



PACIFIC
METEOROLOGICAL
COUNCIL



WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION

SIXTH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL (PMC-6) THIRD PACIFIC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON METEOROLOGY (PMMM-3)

● [HTTPS://WWW.PACIFICMET.NET/PMC-6-2023](https://www.pacificmet.net/PMC-6-2023)

Sixth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-6)

Sustaining Weather, Climate, Water and Ocean Services for a Resilient Blue Pacific

14-16 August 2023, Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa, Denarau, Nadi, Fiji

Sixth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-6) Agenda Item: Update on the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent

Purpose of the Paper

1. This paper provides a progress update on the development of the Implementation and Monitoring Plan for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent (2050 IMP).
2. The 2050 IMP has been led by a Sub-Committee of the Forum Officials Committee, i.e., the *FOC Sub-Committee on the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*. This Sub-Committee is co-chaired by Cook Islands and Tonga. Technical input and development of the 2050 IMP has been led by four Multi-Stakeholder Expert Groups (MSEGs), which report to the Sub-Committee. These four MSEGs are also each co-chaired by two member countries – ensuring that the process to develop the 2050 IMP has been full Member owned and led.

Background

3. In 2022, Pacific Islands Forum Leaders endorsed the [2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent](#). The 2050 Strategy is the region's overarching, strategic policy framework, and sets the high-level and long term direction for Pacific regionalism, through the Vision, Levels of Ambition, Thematic Areas and Strategic Pathways that are set out in the Strategy. As the Pacific region's strategic level policy framework, the 2050 Strategy provides overarching direction to key thematic and sectoral areas of work.
4. The vision for the 2050 Strategy emphasizes resilience, it recognizes that as Pacific people our strength is as a united collective. It aims to embed Pacific culture and values in all aspects of how we progress our development to 2050.
5. The 2050 IMP sets out the short-term goals, outcomes, regional collective actions, and measures of progress to achieve the strategic and enduring objectives of the 2050 Strategy. The 2050 IMP is set to a 2030 timeframe and is the first incremental step in delivering on the vision and levels of ambition in the 2050 Strategy. The 2050 IMP is, in essence, the first incremental step towards 2050.

Discussion

6. Following Leaders' decision to develop the 2050 IMP, the four MSEGs were established, consisting of Member country representatives, CROP agency officials, development partner organisation representatives, and civil society and private representatives. These MSEGs have met numerous times since their first respective meetings in March 2022 to develop the 2050 IMP, and they utilised a detailed and widely consultative methodology and approach to develop the specific elements of the 2050 IMP.

7. Each MSEG has had coverage of specific thematic areas, as outlined in **Diagram 1** below, and each MSEG has been responsible for developing draft goals, outcomes and regional collective actions for their respective thematic areas. The MSEGs have also met as a collective on various occasions to ensure consistency, clarity, complementarity and alignment of the draft goals and outcomes across all 7 thematic areas. Added to this, a Senior Officials workshop was held from 10 – 13 July 2023 as part of the overall development of the goals, outcomes and regional collective actions.
8. A draft of the set of goals, outcomes and high-level regional collective actions is at **Annex A**.

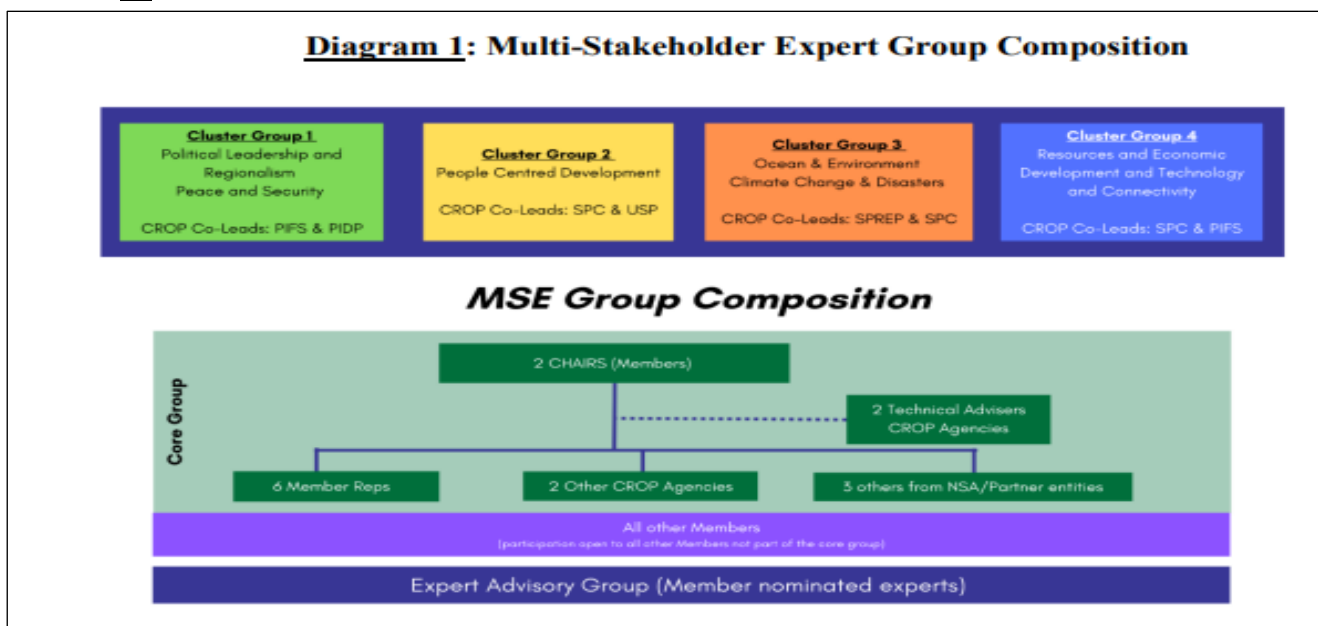


Diagram A: MSEG Groupings

9. Further to this, a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Working Group has also been set up, consisting of 5 Member country representatives, CROP agency representatives, as well as a technical consultant, to support the MSEGs to ensure that goals and outcomes of the 2050 IMP are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART). The MEL Working Group has also developed a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning approach and framework for the 2050 IMP, to ensure coherent and effective regional monitoring and reporting on the 2050 IMP.
10. It is worth noting that the 2050 Strategy IMP includes and covers issues related to climate change and disasters. These issues cut across and link to all of the 7 thematic areas of the 2050 Strategy IMP, but they are most prominently reflected in the climate change and disasters thematic area. The draft goals, outcomes and high-level regional collective actions for all thematic areas, including *climate change and disasters* are in **Annex A**. Of further note is that the *Weather Ready Initiative*, which Meteorological Officials, Ministers, as well as Forum Leaders have previously endorsed, will be included as a regional collective action in the climate change and disasters thematic area in the 2050 IMP.

Next Steps

11. The draft 2050 IMP is anticipated to be finalised for circulation to Member countries, CROP agencies, development partners, and private sector and civil society representatives by Friday 18 August. Following this process, the draft IMP will undergo further revisions, before it is considered by Member countries again during the forthcoming meetings of the Forum Officials Committee and the Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting, before it is finalised and conveyed to Forum Leaders for their consideration and endorsement at their meeting in Cook Islands, currently scheduled for 6 – 9 November 2023.

Recommendations

The Meeting is invited to:

- i. **Note** the update on the work to finalise the Implementation and Monitoring Plan for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.
- ii. **Agree** to continue to support development of the Implementation and Monitoring Plan for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, including by providing comment on the draft Plan when it is circulated for Members' consideration.

Draft Goals, Outcomes and Regional Actions for the 2050 Implementation and Monitoring Plan (as of 28 July).

The below tables outline the **draft** goals, outcomes and regional collective actions as considered by the 4 Multi-Stakeholder Expert Groups. Members are advised that the **information in these tables is currently in draft and provisional form**, and subject to further finalization by Members. Nevertheless, it is conveyed for initial consideration and awareness.



Thematic Area 1: Political Leadership and Regionalism

Level of Ambition: All Pacific Peoples will benefit for our Forum Leaders working together to safeguard, secure and progress the Blue Pacific Continent, achieving regional priorities through a united and cohesive political leadership supported by the Pacific Islands Forum and a responsive regional architecture that aligns to the region’s priorities and values. Partners recognise and respect our collective approach as the Blue Pacific Continent.

2050 Goals	2030 Outcome	High Level Regional Actions
1.0 Pacific regionalism will be supported by a unified, cohesive and inclusive political leadership on Regionalism.	1.1 United and inclusive political leadership in the region is strengthened and embedded in the founding principles of the Pacific Islands Forum.	a. Implementation of the review of the regional architecture including a focus on political leadership. b. Development of a regional leadership programme or institute that provides training, orientation, toolkits that is focused on Pacific regionalism and leadership for Members, partners and key stakeholders
	1.2 Generations of Pacific leadership, grounded in the Pacific Way and the Leaders commitments and values of the 2050 Strategy, are nurtured and strengthened.	
	1.3 Representation and participation of all Pacific voices and interests, in Pacific leadership is increased to ensure the safe and equitable sharing of resources and opportunities amongst all Pacific people.	
2.0 The Pacific region will be supported by a responsive, efficient and inclusive regional system that delivers on the region’s priorities and supports deeper integration.	2.1 An effective and efficient regional architecture that is supported by a coherent and accountable governance mechanism that responds to the Leaders’ Vision and Ambitions.	a. Implementation of the review of the regional architecture to focus on enabling a more inclusive environment for the development and implementation of regional policy that incorporates traditional knowledge. b. Building on existing processes to strengthen interdisciplinary research consortium
	2.2 Engagement with Non-State Actors[1] on the development, implementation, and advocacy of regional priorities policies is strengthened and embedded.	
	2.3 Collective decisions, commitments and actions are assessed and informed by [best available data][reliable and timely],	

	evidence-based research and technology, cultural values and traditional knowledge and practices.	inclusive of Pacific experts from across the region and key institutions that conduct evidence-based research collaboratively on regional priorities outlined in the 2050 Strategy.
3.0 The Pacific region is supported by partnerships that recognise, respects and supports our collective values and priorities.	3.1 All partners recognise and utilise existing national and regional decisions and mechanisms to consult, shape and drive the alignment and coordination of respective national and regional initiatives, investments and commitments in alignment with the 2050 Strategy and its Implementation Plan to support the regional architecture in the Pacific.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implementation of the review of the regional architecture focused on effective partnerships and strengthened coordination and monitoring. b. Deliver on recommendations of the review of Forum dialogue partner mechanisms
	3.2 The Pacific region is recognised as a leading contributor to global discourse and global actors align with regional initiatives to which responds to the vulnerabilities and characteristics of the Pacific.	
4.0 The Pacific demonstrates strong and accountable leadership, that is consistent with existing regional commitments on good governance, accountable leadership, democratic principles and values, in alignment with the values of the 2050 Strategy.	4.1 Compliance with existing regional commitments and frameworks of good governance and accountability is strengthened and monitored to ensure regional stability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review of existing regional good governance commitments and develop a monitoring and evaluation framework to gauge progress. b. Establish knowledge and experience sharing platforms at the regional level on good governance and related issues. c. Regional collective action to strengthen regional leadership and capacity to address nuclear issues (Pacific Capabilities).

Thematic Area 2: Peace and Security



Level of Ambition: A peaceful, safe, and secure Blue Pacific region which respects national sovereignty, and where people can realise their full potentials as individuals, communities and nations, and where the region delivers Pacific-coordinated responses to security challenges and contributes to building global peace and security.

Goals	Outcomes	High Level Regional Actions
1.0 By 2050 The Pacific region will remain a peaceful, safe and secure region.	1.1 Reduce the impacts of climate change, transnational crime, cybercrime and threats to human environmental and resource security by strengthening the region's security policy arrangements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strengthen the region's security policy arrangements through the review of the Boe Declaration Action Plan to align the region's security priorities to the peace and security requirements of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. b. Forum Members commit to have national security strategies in place or reviewed to enhance alignment with the 2050 strategy and strengthen national security coordination and management by 2030.
2.0 By 2050 the region will have in place a flexible and responsive regional security system that will allow the region to prepare and respond to existing and emerging security issues.	2.1 A strengthened, inclusive and harmonised regional security architecture, guided by the Forum processes, with improved ability to address existing, evolving and/or emerging security issues; and to guide decision making on regional and global security issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review the Forum Security Architecture and strengthen the role of the FSRS in coordinating regional security work, including strengthening partnerships, and facilitating resourcing and training to enhance regional security. b. Develop an inclusive, flexible and responsive Regional Security Mechanism to address the "expanded concept of security" priorities outlined in the Boe Declaration.
3.0 By 2050, the region will improve its influence on global peace and security initiatives and discussions.	3.1 Improved global recognition of the Forum's contribution to global peace and security, and for promoting the region's collective security interests and experiences in global security discussions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop and maintain a regional security engagement and advocacy plan that protect and promote the region's security interest and priorities. b. Enhance the ability of members to contribute to global and regional peace and security by strengthening security capabilities, including through a Regional Security Capability Plan



Thematic Area 3: People Centered Development

Level of Ambition: All Pacific Peoples continue to draw deep cultural and spiritual attachment to their land and the ocean, and all are assured safety, security, gender equality and access to education, health, sport and other services so that no one is left behind.

Goals	Outcomes	High Level Regional Actions
1.0 The Pacific region assures quality, accessible, affordable, resilient and inclusive health and wellbeing for all	1.1 Strengthened institutional capacity and capability to deliver health and wellbeing outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. accelerated implementation of and resourcing for existing regional health frameworks on non-communicable diseases, children’s and maternal health. b. Increase investments in national health infrastructure, including support to tele and digital health services, which are climate resilient and can withstand shocks and health emergencies. c. Regional procurement and regulation mechanisms for pharmaceuticals, vaccines and medical supplies. d. Establish a regional research, training and monitoring mechanism to track sports contribution to sustainable development priorities. e. Increase investment in primary health care as a key delivery strategy for [and ensure a multisectoral approach to] universal health coverage in the Pacific including [for gender-based violence, early childhood development] psychosocial and mental health. f. Develop retention strategies for Pacific health workers and specialists.
	1.2 Reduced health disease burden among all Pacific peoples particularly vulnerable communities and marginalized groups.	
	1.3 Improved coverage, quality, accessibility, affordability and resilience of health and wellbeing systems.	
	1.4 Increased participation of all Pacific peoples in sports and physical activity for improved health and wellbeing.	
2.0 The Pacific achieves quality, accessible, affordable and inclusive education at all levels.	2.1 Strengthened institutional capacity and capability to deliver Pacific education outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accelerated implementation and appropriate resourcing of existing regional policy frameworks – Pacific Regional Education Framework, [including the Pacific Regional Inclusive Education Framework (PRIEF)], education components of Pasifika Call to Action on Early Childhood Development. b. Develop and/or [strengthen retention strategies for Pacific teachers]. c. Strengthen lifelong learning pathways. d. Strengthen gender responsive and disability and socially inclusive education policies.
	2.2 Strengthened Pacific education curriculum and assessment systems that improve literacy, numeracy, cognitive and non-cognitive skills and incorporates traditional knowledge, practices, beliefs and Pacific/indigenous languages.	
	2.3a Improved access to quality, relevant, equitable, accessible, affordable and	

Goals	Outcomes	High Level Regional Actions
	<p>inclusive education for all Pacific learners, including learners with disabilities, to meet employment and national development needs.</p> <p>2.3b Recognition of and increased investment in non-formal education to realize Pacific education outcomes.</p>	
<p>3.0 The Pacific region realises human rights, gender equality, equity and social inclusion</p>	<p>3.1 Strengthened capacity and capability in Pacific Island countries to realise human rights, gender equality, [the rights of persons with disability], equity and social inclusion</p> <p>3.2 The human rights of all Pacific peoples are [promoted] respected, protected, and realized.</p> <p>3.3 Pacific women and girls, in all their diversity, are safe and have equitable equal share of resources, opportunities and decision making.</p> <p>3.4 The six pre-conditions to disability inclusion are recognized and applied in the Pacific.</p>	<p>a. Develop a Pacific Regional Human Rights Declaration that contextualizes international human rights principles, standards and obligations [without derogating from international norms and standards and develop mechanisms to action commitment].</p> <p>b. Accelerate the implementation, [including capacity] and appropriate resourcing of the revitalized Pacific Leaders Declaration Gender Equality Declaration, Pacific Platform for Action, the Pacific Framework on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Pacific Youth Development Framework.</p> <p>c. [Strengthen approaches for the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence.]</p> <p>d. [Develop and strengthen measures to increase women and girls’ participation at all levels of leadership and decision-making.]</p> <p>e. Regional procurement mechanism for assistive technologies for disability inclusion.</p> <p>f. Strengthening the utilization and analysis of the Washington Group Short Set of Questions in national census and surveys.</p> <p>g. Regional models to build stronger national institutional structures for sustainable and inclusive social protections systems for the protection of marginalized groups.</p>
<p>4.0 The Pacific’s diverse cultures, traditions, spirituality and languages are visible, valued,</p>	<p>4.1 Strengthened institutional capacity and capability to deliver on Pacific culture, traditions, languages, practices and arts outcomes.</p>	<p>a. Accelerated implementation of and allocation of appropriate resources for the Pacific Regional Culture Strategy and the Pacific 2030:</p>

Goals	Outcomes	High Level Regional Actions
safeguarded and inform all national and regional development actions.	4.2 Strengthened recognition of Pacific cultural producers, artists and craft persons as valued and resourceful contributors to socio-economic development.	Sustainable Tourism Policy Framework. b. Continuation of and appropriate resourcing for the Pacific Regional Festival of Arts and Culture and associated learning and educational events. c. Development of regional guidelines for the protection, safeguarding and cross-sectoral use of traditional knowledge and access benefit sharing. d. Establishment of a [regional] repository [and/or strengthening regional networks of national museums and archives] to document, track and record physical, oral, intellectual and visual Pacific cultures and cultural heritage including traditional skills, knowledge, spirituality, practices, and languages.
	4.3 Diverse Pacific cultures and cultural heritage including traditional skills, knowledge, spirituality, practices, and languages are revived, safeguarded, transmitted and utilized.	



Thematic Area 4: Climate Change and Disasters

Level of Ambition: All Pacific Peoples remain resilient to the impacts of climate change and disasters and are able to lead safe, secure and prosperous lives. The region continues to play a leadership role in global climate action.

Goals	Outcomes	High Level Regional Actions
<p>1.0 The Pacific region is transitioning to low carbon, low emissions and climate resilient infrastructure, development and technology.</p>	<p>1.1 All Pacific people are living safe, secure, and prosperous lives, resilient to the impacts of climate change and disasters.</p>	<p>a. Investments in Low Carbon Technologies and Inclusive Capabilities</p>
	<p>1.2 Our Pacific nations and people have developed and strengthened capacity for adapting, building resilience and responding to climate change and disaster risks, particularly the most vulnerable.</p>	<p>b. Strengthen national institutions through Policy Review and Innovation for Adaptation and Resilience</p>
	<p>1.3 Increased capacity and opportunity of Pacific governments and communities to effectively address economic and non-economic loss and damage brought on by rapid, extreme and slow onset events.</p>	<p>c. Establish, strengthen and support fit for purpose financing mechanisms in the region, including for loss and damage.</p>
	<p>1.4 The region has sustainably accessed and secured available climate and disaster finance in line with their needs supported by strengthened absorptive and institutional capacity.</p>	<p>d. Consider sources and the modalities of access to climate finance noting evolving global and regional discussions on financing and architecture.</p>
	<p>1.5 Robust and coherent data systems inclusive of science and traditional knowledge used in decision making for sustainable climate action and disaster risk reduction.</p>	<p>e. Strengthen climate-related data and knowledge products with an inclusive approach considering traditional knowledge for climate finance proposals and policy design and review.</p>
	<p>1.6 Our Pacific region will have significantly strengthened its capacity and capability to effectively address the incremental challenges of climate change, and disasters.</p>	<p>f. Develop human capabilities and specialized technical expertise for sustainable climate change action and disaster risk reduction.</p> <p>g. Strengthening cooperation on Climate Science using existing mechanisms early warning and weather ready programmes to deliver Pacific led adaptation and resilience initiatives.</p> <p>h. Weather Ready Pacific Decadal Programme of Investment</p>
<p>2.0 The region remains a global leader on climate action</p>	<p>2.1 The region is influencing global policies and investment to ensure that the planet limits the warming trajectory to 1.5-degree warming;</p>	<p>a. Strengthen and invest in human capabilities and capacity and skills for effective negotiations regionally and internationally.</p>
	<p>2.3 The special circumstances and priorities of Pacific SIDS are well entrenched in global climate finance modalities and providers, allowing access through simplified and tailored modalities to address their unique climate change and disaster-related challenges.</p>	<p>b. accelerate PSIDS access to finance mechanisms through simplified and tailored modalities to address their unique climate change and disaster-related challenges</p>



Thematic Area 5: Ocean and Environment

Level of Ambition: All Pacific people live in a sustainably managed Blue Pacific Continent, while steadfastly maintaining resilience to threats to its environment.

Goals	Outcomes	High Level Regional Actions
1.0 The Pacific regions ocean and environment are sustainably managed.	1.1 Through Strong Political leadership, an effectively coordinated governance, evidence-based policy, and advocacy system ensuring sustainable management and conservation of land-based environment and ocean resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strengthen Members leadership and effectively coordinated governance, advocacy and evidence-based policy making, that is well aligned and monitored for implementation. b. Strengthen capabilities to implement relevant instruments, including the Law of the Sea Convention in line with the region's interests. c. Strengthen regional cooperation on Ocean and Environmental Science and research. d. Design and develop inclusive strategies to build a pool of scientific expertise in the Pacific. e. Regional agreement on the Protection of Pacific IP and TK.
	1.2 Fully secured established maritime zones under the UNCLOS, and maximized and protected enjoyment of jurisdictional rights and entitlements that flows from these zones, and on the high seas and airspace.	
	1.3 Enhanced co-production, accessibility, and coordination of regional scientific knowledge.	
	1.4 Improved preservation, access to and use of traditional knowledge and scientific information, fostering integrated ocean management, sustainable utilization, and conservation of natural resources and the environment.	
	1.5 Improved preservation, access to and use of traditional knowledge and scientific information, fostering integrated ocean management, sustainable utilization, and conservation of natural resources and the environment.	
2.0 The Pacific regions ocean and environment are resilient to threats.	2.1 Strengthened climate resilience for food systems, marine and terrestrial and other ecosystems, including fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, and forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strengthen inclusive capacities and capabilities that incorporate traditional knowledge to better tailor climate finance approaches to the unique challenges faced by Pacific SIDS. b. Adopt a coordinated approach to strengthen regional partnerships among Pacific SIDS and other stakeholders to collectively influence global climate finance mechanisms and secure tailored solutions. c. Develop an international engagement strategy to actively participate in global climate finance discussions, ensuring representation and influence of Pacific SIDS' concerns and priorities. d. Invest in research, development, and capacity building to strengthen the circular economy in Pacific SIDS, supported by policy frameworks and private sector engagement.
	2.2 Sustainable ecosystem-based management in place allowing for water and food security and sustainable development in harmony with Pacific cultures.	
	2.3 Strengthened safe circular economy through the conservation, protection and use of natural resources.	
	2.4 Reduced and Halted Biodiversity loss and risk of extinction of known threatened species, caused by multiple threats on both terrestrial and marine environment.	
	2.5 Improved health of the environment and ecosystems	

	<p>ensuring all Pacific peoples lead healthy and productive lives.</p>	<p>e. Enhance regional scientific and technological capabilities to address waste and pollution risks, considering trade-related aspects, and strengthen existing frameworks and mechanisms to collectively manage environmental impacts.</p>
	<p>2.6 Strengthened waste management and reduction in all forms of pollution and effective mitigation of various threats to the ocean and land-based environment inclusive of nuclear contamination through the consistent application of policies, standards, regulatory frameworks and the deployment of technology including safe circular economy approaches.</p>	



Thematic Area 6: Resources and Economic Development

Level of Ambition: All Pacific peoples benefit from a sustainable and resilient model of economic development, including enabling public policy and a vibrant private sector and others, that brings improved socio-economic wellbeing by ensuring access to employment, entrepreneurship, trade and investment in the region.

Goal	Outcome	High Level Regional Actions
<p>1.0 Grow Pacific economies through a resilient and sustainable model of economic development.</p>	<p>1.1 Improved policies to support macroeconomic resilience and stability.</p> <hr/> <p>1.2 Strengthened financial system resilience and adapt to emerging financial mechanisms, including diversify financing options.</p>	<p>a. Strengthen coordination amongst regional technical agencies that support Members in macroeconomic stability and resilience initiatives.</p> <p>b. Strengthen regional cooperation, partnership and coordination to advocate for flexible international financial standards that are suitable to the context of Pacific economies to address issues such as debt restructuring, multi-vulnerability index, that accelerate access to finance.</p> <p>c. Strengthen existing financing mechanisms and explore opportunities to diversify other sources of finance.</p>
<p>2.0 Strengthened public and private policies to enable a vibrant private sectors and others.</p>	<p>2.1 Increased opportunities for sustainable diversification of Pacific economies</p> <hr/> <p>2.2 Strengthened policies, legislations and mechanisms that support the development and sustainable growth of private sector</p>	<p>a. Continue to support research and policy development on the sustainable management and development of the blue and green economies, including appropriate value-addition to derive the maximum benefit from the inputs, to inform policy development.</p> <p>b. Develop and strengthen existing regional mechanisms, initiatives and strategies that are focused on reducing constraints to doing business, to support inclusive, private sector-led economic growth. For example, the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation, Forum Secretariat's Private Sector Unit etc.</p>
<p>3.0 Improve socioeconomic wellbeing through increased employment, entrepreneurship, trade and investment.</p>	<p>3.1 Improved policies and legislations to promote and attract quality investment.</p>	<p>a. Continue to support the implementation of the Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025, which is focused on building the region's trade capacity and infrastructure.</p> <p>b. Develop a Pacific Regional Labour Mobility Strategy that includes workers, employer organisations, governments and non-state actors and considers the socio-economic costs and benefits of both receiving and sending countries.</p> <p>c. Support the ratification and effective implementation of existing regional and</p>

	<p>3.2 Grow intra-regional and international trade.</p>	<p>sub-regional trade agreements, to deepen regional economic integration and support the adoption and effective implementation of multilateral trade agreements. For example, the World Trade Organisation's Agreement on Trade Facilitation,, Fisheries Subsidies Agreement and others WTO Ministerial Decisions.</p> <p>d. Continue to strengthen the Pacific Trade Invest Network (PTI), which is focused on trade and investment promotion between Forum Members and the rest of the world</p>
--	---	---



Thematic Area 7: Technology and Connectivity

Level of Ambition: All Pacific Peoples benefit from access to affordable, safe and reliable land, air and sea transport and ICT infrastructure, systems and operations, while ensuring culturally sensitive user-protection and cyber security.

Goal	Outcome	High Level Regional Actions
1.0 Pacific People have access to affordable, reliable, regular, safe, secure, clean, digital and sustainable land, air and sea transport services.	1.1 The region increased its investment in and maintenance of affordable, reliable, regular, safe and secure land, air and sea transport infrastructure, systems, and operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase support for the Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility and accredited regional entities to the Green Climate Fund, to improve the region's access to infrastructure financing. b. Develop a regional guideline on best practice infrastructure investment (value for money, responsible borrowing, private sector investment, quality infrastructure, climate-resilient infrastructure, use of local material and labour), and support mechanisms that promote and uphold the guidelines. c. Continue to support the implementation of the Pacific Regional Aviation Strategy 2022-2032, Pacific Port Vision Recognition Framework 2030-2050, and develop a regional one-maritime framework. d. Develop a Pacific Skills, Training and Education Policy for Workers in the Maritime and Aviation Sector, which includes a focus on promoting gender equality and addressing the specific needs of women in the sector. e. Enhance mobility and visa facilitation in the Pacific region. f. Support the - implementation of the Regional Strategy on Safety of Navigation 2023-2037; delivery of technical aviation safety and security system support compliant with the International Civil Aviation Organisation; and development of the Regional Strategy on Road Safety 2025-2030. g. Increase support to research and adopt low-carbon transport options.
	1.2 The region strengthened, harmonised and technologically integrated its land, air and sea transport regulations, policies, procedures, institutions, and human capital.	
	1.3 The region accelerated the adoption of people centered regulations, policies and procedures for promoting inclusive, affordable, regular and safe transport services.	
	1.4 The region accelerated the adoption of regulations, policies and procedures at both the regional and global level to reduce the broader ecological and environmental impact of the transport sector.	
2.0 Pacific People have access to affordable, reliable, resilient safe, secure, inclusive and interoperable ICT services, including e-services and the digital economy.	2.1 The region increased investment in affordable, reliable, resilient, safe, secure, inclusive and interoperable ICT infrastructure, systems and operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strengthen the existing regional governance mechanisms that coordinate and cooperate on the development of ICT, including the dedicated ICT political meeting platform. b. Support primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions to design and implement digital literacy, skills and capability related courses and training.
	2.2 The region accelerated its adoption of people centered measures to increase - the	

	<p>availability of digital training to improve digital literacy, skills and capability; and access to timely, relevant and reliable data to inform policy development and decision making</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Continue to support targeted digital economy projects, including the Pacific Digital Economy Programme, the Pacific E-Commerce Initiative, and the Pacific Trade Facilitation Initiative. d. Continue to support the provision of public services through the implementation of inclusive e-services. e. Allocate adequate resources to improve the Pacific region’s access to timely, relevant and reliable data collection
<p>3.0 The region adopted culturally sensitive user protection and cyber security measures for engaging with ICT; and appropriate measures for harnessing the potential of technology to respond to key opportunities and challenges.</p>	<p>2.3 The region strengthened the enabling environment for an inclusive digital economy and e-services.</p> <p>3.1 The region strengthened and harmonised its legal and regulatory frameworks, social and cultural policies, and procedures on ICT user protection and cyber security measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop a Regional Cyber Security Strategy with a focus on strengthening regional technical resources and improving regulations and standards. Reinforce training and capacity building for computer emergency response teams. b. Consider establishing a regional governance structure for effective coordination, cooperation and policy development on the opportunities and risks posed by technology, including emerging technologies.
	<p>3.2 The region strengthened and harmonised its legal and regulatory frameworks, policies and procedures, institutions and human capital, to maximise the opportunities and minimise the risks posed by using technology, including emerging technologies.</p>	