

# PICOF 7 OBJECTIVES

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# Overall Objective

- Produce consensus-based, user-relevant climate outlook guidance in real time to reduce climate related risks
- Support sustainable development for the coming season in sectors of critical socioeconomic significance for the Pacific Island region.

## Specific Objectives

- To present and summaries the climate and ocean observations in the last six months and model outlooks for the next six months;
- To compare forecast guidance for the Pacific region and discuss how these are produced in terms of accuracy, utility, weaknesses and strengths;
- To discuss how NMHSs are currently accessing and assessing the available guidance, making them nationally relevant, tailoring them for specific end users, and disseminating them to users

- To build collaboration and partnerships among NMHSs, regional organizations and scientific institutions;
- To continue capacity building/human resource development activities for the Pacific region, particularly in seasonal prediction;
- To provide a platform for the NMHSs to share and exchange experiences and knowledge on climate and ocean services in the Pacific region.
- To discuss how seasonal forecast products can be relevant to fisheries and oceans sector and how NMHS can work closely with this sector

- Improved understanding of the drivers of Pacific Island climate and including the climate and ocean state in the last six months;
- Improved understanding of climate, ocean and tropical cyclone outlooks for the next six months;
- Regional statement summarizing the ENSO state, tropical cyclone, climate and ocean patterns from May 2020 and outlooks for these variables to April 2021;
- Gaps and opportunities identified for improving seasonal forecasts and engagement between fisheries and oceans sector and NMSs