

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

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Agenda Item 14.0: The Update and Review of the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2012-2021

Purpose

1. To provide a brief update of the implementation of the PIMS Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2012-2021
2. To provide the Draft Terms of Reference for the review of the PIMS

Background

3. The Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) has the primary responsibility for monitoring progress towards the outcomes set out in the PIMS. Supported by the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) at SPREP, the PICTs and collaborating partners are informed through this paper on the progress towards achieving the objectives of the Strategy.
4. The PIMS has 14 Pacific Key Outcomes (PKO) that outline the main priorities highlighted by the NMSs. The implementation of each of the PKO's are further categorized into Pacific **National** Priority Actions and Pacific **Regional** Priority Actions.
5. The PMDP serves as the regional weather and climate services coordination mechanism managed by the SPREP Secretariat to deliver a regionally coordinated effort to service SPREP Members needs in the area of weather and climate services.
6. The report from Annex 1 of this report summarizes the activities implemented by the donors and partners of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) together with the Pacific Meteorology Desk Partnership (PMDP) during the period from 2011-2013.
7. The presentations and reports from the PMC-3 showed there is a lot of progress made in each of the PKO's under each of the national and regional priority actions. The country reports provides a platform where better monitoring can be undertaken to track the progress of the implementation of the PIMS.
8. There are also some gaps that have been identified in the current PIMS particularly in the area of research, communications, communication infrastructure, and new emerging areas such as those identified under the Pacific Island Climate Services (PICS) Panel Action Plan (Agenda 6.4)

9. The PIMS strategy clearly indicates for a Mid-Term Review to be completed of the PIMS no later than **1 July 2017** to ensure that it remains current and focused on the appropriate priority areas.
10. In this regard and to initiate the process of the review, a draft Terms of Reference is attached as Annex 2. The terms of reference calls for three key tasks and outputs to be carried out; *Review the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021*
 - a. Review the overall progress of PIMS implementation.
 - i. Identify gaps in the implementation and coordination of the PIMS and make recommendations on how these would be strengthened and improved.
 - ii. Review and evaluate existing priorities of the PIMS and identify emerging or new priorities.
 - iii. Consider regional priorities for climate services such as the Global Framework for Climate Sciences (GFCS) and the Pacific Islands Climate Services (PICS) Panel Action Plan, and align it to the PIMS.
 - b. *Update the PIMS based on the review in (1).*
 - c. *Develop an appropriate monitoring and evaluation framework and use to analyze achievements since the adoption of the strategy.*
11. The partners are encourage to provide support to enable this review to meet its deadline in the next PMC-4.

Recommendations

10. The Meeting is invited to;
 - **Note** the report on the summary of progress of implementing the PIMS in the PICT NMSs
 - **Endorse** in principle the Terms of Reference (Annex 2) as well as the methodology used and encourage the review process to **involve** where appropriate members of the council
 - **encourage** partners to support the review process

Attachments

- Annex 1: Summary of Progress_in_implementing_the_PIMS_2012-2021
- Annex 2: Terms of Reference of the PIMS 2012-2021

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