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AGENDA ITEM 4: Action taken on decisions made by the 24th SPREP Meeting

Purpose

1. To report on action taken on the decisions of the 24th SPREP Meeting, and on action taken on suggestions made by individual Members during the Meeting.

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6.1 Strengthening Regional Linkages	59	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the developments in relation to the placement of technical officers in FSM and RMI, and the respective host agreements to be finalised with the two Member governments; ➤ directed the Secretariat to continue strengthening its partnership mechanisms with the MSG to enhance coordination and delivery of services; and ➤ directed the Secretariat to review the effectiveness of the Desk Officers arrangement, including a cost benefit analysis for consideration by the 2014 SPREP Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A technical officer (Mariana Phillip) was appointed in RMI in February 2014. The FSM appointment is currently in process and should be finalised shortly; ➤ The host country agreement with RMI was finalised in July 2014; ➤ SPREP signed an MoU with MSG in December 2013 and positive and effective co-operation has commenced; ➤ Due to the recent appointments of technical officers in 2014 the Secretariat has requested that the review of the effectiveness of the arrangement, including a cost benefit analysis, be deferred to the 2015 SPREP Meeting. ➤ Please refer to Agenda item 6.1 for further information on action on this matter
6.2 Accessing Multilateral Financing - Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Adaptation Fund (AF) Accreditation	70	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the progress made on the Adaptation Fund and GEF Accreditations and encouraged the work to be continued as soon as possible; ➤ encouraged Members of SPREP, who are also Members of the GEF and the AF, to strongly support the accreditation application of SPREP to these agencies to become a GEF Project Agency and noting that in regards to GEF this requires a second 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SPREP has been accredited as a Regional Implementing Entity, under the UNFCCC Adaptation Board. This means that SPREP is now one of only three RIES's in the world, with the other two located in Africa. This is a significant achievement which will benefit SPREP members and is a strong indication and validation of the strength of the governance processes and procedures at SPREP. ➤ The MSP project document has undergone UNDP's local project

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		<p>accreditation phase;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ encouraged interested donors and partners to consider supporting the Accreditation process at SPREP, through financing and secondments; and ➤ noted Australia's reservation on the second recommendation. 	<p>appraisal check and submitted to UNDP. GEF informed UNDP and SPREP in July that this project will now not be part of GEF 5 but will part of the GEF 6 Cycle. We are waiting on further advice from GEF on the GEF 6 project submission process. SPREP will continue to work with UNDP to finalise documents for submission to GEF for the CEO endorsement as soon as possible. SPREP will receive USD 900,000 to implement capacity building activities while UNDP receives approximately USD 100,000 as its GEF Project Agency fee. The total budget is USD 1million.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please refer to Agenda item 6.2 for further information on actions on these matters
6.4 Review of SPREP, including review of the SPREP Strategic Plan	92	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ approved the implementation of the combined 2nd Independent Corporate Review of SPREP and the mid-term review of the SPREP 2011 - 2015 Strategic Plan in 2014; ➤ approved the amended proposed scope of the reviews (Annex VII); ➤ directed the Secretariat to ensure the reviews are considered by the 2014 SPREP Meeting; and ➤ agreed that the budget of USD200,000 for the review be sourced from the core budget, given that these activities are core business of SPREP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The review reports for the Independent Corporate Review and the Mid-term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan have been completed by the consultants, following extensive consultation with SPREP Members, partners and other stakeholders; ➤ The review reports are presented to the 2014 SPREP Meeting for consideration by members. ➤ Please refer to Agenda item 6.3 for further information on action on these matters
6.5 Audit Committee Report	101	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the activities performed by the Audit Committee during the 2012-2013 period; and ➤ requested the Internal Audit Committee to consider appointing additional independent members that are in a position to be involved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Audit Committee met a number of times during 2013 and 2014. The last meeting of this Committee involved a number of additional Members (representatives from New Caledonia, RMI and Nauru) ➤ Please refer to Agenda item 6.4 for further information on action on these matters
6.7 Proposal: Pacific Climate Change Centre	124	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the progress made on the application to the Government of Japan; ➤ requested the Secretariat to provide further information relating to ongoing operational and maintenance costs of the centre, once advice is received from the Government of Japan; and ➤ noted Australia's reservation on this recommendation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A request for a JICA Expert has been made to help facilitate the development of the PCCC; ➤ As the project is still at the initial phase, information relating to ongoing operational and maintenance costs of the PCCC will be provided to the next SPREP Meeting. This will be a key role of the JICA Expert.

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7.2 Increase in Membership Contributions	165	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ agreed to set up a Working Group to look at the issue of membership contributions and to consider innovative options including potential incremental increases in membership contributions over a number of years; ➤ directed the Working Group to produce a recommendation by March 2014; and ➤ welcomed any contributions that Members choose to make in addition to their annual membership contribution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Working Group on Membership Contributions met in July 2014; ➤ The Working Group have prepared recommendations for the 2014 SPREP Meeting to consider. ➤ Please refer to Agenda item 7.1 for further information on action on these matters
9.2.3 Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) and Regional Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Platform Joint 2013 (Roadmap)	250	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the outcomes of the Joint Meeting; ➤ endorsed SPREP's role in progressing the joint meeting outcomes; ➤ invited SPREP Members and Partners to discuss and support SPREP's role in the roadmap process; ➤ invited members of SPREP to take into account this decision in the SPREP budgeting process for the coming years; ➤ requested the Secretariat to seek funding for the Roadmap process and report back to the 2014 SPREP meeting; and ➤ noted Australia's reservation on recommendations 3, 4 and 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SPREP has been leading and/or supporting the work of each of the PCCR five Working Groups and have utilized these in developing papers, seeking information and disseminating new documents; ➤ The roadmap process has progressed well and SPREP has been actively engaged in its development. A separate paper has been submitted to the 2014 SPREP Meeting for consideration; ➤ SPREP has sought funding for the roadmap process and was able to reach agreement with Australia on utilizing unallocated resources in the ICCAI budget for this purpose. ➤ Please refer to Agenda item 10.2.4 for further information on action on these matters
9.4.4 Facilitating Resilient Development in the Pacific: Strengthening Capacity in the Use of Cost-Benefit Analysis (P-CBA Initiative)	325	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ endorsed the proposed P-CBA Initiative; and ➤ requested that Pacific Members submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) letter to the P-CBA Working Group through their national SPREP focal points, who together with the Ministries of Finance will be the lead co-ordinating agency for this initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The P-CBA Initiative is being implemented collaboratively by SPREP, SPC, PIFS, USP, UNDP GIZ, USAID and ADB - building on the materials developed and lessons learned from the PACC CBA Work Program. ➤ 7 PICs are participating in the P-CBA Initiative and are being supported through existing regional projects such as the PPCR. Participating countries are FSM, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. ➤ CBA is being promoted by SPREP in the development of new projects and the tools and guidance developed has been widely utilized. ➤ more information on the P-CBA can be found at http://undp-alm.org/projects/ecca-pacific.