

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum (PICOF 7)

Virtual (via Zoom) Meeting on 22-23 October 2020

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

The specific objectives of PICOF 7 include the following:

- a) To present and summarise the climate and ocean observations in the last six months and model outlooks for the next six months;
- b) To compare forecast guidance for the Pacific region and discuss how these are produced in terms of accuracy, utility, weaknesses and strengths;
- c) 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 build collaboration and partnerships among NMHSs, regional organisations and scientific institutions;
- e) To continue capacity building/human resource development activities for the Pacific region, particularly in seasonal prediction;
- f) To provide a platform for the NMHSs to share and exchange experiences and knowledge on climate and ocean services in the Pacific region.
- g) To discuss how seasonal forecast products can be relevant to fisheries and oceans sector and how NMHS can work closely with this sector

Expected Outcomes:

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

Proposed Timeline for PICOF Statement development

Monday 10 August 2020: Pacific NMSs notified of upcoming virtual PICOF October 2020

Tuesday 13 October 2020: Listed agencies to send content to lead agencies to summarize

Tuesday 20 October 2020: Deadline for PowerPoint presentations to be send to the PICS panel members and secretariat.

Thursday 22 October and Friday 23 October 2020: Virtual October 2020 PICOF teleconference held (see proposed agenda below).

Friday 23 October 2020: Draft version of the October PICOF statement circulated to PICS panel for input/comments. Deadline Monday 26 October.

Tuesday 27 October 2020: Final draft of the October PICOF statement sent to the PMC members for approval, deadline for responses Thursday 29 October 2020.

Friday 30 October 2020: October 2020 PICOF statement released

Virtual PICO2020 – Day 1

Thursday 22 October 2020, 13:00-16:00hrs Samoa time (UTC Wednesday 21 October 23:00 -Thursday 22 October 02:00)

[Lead agency for the session presented in bold. Lead agency to summarise guidance generated by other agencies listed. Agencies not listed are welcome to forward content to the lead agency to be included in the presentation]

Chair: PICS panel co-chairs (Simon McGree)

13:00-13:30	Registration and communications testing	SPREP to coordinate and provide all supporting details and documents prior
13:30-14:00	<p>Agenda 1: Opening & setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening prayer -Lloyd Tahani- Deputy Director Solomon Islands Met Services • Welcome and meeting procedure -SPREP-- Tagaloa • Award for Andrew Tait -Tagaloa 	
14:00-14:10	<p>Agenda 1: Opening & setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by PMC Chair (Ulu Bismarck Crawley) • PICO2020 meeting objectives – Allan Rarai- PICS Vice Chair Vanuatu • Group Photo 	
14:10-14:28	<p>Agenda 2: ENSO Updates ENSO Status and Outlook, introduction to ENSO tracker NIWA, BOM, NOAA, 12 minutes</p> <p>Question & Answer (6mins)</p>	
14:28-15:08	<p>Agenda 3: Looking back- review & evaluation of May-October 2020</p> <p>i. Climate Review of May to October 2020 climate, plus evaluation of the last outlook for both the north and south Pacific, NIWA/BOM/MeteoFrance/NOAA/SPREP, 12 minutes</p> <p>ii. Ocean Review of May to October 2020 ocean, plus evaluation of the last outlook for both the north and south Pacific, NOAA/SPC/BOM, 12 minutes</p> <p>Question & Answer (12mins)</p>	
15:08-15:20	<p>Agenda 4: Northern Pacific Tropical Cyclone Outlook verification for 2020 NOAA, 12 minutes</p> <p>Question & Answer (6mins)</p>	
15:20-15:66	<p>Agenda 5: Looking Forward - Seasonal and Intra-seasonal Pacific guidance for 2020/21</p> <p>i. Climate NIWA/BOM/NOAA/APCC/SPREP, 12 minutes</p> <p>ii. Ocean NOAA/BOM/NIWA/SPC, 12 minutes</p>	

	Question and Answers (12mins)	
15:56-16:12	<p>Agenda 6: Tropical Cyclone Outlook South Pacific 2020/21 tropical cyclone outlook NIWA, FMS, BOM, 12 minutes</p> <p>Question and Answers (6 mins)</p>	
16:12-16:27	<p>Agenda 7: Introduction of WMO approach to objective seasonal forecasts and tailored products on sub-regional scales (WMO - Wilfran Moufouma) -5 minutes Question and Answers (10 mins)</p>	
16:27-16:35	<p>Agenda 7: Closing Next steps, wrap up - Chair</p>	

Virtual PICO2020 – Day 2, Friday 23 October 2020, 13:00-16:30hrs Samoa time (UTC Thursday 22 October 23:00 -Friday 23 October 02:00) (Chair – Dr Andrew Halford (SPC))		
13:00-14:00	Registration and communications testing	SPREP to coordinate and provide all supporting details and documents prior
14:00-14:15	Agenda 1: Opening & setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening prayer - Lloyd Tahani- Deputy Director Solomon Islands Met Services • Welcome and meeting procedure SPREP -Salesa • Remarks by SPC-Dr Graham Pilling, Deputy-Director Oceanic Fisheries • Fishers/Ocean sector engagement workshop objectives – PICS Co-Chair IFRC (Olivia Warrick) 	
14:15-15:35	Agenda 2: Pacific case studies on sub-seasonal climate and climate change – linking science to fisheries/marine sector <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ocean/climate in fisheries/ocean sector in Vanuatu (Sunny Seuseu/Moira Matou/VMGD), 20 minutes ii. Future Climate Sectoral Applications: Case study pearl farming in the Cook Islands (Dr. Leanne Webb), 20 minutes iii. Pearl farming and coral bleaching in French Polynesia (Dr. Keitapu Maamaatuaiahutapu and Victoire Laurent), 20 minutes iv. Regional fisheries and ocean climate information needs (Dr Patrick Lehodey-SPC), 20 minutes 	15mins agency presentations using guidance provided by SPREP & 5mins on Question and Answers
15:35-16:00	Agenda 3: Sector Feedback Discussion: what have we learnt from these presentations in terms of data and information needs and gaps? What are the opportunities and priorities for filling these gaps? How are national fisheries sectors using seasonal forecast guidance in decision making? What are some examples from country fisheries reps of partnerships with NMSs? Lessons and challenges What steps can be taken to strengthen information exchange between fisheries and oceans sector and NMSs?	
16.00-16:15	Agenda 4: Media Feedback	Opportunity for members of the media to raise any questions.
16:15-16:30	Agenda 5: Closing Next steps, wrap up – PICS panel chair	