



## INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Time and Place of Meetings

1. The Fifth Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum (PICO5) will be held from the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Registration for PICO5 will start at 8:00am Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
2. The ROK-PI CliPS 2 Regional Training Workshop for Climate Officers will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 and registration will start at 8.00am Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.  
Please note there will also be PI-RCC node meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the afternoon.
3. The PICO5, ROK-PI CliPS 2 Training Workshop and the PI-RCC meeting node will take place at the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), Noumea, New Caledonia.

### Travel Arrangements

4. A return economy ticket will be issued to SPREP funded participants at the most economical route in compliance with SPREP Travel Policy. Any changes, amendments or cancellation to travel arrangements that will incur extra costs or loss of revenue to SPREP once the ticket has been issued will be borne by the participants. For more information on travel (for SPREP funded participants only) please contact [teuilajane@sprep.org](mailto:teuilajane@sprep.org), [foinijanceyf@sprep.org](mailto:foinijanceyf@sprep.org) and copy [philipm@sprep.org](mailto:philipm@sprep.org).

### Entry Requirements

5. Although part of the French Republic, New Caledonia is an overseas collective with special provisions concerning the conditions of entry and residence of foreigners. Unless expressly exempted from the visa requirement (see below), any foreigner wishing to travel to New Caledonia is subject to visa requirements. Visa's can be obtained at the nearest French Embassy or Consulate. To find precise information on regulations and deadlines for submission of visa applications, participants (which require visa's) are advised to begin the visa process and to contact the Embassy or Consulate as early as possible.



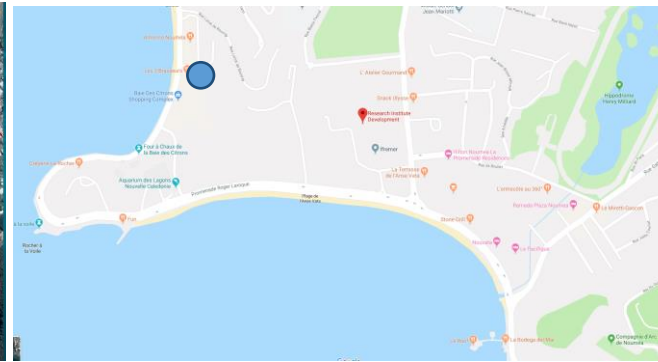
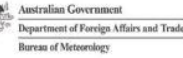
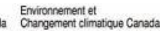
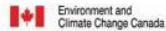
In all cases, foreigners must be in possession of a valid travel document (i.e. passport).

The following nationals are **exempt** from the **short-stay visa** requirement:

- A Member State of the European Union;
- European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway);
- Switzerland;
- Holders of a valid residence permit or long-stay visa issued by France or another State party to or associated with the Schengen area; of the countries listed below: Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Kiribati, Macao, Malaysia, Northern Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Nauru, Nicaragua, South Korea, Marshall Islands, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, New Zealand, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, San Marino, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Solomon Islands, Western Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Taiwan (if passport number), East Timor, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Venezuela.
- Special exemptions may be granted to holders of diplomatic or service passports of certain States
- To check if you require a visa please follow link provided here [https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en\\_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa](https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa) and double check with your nearest French Embassy or Consulate.

### Arrival and Transport Arrangements

6. Participants are advised to find their own transport to/from the workshop venue and airport. Taxis are usually not available at the airport however shuttles are lined up just outside the main entrance of the terminal. The rate for one way, airport-hotel is approximately 2 500 XPF (21 Euros). It is recommended to book your shuttle in advance with “**Arc en Ciel Services**”, by sending an e-mail at [info@arcenciel.nc](mailto:info@arcenciel.nc) or on line [www.lanavette.nc](http://www.lanavette.nc).
7. Participants are advised to find their own transport to the workshop venue (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement). Location in the map below. For SPREP sponsored participants, local travel costs have been included in your Daily Subsistence Allowance.



### Communication and Money Exchange

- 8. You can buy a “Tourism card” SIM card at the OPT-NC (the local telecommunications company) counter at La Tontouta International Airport in the departure hall. The counter is open during flight arrival and departure hours. SIM cards can be activated right after your purchase, allowing you to make international calls, send SMS messages and access the internet on both Grande Terre and the islands. For more information, visit <http://tourismcard.nc/english/>. In the arrival area of La Tontouta Airport, there is an ATM as well as a bureau de change (BCI bank) for foreign exchange.

### Meeting Arrangements

- 9. The workshop will be conducted in English and all working documents, as well as the provisional and final reports of the meetings, will be available in English only.
- 10. Registration for PICOF will start at 8:00am on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 at the registration desk located inside ‘IRD conference room. Participants will receive identification badges at the time of registration.
- 11. For the timetable for each day from 14-16 October 2019, please refer to the draft ROK-PI CliPS 2 agenda and from 17-18 October 2019, refer to the draft PICOF 5 agenda.

### Daily Subsistence Allowance

- 12. Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for SPREP funded participants will be given out in cash by SPREP officers on the first day of the ROK –PI CliPS training and PICOF 5. We kindly request that you carry sufficient funds to cover incidentals and/or accommodation for your journey over to Noumea (especially in the case of overnight transits). Long transits are covered under the SPREP travel policy.



Kindly note that calculations for DSA's must comply with donor/SPREP requirements.

**Coordination**

- 13. The Coordinators for the Workshops are:  
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**Banking and Currency**

- 14. New Caledonia currency is The Pacific Franc. All major currencies are generally accepted in main banks and foreign exchange counters.

**Electricity and Plug Type**

- 15. The electrical current in New Caledonia is 220volts/50Hz, and the type of plug normally used is shown below.



Please bring an extra adaptor if you want to use your laptops, etc.



## Weather and Climate

**16.** The weather in October in New-Caledonia is relatively dry and pleasant. In Noumea, there are approximately 50 mm of rainfall over 5 days. The average maximum daytime temperature in Noumea is a warm 26°C and the average night-time temperature is 19°C. There are usually 8 hours of bright sunshine each day. The average sea temperature in New Caledonia in October is 24°C.

## Accommodation

**16.** Participants are advised to make their own accommodation bookings as your DSA (SPREP DSA rate for Noumea is approximately 241 USD) will include provisions for accommodation costs/meals/incidentals/transport/etc. Participants are asked to make their bookings by e-mail and clearly mention “**PICOF 2019**”.

Appendix A contains a list of recommended hotels in Noumea.



### Appendix A: Noumea Hotel List

Hotel names	Contact details for reservation	Special Prices (XPF /Euros)						Distance from Meeting Place
		*Mention PICOF 5 to obtain the special rates in the table below						
<b>NOUVATA</b> 123 Promenade Roger Laroque, Noumea  <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.nouvata.nc">www.nouvata.nc</a>	E-mail : <a href="mailto:commercial@glphotels.nc">commercial@glphotels.nc</a> & <a href="mailto:sc@glphotels.nc">sc@glphotels.nc</a>	<b>Standard Room</b> (1 or 2 people)		<b>Comfort Room</b> (1 or 2 people)		<b>Premium Room</b> (1 or 2 people)		0.5 km
		Garden view <b>9 800 XPF</b> (82 euros)	Sea view <b>10 100 XPF</b> (84 euros)	Garden view <b>10 400 XPF</b> (87 euros)	Sea view <b>11 000 XPF</b> (92 euros)	Garden view <b>11 500 XPF</b> (96 euros)	Sea view <b>11 800 XPF</b> (98 euros)	
<b>HILTON</b> 109 Promenade Roger Laroque, Nouméa  <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.hiltonhotels.com">www.hiltonhotels.com</a>	E-mail : <a href="mailto:commercial@glphotels.nc">commercial@glphotels.nc</a> & <a href="mailto:sc@glphotels.nc">sc@glphotels.nc</a>	<b>1-bedroom apartment</b> (1 or 2 people)		<b>2-bedroom apartment</b> (2 or 4 people)		<b>3-bedroom apartment</b> (3 or 6 people)		0.4 km
		<b>18 900 XPF</b> (158 euros)		<b>25 200 XPF</b> (210 euros)		<b>28 500 XPF</b> (238 euros)		
<b>LE LAGON</b> 149 route de l'Anse	E-mail :	<b>Studio Room</b> (1 or 2 people)		<b>1-bedroom suite</b> (2 or 4 people)				0.5 km



Vata	<a href="mailto:resa@lelagon.nc">resa@lelagon.nc</a>	<b>11 250 XPF</b> (94 euros)	<b>14 650 XPF</b> (123 euros)		
Web : <a href="http://www.lelagon.nc">www.lelagon.nc</a>					

## 17. What to Bring

### Data Requirements for the ROK-PI CliPS 2 Regional Training Workshop

20.1. All participants must bring monthly accumulated rainfall data (mm/mon) from 2006 to current (optional: 1980 to current) for each station listed below for their respective countries (example excel file attached)



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**Environment and Climate Change Canada**  
Environnement et Changement climatique Canada

Country	Station Name	ID	Country	Station Name	ID
Cook Islands (2)	Penrhyn	91801	Samoa (4)	Afiamalua	76204
	Rarotonga	91843		Faleolo	91759
Fiji (6)	Nabouwalu	91659		Apia	91762
	Nadi Airport	91680		Laulii	76206
	Rotuma	91650	Solomon Islands (7)	Auki	91507
	Udu Point	91652		Honiara	91517
	Ono I Lau	91699		Honiara Henderson	91520
Suva	91690	Kira Kira		91527	
Kiribati (4)	Butaritari	91601		Munda	91503
	Kanton	91701	Santa Cruz	91541	
	Kiritimati	91490	Taro Island	91502	
	Tarawa	91610	Tonga (5)	Haapai	91784
Marshall Islands (2)	Kwajalein Bucholz Aaf	91366		Keppel Mata'aho Airport	91776
	Majuro	91376		Lupepau'u	91779
F.S. Micronesia (3)	Pohnpei	91348		Niuafoou	91772
	Chuuk WSP AP	91334		Nuku'alofa	91789
	Yap Island WSM Airport	91413	Tuvalu (4)	Funafuti	91642
Nauru (1)	Nauru	91530		Nanumea	91631
Niue (1)	Hanan Airport	91824		Niualakita	91648
Palau (1)	Koror	91408		Nui	91636
Papua New Guinea (6)	Kavieng	92076	Vanuatu (7)	Aneityum	91568
		Madang		92014	Bauerfield (Efate)
	Misima	92087		Lamap (Malekula)	91555
	Momote	92044		Pekoa Airport (Santo)	91554
	Nadzab	92047		Port Vila	91558
	Port Moresby	92035		Sola (Vanua Lava)	91551
				White Grass Airport	91565

**20.2 Information Requirements for PICOF- 5**

- TC Outlook Statement Template
- Agriculture presentation on how climate info is used in the sector

**Please bring your own laptop for your personal use**