

“Sustainable Weather, Climate, Oceans and Water Services for a Resilient Pacific”

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Purpose:

1. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Pacific Meteorological Council Members of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 approved by SPREP Members at the 27th SPREP Meeting held in Niue in September, 2016. The focus of the paper is to provide an overview of the new plan and articulate the key climate and meteorological services priorities for the information of PMC Members.

Background:

2. The new SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 builds on the lessons learned in the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011–2015. In 2016 the SPREP Secretariat undertook an extensive consultation process with Members, partners, and staff to develop the new plan.
3. The plan has also been guided by Member commitments to the strategic directions for the region set out in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, the priorities defined by the SAMOA Pathway, commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement, and other important regional and global commitments including the Pacific Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2012-2021 and the Framework for Resilient Development of the Pacific (FRDP).
4. The new plan spans ten years and will be supported by a sequence of two year Performance Implementation and Results Framework Plans (PIP). To ensure that the PIP process remains on target and relevant it will be continually reviewed and updated enabling the strategic focus to adapt to changing national and regional priorities for targeting the ten year goals.

Overview:

5. The vision of the new plan is ‘A resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures’ which aligns to the SPREP mandate ‘to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations’.

6. Climate Change is the principal concern of SPREP and Oceans is a cross cutting theme across all of the work of SPREP. The four key priorities remain as:
 - a. Climate Change Resilience
 - b. Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection
 - c. Waste Management and Pollution Control
 - d. Environmental Governance

7. There are four high level regional goals and five organisational goals stated in the new plan as follows:
 - a. **Regional Goal 1:** Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change.
 - b. **Regional Goal 2:** Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems
 - c. **Regional Goal 3:** Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control
 - d. **Regional Goal 4:** Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance.
 - e. **Organisational Goal 1:** SPREP has information, knowledge, and communications systems that get the right information to the right people at the right time and influence positive organisational, behavioural and environmental change.
 - f. **Organisational Goal 2:** SPREP has multi-disciplinary processes in programme delivery and in supporting Members to develop national and regional policies and strategies.
 - g. **Organisational Goal 3:** SPREP has a reliable and sustainable funding base to achieve environmental outcomes for the benefit of the Pacific islands region and manages its programmes and operations to stay within its agreed budget.
 - h. **Organisational Goal 4:** SPREP is leading and engaged in productive partnerships and collaboration.
 - i. **Organisational Goal 5:** SPREP has access to a pool of people with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills to enable it to deliver on its shared regional vision.

8. While the new plan will focus on a programmatic and integrated approach to the work of SPREP the key regional goal of relevance to the PMC is 'Regional Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change' with its correlating objectives noted below:
 - a. **Objective 1.1** Strengthen the capacity of Pacific island Members to lead, prioritise, and manage national climate change adaptation, mitigation (NDCs), and disaster risk reduction in fulfilment of their national environment and development goals and their voluntary and legal obligations under regional and international agreements.
 - b. **Objective 1.2** Minimise multiple pressures on vulnerable Pacific island ecosystems by implementing ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation,

including responses to ocean acidification and sea level rise, to sustain biodiversity and the provision of ecosystem services that support livelihoods and sustainable development.

- c. **Objective 1.3** Enhance National Meteorological and Hydrological Services capacity in weather forecasting, early warning systems, long-term projections, and improved climate services to support Members' decision making and coordination through the Pacific Meteorological Council.
 - d. **Objective 1.4** Support Pacific island Members to access and manage climate change finances and their national accreditation processes.
 - e. **Objective 1.5** Support Pacific Island Members to develop policy responses to issues of loss and damage, and climate change and disaster induced population mobility.
9. The new plan recognises the importance of the PMC which has resulted in significantly increased support for National Meteorological Services since 2011. Furthermore the importance of partnerships to support the needs of PMC Members notably the key relationship of SPREP with the World Meteorological Organization which is situated at SPREP for the Pacific region and the role of SPREP as a the lead agency and regional hub for supporting meteorological services, climate and weather early warning systems.
 10. The plan also notes the support of the Governments of Japan and Samoa which will establish the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) at the SPREP campus in 2019. The PCCC will enable SPREP with its partners including the CROP to further enhance its meteorological support to Members.
 11. As noted in the plan, the role of SPREP as a Regional Implementing Entity for the Adaptation Fund, and the Green Climate Fund, enables SPREP to maximise access to and leverage climate finance for the benefit of Members. The Vanuatu 'Climate Information Services for Resilient Development' proposal valued at USD 23 million dollars approved at the GCF Board meeting in December, 2016 is an example of the importance of this RIE role to support Members access to funding. The Vanuatu project will span four years and support capacity development for effective application of climate information in development planning and implementation.

Update:

12. To support implementation of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 the Secretariat in partnership with SPREP Members has developed a draft Performance Implementation Plan and Results Framework for 2018-2019 which will be presented to the 28th SPREP Meeting in September 2017 for approval. The PIP 2018-19 is the first of five in the life of the new strategic plan. Each PIP will be used to both plan and monitor progress in 2-year steps towards the achievement of the ten year goals of the Strategic Plan. The PIP outcomes and indicators form the basis of the results framework and the 2-year work programme and budget.
13. Of key relevance to the PMC is Regional Objective 1.3 and its correlating 2019 outcomes of Regional Objective 1.3.1: 'At least 4 NMHS with climate service frameworks integrated across government agencies and communities' and 2019 indicators of :
 - a. At least 3 new countries accredited with International Civil Aviation Organisation certification.

- b. At least 2 NMHS have established and improved meteorological and hydrological early warning systems, and enhance integration across government agencies and communities.
- c. At least 4 NMHS have climate services frameworks and national climate outlook fora.

Recommendations:

1. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **Note** the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026
 - **Note** the draft Performance Implementation Plan and Results Framework 2018-2019.

Attachments

- Annex 1 : SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026
- Annex 2 : SPREP Performance Implementation Plan and Results Framework 2018-2019 (Draft)

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