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Provisional Agenda

Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum (PICOF 5)

Venue: Institut de Recherche pour le Development (IRD) meeting room, Noumea, New Caledonia, 17-18 October 2019

The PICOF is a platform that allows dialogue between the providers and users of climate information. This is organised on an annual basis by SPREP, WMO and the PICS Panel with the support from other international and regional organisations. A consensus regional climate outlook statement is usually produced at this meeting by technical partners and the NMHSs. The is usually held once a year just before the south Pacific tropical cyclone season and provides an opportunity for the NMHSs and priority sectors of the Pacific region (Health, Agriculture and Food Security, Water Resources, Energy, DRR, Tourism and Fisheries) to coproduce the regional climate outlook for the region and discuss actions that can be undertaken at the national level to mitigate the impacts of the predicted climate as well as provide feedback on gaps and how services can be improved at the national level. The PICOF 5 in 2019 is targeting the agriculture sector and details are outline below.

The Objectives of PICOF 5 includes the following:

- a) To discuss the 2019/20 Climate and Tropical Cyclone Outlook for the Pacific Islands;
- b) To compare the various seasonal climate 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; and
- d) To discuss how to effectively develop the seasonal forecast products to be relevant to agriculture sector and how NMS can work closely with this sector

The specific objectives of PICOF 5 include the following:

- a) Discussion on ENSO and Tropical Cyclone outlook 2019-20 season;
- b) To build collaboration and partnerships among NMHSs and scientific institutions;
- c) To continue capacity building/human resource development activities for the Pacific region, particularly in seasonal prediction;
- d) To provide a platform for the NMHSs through the PICOF to share and exchange experiences and knowledge on tropical cyclone season and climate forecasting in the Pacific region; and
- e) To further develop the ENSO definition for the Pacific
- f) To further develop the guidance for consensus forecast in the Pacific

Expected Outcomes:

a) Improved understanding of climate models and how well they work for each country;



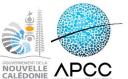




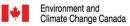












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b) Regional statement on climate and tropical cyclone outlook 2019/20;

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- c) Guidance to develop National statement on climate and Tropical Cyclone outlook
- d) Gaps and opportunities identified for improving engagement between agriculture sector and NMSs

16 October 2019 - Wednesday Morning

RCC technical meeting with representatives from NOAA/UH, NIWA, BoM, CSIRO and SPREP as the principal RCC node leads (plus Meteo France and SPC as key consortium members). The meeting will develop:

- Terms of Reference for each node lead and consortium member
- Draft RCC strategy.

Time	Agenda Item	Responsible	Guidance
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration	SPREP	
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome – PICS panel chair Setting the scene	PICS chair	
9:15am – 9:40am	Session 1 – Chair: Andrew Definition of ENSO events	NIWA, BOM, APCC, NOAA, Meteo France	
9:40am – 9:45am	Presentation on ICU updates	NIWA	
9:45am – 10:00am	Presentation	Yuri -BOM	
	Morning tea	All	
10:00am – 10:30am	Discuss future strategy for RCC Survey monkey –View from country	All	What do we want the RCC to be for? How do we want the RCC to be used?
10:30am- 12:00pm	Define roles and responsibilities of node and consortia organisations Agree on key tasks and timelines	All	Draft Terms of Reference?
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch and prepare for field trip	All	
Fieldtrip			
13h30	Departure by bus from IRD to Météo-France premises		

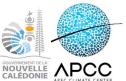












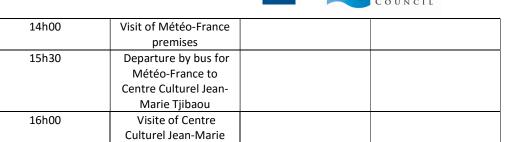




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Day 1 –Thursday 17 October 2019 –Seasonal climate outlook (El Nino and Tropical cyclone forecast)

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8:30am –	Registration	SPREP	
9:00am			
9:00am-9:15am	Welcome – PICS panel chair	PICS chair	
	Setting the scene		
9:15am –	Session 1 – Chair: Andrew	NIWA, BOM, APCC,	
10:15am	Definition of ENSO events	NOAA, Meteo France	
10:15am-	Morning Tea	All	
10:30am			
10:30am –	Session 2 - Chair: Andrew	BOM, APCC, NIWA,	
11:30am		NOAA, Meteo France	
	Guidance for consensus forecasting		
11:30am-	Session 3 - Chair: Andrew	All	Andrew to set up a
12:00pm			voting system on
,	Election of new PICS panel chair	PICS Panel Chair	line before the 13
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12:00pm-	Lunch	All	
1:00pm	Registration		
1:00pm-1:30pm	Chair: SPREP		Invite Meteo France
			to be chair of
	i. Welcome	i. Meteo France	drafting team
	ii. Opening Prayer	ii. TBC	
	iii. Welcome Remarks	iii. Chair PICS Panel	
	iv. Keynote address	iv. Meteo	
	,	France/SPREP/WMO	
	v. Invitation for Rapporteur team	v. Chairs PIC panel	
	vi. Invitation for Regional Statement	vi. Chair PICS Panel	
	team	vii. Chair PICS Panel	
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	vii. Setting the Scene	viii. Chair PICS Panel	
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1:30pm-1:45pm	WMO activities on the implementation of	WMO- Anahit	
	Climate Services Information System	Hovsepyan	
1:45pm –	Session 4 – Chair: SPREP	BoM, NOAA, SPREP	Rainfall, OLR, SSTs,
2:45pm			ENSO. How good
	Review of 2018/19 climate, plus evaluation of		was the forecast
	past climate forecasts (Summary to cover		guidance?
	both North and South Pacific countries)		BoM to focus on
			the South Pacific
	Review of 2018/19 Ocean review/Monitoring	SPC, NOAA	and NOAA to focus
			on North Pacific.
	Discussions (15 mins)	Andrew Tait	
2:45pm –	Photo session / Afternoon Tea	All	
3:00pm			
Sessions 5-6. Obje	ective: To discuss the 2019/20 Climate and Tropica	Cyclone Outlook for the Pa	cific Islands
3:00pm-	Session 5 – Chair: Fiji	APCC, NOAA, BoM,	ENSO outlook,
3:450pm		NIWA, Meteo France,	climate model
	Seasonal forecast guidance for 2019/20	SPREP, SPC	predictions for next
	Atmosphere		six months.
	Ocean - SST, sea level, Coral bleaching, sub		Combine
	surface SST, Ocean current		presentation
			APCC for south
			Pacific and
			NOAA for north
			Pacific.
			SPC to include
	Discussions (15 mins)	Andrew Tait	ocean component.
3:45pm-4:00pm	WMO lead centre MME	WMO	
4:00pm-4:30pm	Session 6 – Chair: Solomon Islands	NIWA, NOAA BoM,	Include
•		Meteo France, Fiji	methodology and
	Tropical Cyclone verification for 2018/19 and		validation of past
	outlook for 2019/20		outlooks.
	·		NIWA for South
	Discussions (15 mins)	Andrew Tait	Pacific and NOAA
			for North Pacific.
4:30pm 5:30pm	Guidance on national statement	Simon	
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6.00pm-8.00pm	Meteo France-Cocktail	Everyone	

















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Day 2 - Friday 18 October 2019 – Improving consensus forecast to the agriculture sector

Time	Agenda Item	Responsible	Guidance
8:30am –	Recap day one – Chair: RMI	BoM	Main focus on
8:45am			consensus forecast
	Discussions based on day 1		process
8:45am-9:00am	Climate review and TC Outlook	BoM, APCC, NOAA, ,	Simplify presentation
	presentation – For sector reps	NIWA, Meteo France,	to suit Agriculture
		SPREP, SPC	reps
	collaboration between agriculture sector and N	MS	
9:00am-9:30am	Session 7 – Chair: PNG		
	Presentation -Climate impacts on	SPC/FAO	
	agriculture sector and agriculture impacts		
	across the region over the last few years		
	Presentation. – Current regional and global		
	Agriculture warnings and forecasts	SPC/FAO	
		DIGG	
	Q & A	PICS panel chair	
9:30am-10:00am	Morning tea	All	
10:00am-11:00am	Country Presentation –Chair Tonga	Selected countries	How NMS have work
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	- Agriculture sector (PNG, Solomon Islands,		agriculture sector.
	Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga)		
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	a. Presentations (45 mins)		
	Country presentation –, PNG,		
	Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji,		
	Samoa and Tonga		
	b. Round-the-room country		
	experiences (15 mins)		
11:00pm-12:00pm	Session 8 – Chair: IFRC		Country-level
	Evaluation of current relationships	IFRC Olivia, FAO, SPC	discussion groups,
	between NMHSs and Agriculture Sector		supported by roving
	What can be done better to strengthen the		facilitators. A quick
	relationship – from both the Met and		round-the-room
	Agriculture sides		report back on the
			outcomes of the
12.00 1.00		A11	session.
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch	All	Country In 1
1:00pm-1:15pm	Session 8 – Chair: IFRC	IEDC Olivia FAO CDC	Country-level
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	between NMHSs and Agriculture Sector		supported by roving
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	both the Met and Agriculture sides		round-the-room report back on the
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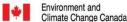












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			outcomes of the
			session.
1:15pm – 2:00pm	Session 9 Country-level planning -IFRC	IFRC, FAO, SPC, , SPREP	
	Country Action Plans for strengthening engagement between agriculture sector and NMS. Identify concrete actions to achieve improvements identified in Session 5		
2:00pm -3:00pm	Session 10 – Chair: NOAA	NIWA, APCC, BoM,	
	Presentation of draft regional statement	NOAA, Meteo France,	
	and general discussion on its format and	SPREP	
	benefit to gather feedback on proposal for		
	more frequent production		
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	All	
3:30pm -4:30pm	Session 11 - Chair: PICS panel chair	Rapporteur team	
	PICOF panel report presentation		
4:30pm –5:00pm	Evaluation – General discussion	All	General discussions
	Structure of PICOF		on PICOF to get views
	 Next step on national level 		on the structure and
	Summary of the Meeting	PICS Panel Chair	next step on national
	Close		level.