

# Agenda Item 13.3: A review of second Pacific Island Climate Outlook Forum (PICOF-2) and plans for PICOF-3



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# Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting

14-18 August 2017. Honiara, Solomon Islands

## A Review of PICOF-2 and plans for PICOF-3 (and beyond)

- PICOF-2 review
- PICOF-3 planning
- Sustaining the PICOFs
- Recommendations



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## PICOF-2 review

- Held at Tanoa Hotel, Nadi, Fiji, 17-19 October 2016 (prior to a regional consultation workshop on the Roadmap)
- Had a Disaster Management focus
- Attended by around 80 representatives from regional organisations and science providers, NMHSs, NDMOs, other Fijian ministries and departments, and UN organisations
- Discussed NMHS products and services; NDMO needs; examples of good working relationships between NDMOs and NMHSs; and suggestions for improvements
- Produced a regional statement (PMC-4 WP13.3 Att1) and media release on the “Impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño and 2016/17 Climate and Tropical Cyclone Outlook for the Pacific Islands”



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## PICOF-3 planning

- To be held in Apia, Samoa, 27-29 September 2017 (following COSPPac and APCC CLIK Pacific training), hosted by Samoa Meteorological Service
- Will have a Health Sector focus
- Will invite a representative from the RA-V ASEANCOF to share their COF procedures and lessons learned
- First day will be a technical training day for NMHS staff only
- Days 2 and 3 will include country presentations from both the Health and NMHS representatives; discuss good current practices; ideas for projects (e.g. H-CLEWS); regional initiatives and national products and services
- Will produced a regional statement and media release
- Will survey participants on the structure, timing and usefulness of PICOFs



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## Sustaining the PICOFs

- The survey of participants at PICOF-3 will be used as a basis for recommending the continuation (or cessation) of PICOFs
- The current structure and overall purpose will be assessed
- The relationship with the PI RCC will be considered
- A PICS Panel report will be drafted and circulated to PMC in early 2018

## Funding

- The Finpac project and the Canada fund supported PICOF-1 (Suva, 2015)
- The Respac project and the Canada fund supported PICOF-2 (Nadi, 2016). Respac is also supporting PICOF-3 (Apia, 2017) and PICOF-4 (Agriculture sector focus, location tbd, 2018)
- Funding opportunities will continue to be sought to sustain the PICOFs, if there is a desire to maintain them



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# Recommendation

The Meeting is invited to:

- Note that PICOFs 1 and 2 have been very successful events;
- Further note that regular Regional COFs are highly recommended by WMO, should have a sector focus, and are one of the key functions of an RCC; and
- Endorse the continuation of PICOFs for 2017 and 2018 and the evaluation of the structure, timing and usefulness of PICOFs following a participant survey at PICOF-3.