Agenda 25: Pacific Climate Change Centre and its role in supporting meteorology in the Pacific

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Objective

- To inform the PMC of the progress made in the establishment of the PCCC
- And the opportunities for enhancing climate change services and science in the region.





Background Information

- 2012 SPREP Meeting endorsed the concept and application was made through Samoa to JICA for grant aid
- 2015 PALM meeting Pacific Leaders approved the PCCC
- PCCC will act as a Centre of Excellence for Pacific climate action, provide a focus for technical expertise, sharing of information and knowledge, collaborating on project design and implementation, and for capacity building in the region.

Side view of PCCC









Progress update

- SPREP convened a Steering Committee(SC) of Members and organisations to develop the functions, governance structure and consider funding for the PCCC
- SPREP Meeting in September 2017 will consider recommendations from the SC
- Physical construction of the PCCC will have ground breaking ceremony in early 2018 prior to PALM 8, commence in March 2018 and take up to 14 months, hand over April 2019.





Opportunities for PMC

- Working paper highlights proposed programs for PCCC, to concluded by SC
- PMC could be engaged in determining current and future needs for capacity building, applied science, support to project development
- PCCC will be a shared regional resource for the region
- Space for cooperation and joint work on met related priorities





Rear view of PCCC









Linkages

- PCCC could play a role as a physical node for WMO RCC, in terms of training or research
- PMC Panels could use for physical meetings, as well as coordinating teleconferences





Recommendation 1

The Meeting is invited to:

- Note the progress made in the establishment of the PCCC;
- Note the support of the Government of Japan and Government of Samoa for the PCCC to be established at SPREP;
- Welcome the renewed focus that SPREP has placed on climate change science, especially underpinning meteorology and climate services;





Recommendation 2

- Request SPREP to maintain in the PCCC future programs an emphasis on climate change, meteorology, climate services, and disaster risk reduction, as well as supporting and coordinating efforts on meteorology, climate services, climate change, and integrating disaster risk reduction in development planning processes; and
- Endorse the PCCC as a shared regional resource and a Centre of Excellence for Pacific climate change action and climate services.



