

PICS Panel Priority Actions 2018/19

Based on discussions at the PICS Panel meeting held on 28/9/2017, and noting the recommended Regional and National Actions in the Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services, the PICS Panel Priority Actions for 2017/18 are:

	Priority Actions	Timeline	PICS Panel task leaders
1	Assess the format of and need for RCOFs in the Pacific Islands region (including the compatibility of face-to-face and teleconferenced RCOFs), based on a survey of participants at PICOV-3	March 2018	BoM
2	Develop consistent definitions of El Niño and La Niña events in the region, to be tested with NMHSs	March 2018	NOAA, MeteoFrance
3	Draft and review implementation plans for the updated PIMS and the Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services	June 2018	SPREP, all
4	Evaluate year-1 progress on Roadmap Regional and National Actions	August 2018	SPREP, all
5	Plan for and hold the fourth Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum (PICOV-4) with an agriculture sector focus	October 2018	SPREP, IFRC
6	Evaluate year-1 RA-V PI RCC progress, including a survey of PI NMHSs and node/consortia members	December 2018	NIWA
7	Developing regional guidance for ensemble/consensus based forecasting, noting the increasing availability of climate forecasts from GPCs, RCC, and software (e.g., SCOPIE and PICASO)	June 2019	BoM, all

In addition to these Priority Actions, the PICS Panel will:

- Work closely with the PMDP, providing assistance and guidance when appropriate;
- Respond to urgent requests for technical advice from PMC, if requested;
- Work closely with WMO RA-V WG CLS and PI RCC implementation team; and
- Maintain the PICS Panel webpages with updated material.