

PICS Panel Priority Actions and Recommendations

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The PICS Panel has identified the following priority actions and recommendations:

	Priority Actions	Timeline	PICS Panel task leader*
1	Plan for and hold the first Pacific Islands Regional Climate Outlook Forum (RCOF) including a water resources sector focus	October 2015	BoM
2	Conduct a gap analysis based on what climate services are currently being provided and the minimum set of services that are needed	Dec 2014	NIWA
3	Review the structure, maintenance and use of the SPREP regional projects database	July 2015	NOAA
4	Draft an RA-V RCC-Network Implementation Plan, to be submitted to the RA-V Management Group	May 2015	NIWA
5	Review international standards on qualifications and competencies for climate services production and delivery and potential adaptation of them for the Pacific Region	October 2015	USP

* Task leaders can form small teams from within and beyond the PICS Panel to assist with tasks.

	Priority Recommendations	Timeline	Recommended lead agency
1	Review the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) in relation to the WMO RA-V strategic and operational plan, the Action Plan for Strengthening Climate Services in the Pacific, and regional sector strategies (e.g. water, agriculture, DRR, health, etc.)	August 2015	SPREP
2	Review national strategies for delivering climate services (e.g. the establishment/formalization of National Climate Outlook Forums, NCOFs)	August 2015	All NHMSs
3	Identify countries that would like to/need to develop a national drought policy and make use of the WMO Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP)	May 2015	WMO
4	List all non-functional observing stations and necessary IT equipment (i.e. on outer islands)	May 2015	SPREP
5	Establish a Regional Training Centre for the Pacific Islands (this is a longer-term goal, but requires staged planning and interim goals)	August 2017	USP and WMO