lead and coordinate partnerships to service and further the priority needs of the PMC and its partners. The establishment of a *PMC Donor and Partner*



Engagement Platform will be an ideal mechanism that the PMDP as a neutral partner be able to use to undertake more effective coordination.

6. The study found that as new regional and global initiatives continue to bring in greater opportunities for resourcing action on NMHS priorities, there is an urgent need to consider a more organized approach to coordinating the current and future partnerships of the PMC. This in particular where regional coordination can play an effective role in representation of ongoing regional initiatives, through the expert advisory services of the PMDP based on its well-understood capacities of the NMHS' and updated monitored and evaluated information on the state of progress of the PMC priorities. The study also acknowledges the need for connection and alignment of its contribution to regional mechanisms such as the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP), and the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP).
7. Critically, the study considered the coordination of current and potential future donor and partner engagements around these priority needs areas, and found a few key concerns for the capacity of the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership to coordinate partnerships effectively. In consideration of the development of a future *PMC Donor and Partner Coordination Platform* thus, this paper additionally proposes a recommendation for a review and assessment of the PMDP with the view to strengthen certain functions to strengthening the capacity of the PMDP.
8. In summary, the outcome of the study by SPREP and APCP finds for the need for donors and partners and the PMC to coordinate more effectively around the priority areas of need of the region for improvement in the five priority areas of the PIMS 2017-2026. The study recommends a facilitated meeting of the PMC for inclusion of a donor and partners engagement, to be called '*PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Platform*' (or simply, the Platform) of the donors and partners during the week of PMC meetings, where the sessions will be restricted to PMC members, and invited donors and partners only. Additionally, The Platform meetings of the donors and partners will be biennial to coincide with the planning and execution of PMC meetings. Intersessional Platform meetings will be facilitated by the PMDP using virtual means of communication to provide update and discussions on the progress of the agreed actions from the Platform meetings. In consideration of regional mechanisms, the Platform will make connection and alignment to the FRDP, and the PRP.
9. Finally, given its key role in regional coordination of the PMC, donors and partners, the PMDP will require dedicated staff and financial resources, in particular for the PMDP to make coordination fully effective. The PMDP will be require thus a full review in consideration of its functions, mandate, and institutional set up, so as to provide the PMC and its partners with a review of its operations and modalities for engagement of donors and partners, in addition to a fully costed plan for additional resources to present intersessionally to the PMC, donors and partners for approval for resourcing its review and for its implementation.

Recommendations:

The Meeting is invited to:

- a. **Requests** SPREP, and invites key donors and partners to collaborate to prepare a draft *PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Platform* for presentation to the PMC for approval and launch in 2020 at the 3rd Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology. Note that the



Platform must also make clear connections its contribution to the Pacific Resilience Partnership for acknowledgement of the PRP in support of the FRDP.

- b. **Requests** SPREP and invites key donors and partners to coordinate a detailed review of the PMDP; to consider its mandate, roles and functions, modalities of its services and resourcing; to prepare a costed plan of additional resources for priority resourcing and implementation, so as to support it to coordinate and facilitate more effectively PMC partnerships and regional initiatives. This review and its results are to be presented also to the PMC for approval and launch in 2020.
- c. **Requests** SPREP to prepare a noting paper for the consideration of the 29th SPREP Meeting 2019, and for the PMDP and SPREP to make connection to the FRDP and PRP secretariats a general note of this initiative.

Attachment

- Initial Draft Consultation Report

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