

Actions of the Secretariat following up Member decisions and recommendations from the Twenty Sixth (2015) SPREP Meeting of Officials

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6.1 Strengthening Regional Linkages Update	54	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the progress of the Desk Officers in Republic of Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia; ➤ noted the establishment of the project based staff in Solomon Islands, Fiji and Vanuatu; ➤ directed the Secretariat to follow-up with Federated States of Micronesia on the finalisation of the host country agreement; ➤ deferred the undertaking of a cost benefit analysis of the Desk Officers arrangement until no later than 2017. ➤ directed the Secretariat to explore opportunities for alternative funding including operational funds for regional Desk Officers in Pacific island Member countries and territories. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Host Country Agreement with Fiji was signed on 13 June 2016. The SPREP Fiji office was opened in an official ceremony on 26 July 2016. 2. PEBACC project staff have been appointed and placed in Fiji, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. 3. The Desk Officer in RMI resigned and the Secretariat is in process of recruiting a replacement. 4. The desk officer for FSM is in place, however the HCA with FSM is yet to be finalised.
6.2 Accessing Multilateral Financing – Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Adaptation Fund (AF) Accreditation	67	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ provided feedback on SPREP's approach to GCF and AF implementation; ➤ requested further clarification from the Secretariat on SPREP's roles as an Executing Agency and Implementing Entity; ➤ directed the Secretariat to develop, in consultation with National Designated Authorities and other accredited agencies and CROPs, a schedule for assistance to countries to get accreditation as a National Implementing Entity; ➤ directed the Secretariat to assist Members who do not have access to the Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund and other support mechanisms, to benefit from other existing climate funds; and ➤ invited other development partners to contribute to the Rapid Response Fund so as to enable coverage of non-ADB SPREP Members. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPREPs approach to GCF and AF implementation has been advanced through the development of a range of policy and procedural guidance documents, including through a 'Guidance Note on Implementing and Executing Functions' and the "Pacific Guide to project proposal preparation for the Kyoto Protocol Adaptation Fund". 2. SPREP has engaged with NDAs on a range of fronts and is progressing a range of capacity development and project initiatives, in coordination with other Partners. 3. SPREP has also participated in several GCF-organised events, and presented on Pacific issues and concerns at side events at UNFCCC meetings 4. SPREP has continued to promote the RTSM and RRF to other development partners including at various international meetings. 5. SPREP has prepared a guidance note on the Implementing and Executing Functions which include the definitions of functions, specific roles, organizational setup, and the differentiated roles within SPREP's project cycle., 6. SPREP can perform either dual or singular role(s) of executing and implementing for the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund under its accredited

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			<p>status. It can only perform as an Executing Agency to the GEF until accreditation is possible in the future where it can then perform Implementing Agency function.</p> <p>7. Under the GEF Medium Size Project to strengthen SPREP's capacity to meet the GEF accredited standards, SPREP will receive guidance on how to establish necessary firewall to segregate the two functions.</p>
6.3 Pacific Climate Change Centre Update	82	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the progress made with the development of the Pacific Climate Change Centre and envisaged strengthened services from SPREP to its Pacific Member countries; ➤ noted with appreciation the support from the Governments of Japan and Samoa; ➤ directed the Secretariat to report to the next SPREP Meeting on the status of the implementation of the PCCC ➤ directed the Secretariat to disseminate the business plan to Members. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government of Samoa and Government of Japan signed on 29 July 2016 the Exchange of Notes for the Pacific Climate Change Centre to be established at SPREP through Grant Aid. 2. The PCCC will be tendered for construction in June 2017 with completion in 2018. 3. Refer to Agenda Item 6.3 for more information.
6.6 Development of the Next SPREP Strategic Plan	98	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted that a current and up-to-date Strategic Plan is essential in providing a framework for delivery of SPREPs mandate and the Secretariat's operations in support of its Members; ➤ acknowledged ongoing pressures on the Secretariat's core budget and that the development of a new Strategic Plan may come at a cost, including to the core budget, staff time and resources; ➤ requested the Secretariat to develop a new Strategic Plan, to be endorsed at the 2016 SPREP Meeting, with a view to commence in 2017; ➤ requested that, the development of the Plan be led by the Secretariat with an operating budget of no more than USD 150,000 (excluding staff costs), to support the process; ➤ requested that in undertaking the development of the Plan, the Secretariat takes into account the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, the SDGs, the SAMOA Pathway, and other relevant strategies and frameworks, and the recommendations of the 2014 mid-term review of the Strategic Plan and the independent corporate review; ➤ requested the Secretariat to explore resourcing opportunities such as the Regional Advisory 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As noted in Circular 15/67 (27 November 2015) and Circular 16/02 (6 January 2016) the Secretariat has led the development of the new draft strategic plan and performance implementation plan through an internal Taskforce with the support of the Friends of the Chair and the SPREP Troika. 2. The Secretariat through open tender contracted consultants Change Factory to support the development of the plan to the value not exceeding USD \$60,000. 3. The Secretariat received Regional Advisory Services from consultant Ms. Annabel Brown, funded by DFAT. 4. The Secretariat has developed the draft strategic plan and structure of the performance implementation plan through: an online survey with members and partners; consultations through the regional workshop held on 18 and 19 July 2016; and several meetings with the Troika and Friends of the Chair, as well as via Circular 16/47 seeking input on the revised draft for presentation to the SPREP Meeting. 5. The Secretariat has included in the development of the plan the Framework

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		<p>Service, and other potential sources, to support development of the Plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ requested that through the process, the Secretariat, in consultation with Members, will explore the strategic and operational benefits of setting the longevity of the Plan at different timeframes; ➤ requested that the new plan be outcomes focused, in keeping with recommendations from the 2014 ICR and MTR; ➤ requested that the Secretariat ensures the Strategic Plan provides the basis for development of other Secretariat planning documents, including the business plan and annual work programmes, as well as a more robust outcomes orientated monitoring and reporting framework for SPREP; ➤ requested that the Secretariat maximises opportunities for consultation with Members within the proposed budget including by utilising other regional, sub-regional and national consultation processes and other platforms, including information technologies; ➤ requested that the Secretariat updates Members with further details on the proposed approach, when internal arrangements are finalised, via a Circular by the end of the year, with Members to provide timely feedback on the proposed approach; and ➤ requested that the Secretariat submit a final report to the 27SM, on the implementation of the current Strategic Plan, as described in paragraph four of the SM Agenda Paper, and notes that development of this final report should be incorporated and help inform development of the new strategic plan where possible. 	<p>for Pacific Regionalism, the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway and the recommendations of the 2014 mid-term review of the Strategic Plan and the independent corporate review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. In line with the SPREP Meeting decision of 2015 to consider the recommendations from the 2014 ICR and MTR; and based on the feedback from members, the new draft strategic plan focuses on high level outcomes 7. Based on the feedback from members the Secretariat has set the duration of the new draft strategic plan to ten years with a 5-year mid-term review, and the performance implementation plan for two years. 8. The Secretariat presents the draft strategic plan and performance implementation plan in Agenda Item 6.7 for the consideration of members. 9. The development of new policies, tools and procedures to perform accredited roles under the GEF Medium Size Project is one sub-component of the new Strategic Plan (SP). Institutional reforms driven by the MSP are linked closely to the development process of the new SP.
6.12 Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Climate Change and Disaster risk Management	154	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the verbal report on progress with the SRDP, including the outcomes of the 2015 Pacific Islands Forum; ➤ noted the extension for 12 months of the PIFACC; ➤ tasked the Secretariat to work with the SRDP Steering Committee and Technical Working Group to address concerns raised by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders in consultation with SPREP Members; ➤ noted the concerns expressed by several Members about the draft FRDP; ➤ recommended that the draft FRDP be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The consultation and revision of the draft FRDP during 2016 was as follows: <p>26th April: Programme for finalisation and an updated draft was circulated PICTs (SPREP focal points, SPC, FOC, PMC, PCCR, NGO and Private Sectors, and Donors).</p> <p>April – July: Consultation and work with countries submitting input.</p> <p>1 June: Submission of updated FRDP outlining its development to the <i>Specialist Sub Committee for Regionalism</i>.</p> <p>13 – 16 June: <i>Specialist Sub Committee on Regionalism</i> to consider the FRDP.</p>

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		<p>reviewed by relevant agencies, in cooperation with Members, to ensure that climate change and issues of relevance to Members are appropriately included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ recommended that the mandates given to SPREP under PIFACC on climate change be retained under the FRDP and further requests that the mandates of other regional inter-governmental agencies relating to the FRDP are clearly spelled out in the FRDP; ➤ recommended that the CROP CEOs decision made in February 2015 to locate the FRDP Support Unit in PIFS be set aside and revisited in consultation with Members timed to be in line with the decision to extend the PIFACC and RFA made by Leaders at the 2015 Pacific Islands Forum; and ➤ requested the Secretariat to circulate the agreed process for FRDP finalisation, when available to all Members; and submit a final draft of the FRDP to the 2016 SPREP Meeting. 	<p>8- 9 August: <i>Forum Officials Committee</i> to consider the FRDP.</p> <p>7- 11 September: The FRDP will be submitted to the <i>Pacific Forum Leaders</i> for endorsement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Climate Change Mandates were not included in the Draft. It will be published separately. ➤ FRDP Support Unit was not included in the Draft. It will be decided by the countries during the first meeting of the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP). If the FRDP is endorsed by the leaders PRP first meeting could be in 2017. ➤ Refer paper 6.10 for more information.
7.3 Update on the SPREP Business Plan	191	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ approved the continuation of the interim Business Plan until development of the next Strategic Plan; and ➤ requested the Secretariat to develop a new Business Plan in conjunction with the new Strategic Plan in 2016. 	<p>1. The Secretariat has developed in conjunction with the new strategic plan the draft performance implementation plan which replaces the interim business plan and is presented in Agenda Item 6.7.</p>
8.1 CROP Triennial Review of Staff Terms and Conditions	196	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted that the final draft of the joint CROP Triennial Review of Staff Terms and Conditions had not been received at the time of preparing this report; ➤ noted that the Secretariat will carry out a full analysis and evaluation of the relevancy and value of continued participation and involvement in the CROP approach to harmonisation of staff terms and conditions, in consultation with Members; and ➤ noted that the Secretariat will provide a report to the 2016 SPREP Meeting of this evaluation as well as suggested ways forward for addressing recommendations of the 2015 CROP Triennial Review Report. 	To be addressed under WP 8.2
8.2 Annual Market Data	198	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ noted the challenges in implementing the Annual Market data Review in SPREP and in other participating CROP Agencies ➤ noted that the Secretariat will carry out a full 	To be addressed under WP 8.2

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		<p>analysis and evaluation of the relevancy and value of continued participation and involvement in the CROP approach to annual market data review, in consultation with Members;</p> <p>➤ noted that the Secretariat will provide a report to the 2016 SPREP Meeting of this evaluation as well as suggested ways forward for addressing future market data reviews.</p>	
10.1.4 Biodiversity Related Multilateral Environmental Agreements	254	<p>The Meeting:</p> <p>➤ noted that the Secretariat plays an important regional role in leveraging the implementation and effectiveness of MEAs, and achieved a number of particular advances in 2014 to improve collaborations between Members and the relevant MEAs;</p> <p>➤ agreed that the Secretariat should continue to collaborate closely with the main biodiversity related MEAs and ensure information sharing; and should offer to host Regional Officers to support such collaborations, with such arrangements to be negotiated on a case by case basis;</p> <p>➤ endorsed the inclusion of realistic and achievable MEA targets in the new Strategic Plan; and</p> <p>➤ requested that the Secretariat develop a single reporting template for key biodiversity MEAs to streamline the reporting processes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPREP in collaborations with the CBD and the CITES Secretariats successfully convened another joint preparatory meeting for the Oceania region for CBD COP13 and CITES CoP17. The meeting was held from the 15th – 19th August, 2016 at the SPREP Campus. Overall meeting outcomes will be discussed under Item 9.1 2. The new SPREP Strategic Plan has incorporated objectives that are aligned to key Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Detailed targets and indicators will be developed when the Implementation Plan is formulated once the new Strategic Plan is approved. 3. The Secretariat is taking note of discussions of the Liaison Biodiversity Group of biodiversity related conventions on options for harmonized reporting including the use common data sources, indicators and other relevant information. The Secretariat is also awaiting approval of a GEF funded project on "Building national and regional capacities to implement MEAs" which would include support to streamline reporting to MEAs.
10.3.3 Marine Litter Observer Data (GEN-6: Marine Pollution Originating from Purse Seine Fishing Vessel Operations in the Western and Central Pacific Region, 2004-2014)	324	<p>The Meeting:</p> <p>➤ noted the progress on the analysis and summary of the SPC/FFA Regional Observer Pollution Report (Gen-6) data;</p> <p>➤ endorsed the recommendations provided by the report, including the planned implementation of work on this subject; and</p> <p>➤ directed the Secretariat to seek the cooperation of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Group (PNA) and other relevant agencies, in informing the distant</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In November 2015 the Secretariat presented to the Heads of the Pacific Transport Officials Meeting in Fiji. The Pacific Transport Officials "endorsed and agreed to actively implement the recommendations in the Marine Pollution from Fishing Vessels GEN6 Report and coordinate with Regional Fisheries Management Organisations in the region to address pollution violations". 2. In December 2015 the Secretariat presented the issue to the meeting of the

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		<p>water fishing nations of this issue and seeking effective remedial action.</p>	<p>Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, at a sponsored side event and as a consequence, the delegation of the Republic of the Marshall Islands called on the Commission to take action to address the issue of marine debris generated by fishing vessels in the region.</p> <p>3. In March 2016 the Secretariat presented the issue to the Asia Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies Forum in New Zealand. The APHoMSA forum “endorsed and agreed to actively implement the recommendations in the Marine Pollution from Fishing Vessels GEN6 Report and coordinate with Regional Fisheries Management Organisations in the region to address pollution violations”.</p> <p>4. In April 2016 the Secretariat was also represented at an Expert Consultation convened by FAO in Rome, to make recommendations on the Marking of Fishing Gear. FAO senior officials paid particular attention in the final report to the requirement that fishing vessels should abide by the provisions of the MARPOL Convention, which prohibits the discharge at sea of plastics and other non-degradable materials. The Secretariat drew to the attention of the Expert Group the potential for Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs), of which it is estimated more than 100,000 are currently drifting in the area covered by the Noumea Convention, to entangle marine megafauna such as sharks, turtles and whales.</p>
<p>10.4.1 Role of SPREP in Implementation of SAMOA Pathway and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</p>	335	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ endorsed SPREP’s defined role in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs; ➤ noted these areas will be proposed for integration within SPREP’s new Strategic Plan; and ➤ endorsed SPREP’s work with UNEP and other partners to fully address the identified gaps in green economy and sustainable consumption and production. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Secretariat continued to play an active role in the CROP Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) chaired by the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS). 2. Strategizing for the regional response to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development/SDGs and SAMOA Pathway, is being undertaken by the SDG Taskforce of which SPREP is a member. A draft Roadmap for the Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting on the SDGs in the Pacific is being finalised for Leaders’ consideration in 2016. 3. The Secretariat through UNEP funding is

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			planning a green growth/economy and sustainable consumption and production workshop for selected PICs.
10.4.4 Deep Sea Mining (DSM) – the role of SPREP	366	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ considered and endorsed the role of the SPREP Secretariat in assisting Members with DSM environmental issues; ➤ directed the Secretariat to establish partnerships and seek additional resources to fulfill this role; ➤ directed SPREP, working in close cooperation with SPC, the lead agency for DSM, to conduct further research into DSM and develop scenarios for potential environmental impacts and convey this to members, within available resources; ➤ encouraged donors and partners to support SPREP's work on DSM environmental issues; and ➤ noted the guidance contained in Attachment 1 in the Working Paper. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A strong partnership has continued with the SPC-EU DSM Project. The Secretariat has provided input into the Regional Environmental Management Framework for Deep Sea Minerals Exploration and Exploitation, and the Guidelines for Deep Sea Minerals Scientific Research. The Secretariat was invited by SPC to deliver presentations on EIA, SEA and Risk Assessment, and Environmental Best Practice and the Precautionary Approach, at the DSM Regional Environment Workshop held in Fiji, October 2016. 2. An analysis was undertaken of actions required to strengthen the EIA process in Pacific island countries, for effective management of DSM. This resulted in the production of a paper for the Marine Policy journal, in partnership with SPC. 3. DSM issues have been addressed as part of SPREP input into ABNJ/BBNJ Preparatory Committee discussions. 4. SPREP is seeking observer status on the International Seabed Authority.
