

Third Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-3)

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Nuku'alofa
The Kingdom of Tonga

Agenda Item 15.2: The Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide background to the Council on operations of the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) and;
2. To outline work programme and budget for 2015-2017. The work programme has been designed such that the activities are set against the matrix of national and regional Pacific Key Outcomes (PKO's) of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2012-2021.

Background

3. The Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership currently consist of the following staff;

Table 1: PMDP Staffing

| Position | Staff | Funding/Project |
|--|------------------------|--|
| Climate Change Division Director | Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti | AU Multi-year funding |
| WMO Programme Officer | Henry Taiki | WMO |
| Climate Change Advisor | Espen Ronneberg | AU Multi-year funding |
| Meteorology and Climate Officer | Salesa Nihmei | AU Multi-year funding |
| Climate Prediction Services Coordinator | Sunny Seuseu | Government of Korea (through the PIFS) |
| Project Manager | Christina Gale | Government of Finland |
| Pacific Islands Global Observing System Officer | Tommy Moore | Unsecured |
| Climate Change Technical Officer | Azarel Mariner | Unsecured |
| Secretary to Director/Division Assistant | Joyce Tuluva | Membership contribution |
| Meteorology and Climate Advisor (MCA) | Vacant | Unsecured |
| Pacific Island Global Climate Observing System Officer (PI-GCOS) | Vacant | Unsecured |
| COSPPac Funded Positions from the Transition | Anticipated | Unsecured |

4. There have been several attempts made to secure support for the MCA and PI-GCOS but were unsuccessful. These positions remain critical in coordinating the activities to implement the different priorities of the PIMS 2012-2021.
5. The PMDP continues to seek additional funds to assist in the implementation of the PIMS. The coordination of activities, projects and backstopping technical support to NMHS are ongoing.

PMDP has also coordinated inputs and contribution from NMHS to important strategies such as the Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) and SPREP Review. Secretariat support continue to be provided in the convening of key meetings related to the implementation of the PIMS in collaboration with WMO and partners.

6. The Work Plan and Budget under Annex 1 summarises the activities the PMDP intends to carry out from 2015 – 2017 to implement the different PKO's of the PIMS 2012-2021. Activities in Annex 1 are funded by existing projects including initiatives with potential funding support to be confirmed. Budgetary allocations for proposed and unfunded activities are indicative and may be different when funding is secured.
7. Most of the budget in this work-plan is supported by existing projects implemented by the PMDP. Many of the activities are funded from the Finnish-Pacific (FINPAC) Project, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the Republic of Korea - Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Services (RoK-PI CLIPS), UKMO Pacific Fund.

Table 2: Activities and Budgets for 2015 - 2017

| Project | Budget (USD) | Year |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| FINPAC Project | 2,180,920 | July 2015-2016 |
| APCC - Gov of Korea | 901,000 | July 2015-2017 |
| Pacific Fund (UKMO/MetService) | 279,078 | 2016 |
| WMO (Canada Fund) | 470,000 | 2015-2017 |
| WMO Support to the PMDP (LoA) | TBC | 2016 onwards |
| PI-GOOS | 30,000 | 2016 |
| MCO | 88,000 | 2015-2017 |
| Island Climate Update | 64,166 | 2016 |
| Green Climate Fund | TBC | 2016-2020 |
| Total | 4,013,164 | |

8. Approximately over USD 4.0 Million will be spent over the next 2 years under the different activities indicated in the above table. Summary of the budget breakdown for each of the PKOs is provided in Annex 1. There are discussions with the COSPPac Programme to transition some of its activities to SPREP later in 2015 and 2016 and have not been reflected in Table 2 as well as Annex 1.
9. As new activities come on line and funding is secured, the PMDP will inform PMC members of the changes to the work programme via email. SPREP and its partners through the PMDP will also liaise with countries where activities are scheduled to ensure the necessary officers of each country are prepared for activities to be implemented.
10. The schedule prepared by the PMDP (Annex 2) will be circulated on a monthly basis to PMC members and Partners to update each of the activities and ensure there is a more coordinated approach. The schedule will also be shared on the Pacific Climate Change Portal.

Recommendations

1. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **note** the Work Plan and Budget (Annex 1) and the planned schedule of work for the next 2 years (Annex 2);

- **encourage** members and partners to provide updates to the schedule of activities when it is circulated at the end of each month;
- **encourage** partners to advocate for and support the PI-GCOS and the MCA positions in the PMDP;
- **encourage** the PMDP to provide ongoing guidance and timely advice to the PMC members;
- **request** Council to support SPREP and partners' efforts to secure funds for activities and;

Attachments

- Annex 1 Work Plan and Budget for PMDP from 2015-2017
- Annex 2 Activity Schedule from 2015-2017

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