

PACIFIC PARTNER COORDINATION MECHANISM (PPCM)

Concept Note

Executive Summary

1. The Pacific Partnership Coordination Mechanism is set up in response to a recommendation from the 5th Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council. Hydrometeorological projects are instrumental in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the climate action agenda, as they effectively address the needs, challenges, and priorities of countries and several development partners are committed to supporting weather, water, and climate information services (WWCIS) through projects and initiatives.
2. The landscape for development assistance in this area is notably complex, characterized by multiple actors and challenges related to coordination and effective resource allocation for sustained impact. A large component of financing is provided through project-based modalities, that are often not integrated to wider sectoral plans, national budgets and planning processes; affecting longer-term sustainability of impacts. As a result, duplicated efforts and inefficient resource allocation at the global, regional and national levels; further exacerbates coordination and coordination amongst partners and affects the effectiveness of development financing for hydrometeorological projects.
3. The establishment of the Pacific Partner Coordination Mechanism (PPCM) is crucial for stakeholder engagement, information sharing, and coordination in hydrometeorological programs and projects in the Pacific Islands region. By promoting collaboration and aligning objectives, PPCM will optimize resource allocation, enhance the effectiveness of investments, and support the sustainable development of the region. PPCM is in line with the objectives of the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2017-2026 (PIMS) and the Weather Ready Pacific Program, and will also support the Early Warnings for All initiative.
4. The PPCM aligns with the ongoing efforts under the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) to enhance coordination across development partners in the Pacific, considering existing initiatives such as the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) and Regional Pacific National Determined Contribution (NDC) Hub. The PMC-6 and particularly the Donors and Partners meeting, offers an opportunity to explore a framework for continuous and sustainable engagement and information sharing under the PPCM. The PMC-6 will consider progress and further steps to operationalize and implement the Weather Ready Pacific Programme which has been mandated by Leaders during the Pacific Islands Forum in 2021, as a priority for investment in the region.

5. The Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) between the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has to date, provided coordination across short-term and project based interventions. To ensure longer term sustainability of impacts, the PMDP will benefit from a dedicated coordination mechanism to improve coordination amongst partners; streamline expectations and perceptions of coordination across partners; and leverage efficient and effective investment through longer term programmes such as Weather Ready Pacific. The PMDP is represented under the Secretariat in the following diagram, illustrating PMC governance.

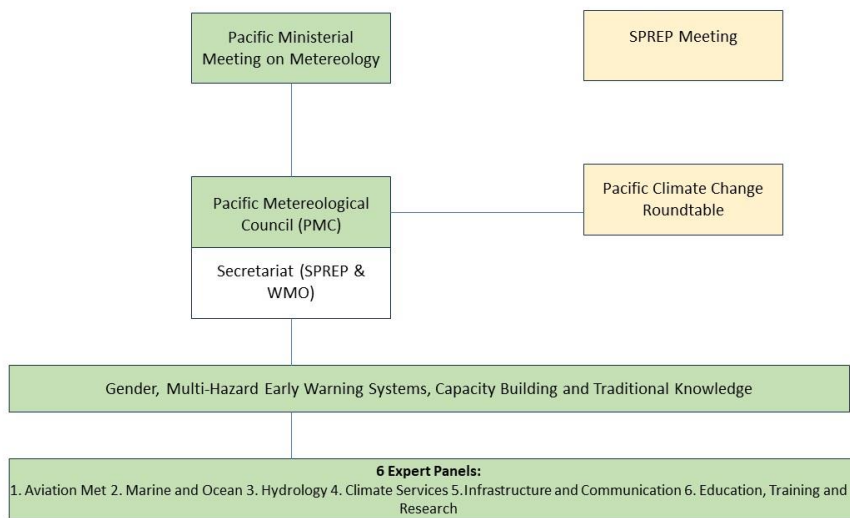


Figure 1: PMC Governance Structure in the Pacific

Background and Rationale

Background

6. The Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) are impacted by extreme weather, water, and climate and oceans related events. Hydrometeorological projects have become an essential component of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including the climate action agenda. The provision of accurate, reliable and timely hydrometeorological information is essential and critical to the safety and well-being of the Pacific people and communities, the protection of property, and support decision-making processes in many sectors, including agriculture, energy, health, transport (land, sea and air), tourism, disaster risk reduction. Despite significant investment in

hydrometeorological and oceans in the Pacific region, challenges relating to information sharing, coordination, resource allocation, high transaction costs, lack of integration into wider sectoral plans, national budgets and planning processes, and data availability on project results and longer term sustained impacts of investments is very limited.

7. Existing investment in the region towards hydrometeorological services are focused on meteorology, climatology, hydrology, ocean/marine science and climate finance opportunities are well aligned with priorities and needs of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs). PMC-5 highlighted the need for an engagement strategy, which SPREP was tasked to progress in collaboration with donors and partners for presentation at PMC-6¹.

8. SPREP has assessed the current stage of coordination of national and regional activities and stakeholders and the findings are outlined in the Consultation Report of Stakeholders to the PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Strategy and Implementation Plan consultation². It identified barriers to progressing access to climate finance due to lack of information, and ineffective coordination³. As a baseline, there is no commonly accepted understanding of what constitutes effective engagement. Under PMC, the Pacific Meteorology Desk Partnership (PMDP) was mandated with the task of enabling coordination.

9. The assessment provides a diagnosis with three main components:

- i. Although opportunities exist to mobilise investment into the region, NMHSs have observed and commented that there is a need for donors and partners to coordinate their activities better to avoid overcrowding and duplication, as well as to address the unevenness of investments across areas and benefited PICTs.
- ii. Stakeholders' (NMHSs, PMDP, key donors and technical partner agencies) prioritization of effective coordination varies:
 - a. Many NMHSs lack the capacity and resources for the management and implementation of projects,
 - b. Donors and partners recognize the need for the facilitation of coordination opportunities, including information-sharing initiatives.

¹ Fifth Session on the Pacific Meteorological Council (Apia, Samoa, 7-9 August 2019) ([Link](#)).

² DRAFT Consultation Report of Stakeholders to the PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Strategy and Implementation Plan consultation ([Link](#))

³ "But in a time where there seems to be a lot of opportunities for partners to bring investment, NMHSs have observed and commented that there is a need for donors and partners to coordinate their activities better" (DRAFT Consultation Report of Stakeholders to the PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Strategy and Implementation Plan consultation, p. 4).

iii. PMDP under its existing capacity is fully committed to the provision of regional perspective management, implementation and technical backstopping, and resource mobilization.

10. To address the mentioned areas of concern, two recommendations are put forward:

Recommendation 01. – Undertake a review of PMDP with a view to resource and strengthen its coordination functions.

Recommendation 02. – Develop and consult on a donor and partner coordination platform.

Rationale

11. The PPCM is a key initiative to drive the PIMS priority no.5, Coordinated support for NMHSs and PMC, specifically regarding the Pacific Key Objective (PKO) 10 – “support to NMHSs is coordinated” through donors’ and technical support agencies’ interaction with NMHSs and regional agencies. Regarding PKO 10 sub-actions, PPCM provides solutions for both National and Regional Priority Actions:

National Priority Action	Regional Priority Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Contribute national data to existing regional databases of active nationally and externally funded projects for NMHSs, to address development priorities and reduce duplications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Contribute to existing databases of active regional and bilateral development programs and projects; use the database in the development of new regional projects.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish/maintain national-level partnerships with donors, private sector and other relevant agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintain and build partnerships with a range of agencies including international funding mechanisms such as GEF, GCF or multilateral funds and their implementing agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ensure donors are aware of national priorities when designing and implementing projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Advocate for Pacific Islands NMHSs needs at high donor coordination discussions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Promote coordination of development partners and donor agencies’ support for weather, climate and ocean services in the Pacific Islands region.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Strengthen current partnerships and establish new partnerships with technical support agencies in the development and implementation of regional projects for weather, ocean and climate services.

12. Currently, PMDP targets PKO 10 and has been successful in the mobilization of stakeholders. However, the initiatives do not provide a mechanism for effectively gathering and sustaining data on

current and planned resource allocation in the Pacific region, nor does it facilitate stakeholders' engagement (PICTs, donors and development partners).

13. PPCM aligns with the Weather Ready Pacific Program⁴, which identifies coordination among development partners as central to ensuring the effectiveness of investments and the success of the initiative and proposes a Management and Advisory team “to coordinate the development of PMC donor and partner engagement platform and operationalize”.

14. This regional partner coordination mechanism is established to improve the landscape of hydrometeorology and oceans related investments across the globe and region and to secure countries' ownership in such investment.

(A)WMO has also established similar coordination mechanisms in other regions.

15. SPREP and WMO identified the opportunity for cooperation in the development of a dashboard like the one developed for the APCM⁵.

16. The PPCM is in line with Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2017-2026 (PIMS) or any future strategic plans vision of enabling decision-making by stakeholders aiming at safety, socio-economic well-being, prosperity and sustainable livelihoods; with PIMS principles no. 5 and 7 of Partnerships and Stakeholders Engagement, respectively; and with PIMS objective no. 4 of guiding donors and partners to focus on NMHSs' priorities.

Objectives

17. The Pacific Partner Coordination Mechanism (PPCM) is a Pacific-led framework of transformational engagement and information sharing for development partners and stakeholders of hydrometeorological and oceans related programmes, projects and activities. PPCM has the following objectives:

Objective 1: Provide systematic and sustained exchange of programme and project information to enhance collaboration amongst stakeholders.

Objective 2: Provide a platform for donors to align their resources to support Pacific-led initiatives such as the Weather Ready Pacific and national initiatives.

Objective 3: Harmonize, coordinate and discuss ways to improve approaches and interventions at national and regional levels.

⁴ Weather Ready Pacific – A Decadal Program of Investment ([Link](#))

⁵ APCM Dashboard ([Link](#)).

Objective 4: Facilitate alignment of Development Partners’ (donors and implementing agencies) objectives with national and regional identified priorities and needs to ensure ownership of interventions and maximize impact and sustainability of investments.

18. PPCM outcomes will be reported to the PMC meeting. Coherence and alignment to existing mechanisms will be achieved through a framework of engagement with the following key components:

#	Component	Description	Outcome
I.	Annual Meetings	Annual meeting to analyze projects and programmes in the region, identify regional and national needs and priorities, and collaborate on best practices and lessons learned.	Provide, on an annual basis, an event for development partners to engage and have an overview of their current and planned activities, as well as of countries’ priorities and needs. The meeting will also outline Pacific priorities [Objectives 1 and 3]
II.	Special Programme Focus Session on Weather Ready Pacific	This session will focus on the Weather Ready Pacific and aligns to the Governance of the Weather Ready Pacific	Provide a dedicated meeting for a development partners to discuss the Weather Ready Pacific and align any activities on end-to-end early warning systems seen to outside the WRP. The detail of this session will become clear when SPREP starts the implementation of the WRP. [Objectives 1, 2 and 3]
III.	Ad-Hoc Focus Groups Discussion	Discussions of specific topics such as Public Private Engagement, Socio-economic Benefits/Sustainability, Gender, etc.	Provide, as requested, an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss specific topics that represent common challenges, with the objective of sharing perceptions and lessons learned from their experiences. It can also have in-depth understanding of activities targeting potential areas for collaboration and opportunities for partnerships that align with their own development priorities and objectives. [Objective 3]
IV.	Data Analysis Dashboard	A tool that makes data and information on hydro-met projects and programmes available for all stakeholders.	Provide an interactive and constantly updated tool to share data and information on hydro-met and oceans related projects and programmes to enable informed decision-making for the allocation of resources. [Objectives 1, 2 and 3]

Governance

19. The proposed governance integrates the PMC’s aspirations as well as aligned with the Weather Ready Pacific. It also aligns with the SPREP and WMO The regional activities are undertaken by the

PMDP, in close collaboration with stakeholder's representatives working on the regional and national levels.

20. The PPCM implementation will be managed and facilitated by the PMDP as the Secretariat to the PMC

Sustainability

21. Sustainability concerns are at the core of the structure of the Pacific Partner Coordination Mechanism and rely on both the leadership of SPREP and WMO regional office and the strong commitment from donors and development partners.

22. Development partners are invited to contribute in various ways, including:

- a) **Technical support** with the secondment of specialized professionals or similar arrangements.
- b) **Information** sharing as a best practice that orients all actors, which should rely on PPCM for seeking and sharing data, knowledge, and lessons learned, fostering relevant discussions.
- c) **Financial support** to the PMDP (secretariat) and allow the initiative to provide value for stakeholders by issuing reports and analyses and participating in relevant forums and meetings.
- d) **Visibility** of the initiative in the face of national, regional, and international stakeholders aiming at strengthening PPCM and ensuring its credibility and legitimacy.

23. Whilst the PPCM will be a function under the PMDP; coordination and collaboration are also at the core of its structure and determinant for its sustainability.

Approach

24. At the beginning of 2023, the sixth PMC meeting (PMC-6) agenda and related events were proposed by SPREP, which planned for a one-day meeting on Development Partners and Donors Engagement meeting⁶. On 13 June 2023, WMO and SPREP had a first meeting to discuss the meetings and WMO's role in the mentioned one-day meeting. WMO provided suggestions to the Concept Note for the PMC-6⁷ and the Development Partners and Donors Engagement meeting⁸.

25. The meeting will be a unique opportunity to explore a framework for continuous and sustainable engagement and information sharing under PPCM. Having stakeholders in the room

⁶ Invitation to the Joint Meeting between National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO) and National Meteorological Services, Sixth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-6), the First Development Partners and Donors Engagement Meeting and the Third Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-3) (9-18 August 2023, Nadi, Fiji) ([Link](#)).

⁷ PMC-6 Draft Concept Paper ([Link](#))

⁸ Draft PMC-6 Donors Partner Roundtable ([Link](#))

discussing their views on coordination needs and being part of the initiative will provide the strong foundation needed for the continuity of activities.

26. The proposed agenda for the meeting can be guided by the following sessions depending if it is physical or virtual meeting:

Session 1: Welcoming Formalities

Session 2: Sustainable Regional Coordination.

Session 3: Strengthened Collaboration and Coordination

Session 4 : Inclusive Programmes

Session 5: Projects/Programmes and Donor Priorities.

27. The outcomes of the meeting will guide WMO and SPREP on the way forward for the initiative.

Donors and Development Partners List

#	Stakeholder	Engagement
01	Adaptation Fund	Donor
02	Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Development Partner
03	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Donor
04	Canadian Government - Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	Donor
05	Climate Risk & Early Warning Systems (CREWS)	Donor
06	European Union (EU)	Donor
07	Finish Meteorological Institute (FMI)	Development Partner
08	Finland Government - Finland Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Donor
09	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Development Partner
10	French Government - French Development Agency (AFD)	Donor
11	German Government - German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	Donor
12	Green Climate Fund (GCF)	Donor
13	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Donor
14	Government of Australia (GoA) - Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	Donor
15	International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)	Development Partner
16	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Development Partner
17	Japanese Government - Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Donor
18	Japanese Meteorological Agency (JMA)	Development Partner
19	Korea Meteorological Agency (KMA)	Development Partner
20	Korean Government	Donor
21	Meteorological Service of New Zealand (NZMet)	Donor and Development Partner

22	National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA)	Development Partner
23	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Donor and Development Partner
24	New Zealand Government - New Zealand Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT)	Donor
25	Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)	Development Partner
26	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	Development Partner
27	United Kingdom Government - Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCDO)	Donor
28	United Kingdom Meteorological Office (UKMO)	Development Partner
29	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Development Partner
30	United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)	Development Partner
31	United States of America Government – United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	Donor
32	World Food Programme (WFP)	Development Partner
33	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Development Partner
34	Government of Ireland	Donor

Expected Outcomes

28. The goal is to have Stakeholders agree on a framework of engagement that fulfills PPCM's expected objective and outcomes:

- Provide, on an annual basis, an event for Development Partners to engage and have an overview of their current and planned activities, as well as of countries' priorities and needs. [Objectives 1 and 3].
- Provide, as requested, a meeting for a Development Partner to present its current and planned activities to relevant stakeholders, providing an in-depth understanding of activities targeting potential areas for collaboration and opportunities for partnerships that align with their own development priorities and objectives. [Objectives 1, 2 and 3].
- Provide, as requested, an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss specific topics that represent common challenges, with the objective of sharing perceptions and lessons learned from their experiences. [Objective 3].
- Provide an interactive and constantly updated tool to share data and information on hydro-met projects and programme to enable informed decision-making for the allocation of resources. [Objectives 1, 2 and 3].

Annexes:

Consulted Documents		
#	Document	Link
01	Terms of Reference - For the Pacific Meteorological Council	Link
02	Circular Letter – Donor and Partner data and Information collection exercise on the different programmes and projects in the Pacific Region	Link
03	DRAFT Consultation Report Of Stakeholders to the PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Strategy and Implementation Plan consultation	Link
04	Draft PMC-6 Donors Partner Roundtable	Link
05	Fifth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-5) Working Papers - Agenda Item 21.0: PMC Donor and Partner Engagement Platform	Link
06	Fifth Session on the Pacific Meteorological Council (Apia, Samoa, 7-9 August 2019)	Link
07	Fourth Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-4) Final Report	Link
08	Invitation to the Joint Meeting between National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO) and National Meteorological Services, Sixth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-6), the First Development Partners and Donors Engagement Meeting and the Third Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-3) (9-18 August 2023, Nadi, Fiji)	Link
09	Meeting Minute (09 November 2022) Pacific Regional Development Partners Coordination Platform - WMO	Link
10	Meeting Minute (19 October 2022) Pacific Regional Development Partners Coordination Platform - WMO Team Discussion	Link
11	Meeting Minute (25 October 2022) Pacific Regional Development Partners Coordination Platform - WMO and SPREP	Link
12	Pacific Meteorologic Strategy 2017-2026 (PIMS) - Infographic	Link
13	Pacific Meteorologic Strategy 2017-2026 (PIMS)	Link
14	Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services 2017 – 2026	Link
15	Partnership between the Government of Australia and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme 2021-2023	Link
16	PMC-6 Draft Concept Paper	Link
17	Rules of procedure of the Pacific Meteorological Council meeting	Link
18	Weather Ready Pacific – A Decadal Program of Investment	Link
19	SPREP Strategy 2017-2026	Link
20	Climate Finance Effectiveness in the Pacific: Are we on the right track. Discussion Paper	Link
21	Pacific Aid Effectiveness Principles	Link

Consulted Websites		
#	Website	Link

01	Climate Funds Update	Link
02	Pacific Aid Map	Link
03	Pacific Climate Change Portal	Link
04	Pacific Data Hub	Link
05	Regional Pacific NDC Hub	Link
06	Pacific Resilience Partnership	

Glossary

ADB - Asian Development Bank

AFD - French Development Agency

APCM - Africa Partner Coordination Mechanism

BMZ - German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development

BoM - Australian Bureau of Meteorology

CCRP - Climate Change Resilience Programme

CREWS - Climate Risk & Early Warning Systems

DFAT - Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

ECCC - Environment and Climate Change Canada

EU - European Union

FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

FCDO - Foreign and Commonwealth Office

FMI - Finish Meteorological Institute

GCF - Green Climate Fund

GoA – Government of Australia

IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development

IFRC – International Committee of the Red Cross

JICA - Japanese Government - Japanese International Cooperation Agency

JMA - Japanese Meteorological Agency

KMA - Korea Meteorological Agency

NIWA - National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research

NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NZMet - Meteorological Service of New Zealand

PCCP - Pacific Climate Change Portal

PIMS - Pacific Islands Meteorologic Strategy

PMDP - Pacific Meteorology Desk Partnership

SPC - Secretariat of the Pacific Community

SPREP - Secretariat of the Pacific Region Environment Programme
SPREP - Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
UKMO - United Kingdom Meteorological Office
UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
UNEP - United Nations Environmental Programme
USAID - United States Agency for International Development
WFP - World Food Programme
WMO - World Meteorological Organization