



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Twentieth SPREP Meeting

Apia, Samoa
17 – 20 November 2009



**Agenda Item 4: Action Taken on Decisions Made by
Nineteenth SPREP Meeting**

Purpose of Paper

- To report on action taken on the decisions of the 19th SPREP Meeting as outlined below.

Agenda Topic	Report Paragraph Number	Matters Arising	Action Taken / Required
<p>Agenda Item: 5: Corporate Issues</p> <p>5.1: Presentation of Annual Report for 2007 and Director's Overview of Progress since the 18th SPREP Meeting</p>	18	<p>The Representative of France thanked the Director for his presentation and asked the Secretariat to provide further details on the linkages between the GEF PAS and the regional adaptation to climate change project. He stated that last year, in Apia, the GEF Chairperson, his fellow French citizen Monique Barbut, introduced the GEF PAS as a GEF action framework for the Pacific. He asked whether the regional adaptation to climate change project was an outcome of the GEF PAS.</p>	<p>The GEF-PAS announced by the GEF CEO/Chairperson is an umbrella programme for the Pacific region that includes country and multi-country projects in: Biodiversity; Climate Change Adaptation; Climate Change Mitigation; International Waters; and POPs. The PACC is included as one of the Climate Change Adaptation projects, although development of the project concept and document started before the GEF-PAS itself was announced. An Information Paper for 20SM provides background information on GEF-PAS developments.</p>
	29	<p>The Representative of the Solomon Islands thanked the Secretariat for its support of marine resource initiatives, but was concerned that the level of terrestrial resource management assistance has been minimal in much of the region. He urged SPREP to increase its community-based activities, and to ensure participation by local NGOs. He requested additional information from the Secretariat on the PACC project and called on the Secretariat to increase its adaptation-related activities in general. He thanked the Secretariat for its assistance in several areas, including preparing a draft national waste management strategy. In this regard, he stated that his country would endeavour to approve and implement the strategy in the near future.</p>	<p>PACC has been approved by the GEF in October 08 and very recently the Regional Project Manager for the PACC project was recruited. Implementation of the PACC is now in progress.</p> <p>SPREP is already liaising with donors on possible adaptation projects similar to PACC. In March, country representatives, SPREP and other CROP agencies were at a consultation meeting in Brisbane to deliberate on the Integrated Climate Change Adaptation Initiative of AusAID.</p>

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	31	<p>The Representative of Samoa requested an update on PACC funding, and expressed his disappointment that the report failed to detail how it the Secretariat proposed to increase its support for Member access to resources of the GEF PAS project.</p>	<p>SPREP had issued Circulars to GEF Focal Points offering the services of the GEFSAs and other relevant Programme Officers in identifying and developing country concepts for inclusion in GEF-PAS country and multi-country projects – this assistance continues to a number of countries including working closely with the GEF Secretariat, IAs and international NGOs. An Information Paper for 20SM provides background information on developments relating to the GEF-PAS.</p> <p>PACC has been approved by the GEF in October 08 and funding is now available for implementation to commence. The recruitment of the Regional Project Manager for PACC, was recently completed an a regional inception workshop will be held at the end of June at SPREP HQ.</p>
<p>Item 6: Corporate Issues</p> <p>6.1: Report of the Independent Corporate Review</p>	118	<p>The Meeting issued several directives to the Secretariat on the various ICR recommendations, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directed the Secretariat to develop a detailed implementation plan responding to ICR recommendations and provide this together with a report on progress for consideration of Members intersessionally after six months and annually to the SPREP Meeting, noting, in particular, that the Secretariat consult with Members as required to address recommendations 59, 60 and 61. 	<p>The first Implementation Plan Report, Sept 2008 – Feb 2009 was sent to members per circular no. 9/14 on 6th March 2009, and refer to Working Paper 6.1.</p> <p>~</p> <p>A second progress report was circulated to Members in June 2009.</p>

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6.2: Options of following up and Collecting Unpaid Membership Contributions	136	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraged the Secretariat to work individually with affected members on agreeing to schedule their payments of their unpaid member contributions over a feasible time period • requested the Secretariat to provide an update to the next SPREP Meeting of those members with unpaid contributions as well as practical options for the Council to consider in its handling of the issue. 	<p>Several reminders were sent out periodically to all members including a plan for rescheduling of payments. No response has been received from Members.</p> <p>Please refer to Working Paper WP.7.2 where details of unpaid members' contributions are reported.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8: Member Issues</p> <p>8.1: Streamlined Reporting by Pacific Island Countries to Multilateral Environmental Agreements</p>	202	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed, pending formal consultation with the MEA Secretariats and with their support, to commence implementation of the consolidated reporting template by self-governing PICs in 2009 	<p>The Secretariats of the five leading biodiversity MEAs have been consulted. The Secretariat of the CBD has supported the consolidated reporting idea, CMS, CITES and WHC have reservations and a response is pending from the Ramsar Secretariat. The idea was also introduced to other self-governing PICs. It is recommended for PICs who are parties of the concerned MEAs to consider negotiating support of the idea in the respective MEA COPs.</p>
8.5: Meteorology and Climatology support by SPREP	239	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requested the Secretariat to prepare a paper for consideration by the next SPREP Annual Meeting proposing a transition in function and design toward the development of a Pacific Meteorology Committee. 	<p>PI-GCOS has established a working group for the development of background on the role of such a Pacific Meteorology Committee by arrangement of a meeting with Caribbean counterparts on their development of the Caribbean Meteorological Organization and Council and will provide a working paper to the SM20 providing this background and a proposed initial process for further development and delivery of more information and recommendations for SM21 in 2010.</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 9: 2009 Work Programme and Budget</p> <p>9.1: Island Ecosystems Programme Issues</p> <p><i>9.1.2: PILN Pilot Phase Review Report</i></p>	247	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requested the Secretariat to institutionalise the PILN Coordinator function, subject to available funding; • encouraged the Secretariat to develop capacity building activities in other areas based on the lessons learnt from the PILN model; and • invited the Secretariat and SPC to strengthen their collaboration on invasive species issues, particularly in relation to the coordination of relevant initiatives such as PILN and the Pacific Invasive Initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PILN position has been advertised – but lack of funding means that the position remains unfilled. • Secretariat has agreed to advertise a full-time Coordinator position and has been seeking funding to permit it to do so. • Secretariat has led the reactivation of the Nature Conservation Roundtable’s Invasive Species Working Group, which acts as the forum for coordination of regional programmes on invasive species, including those of CRP agencies, NGOs and others.
<p>9.2.5: <i>Regional Meteorological Services Directors (RMSD)</i></p>	273	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directed the Secretariat to immediately commence planning for this urgent review, and as a first step bring together representatives of interested members to provide policy oversight including the development of terms of reference for the review. 	<p>SPREP began preparations for the development of a TOR in 2008 for the review and engaged stakeholders in the process for the undertaking of the Review. SPREP’s key partners are AusAID and NZAID who have worked closely with the Secretariat to develop this work. Please refer to Working Paper 9.2.5.</p>
<p>9.3: Consideration and Approval of the Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2009 and Indicative Budgets for 2010 and 2011)</p>	364	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deferred consideration of professional staff salary increases to the 20th SPREP Meeting. 	<p>This matter has been referred to the Special SPREP Meeting in July 2009 for consideration given the implications of the RIF review.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10: Institutional Matters</p> <p>10.3: Regional Institutional Framework (RIF) Review</p>	415	<p>The Meeting issued several directives to the Secretariat on the various ICR recommendations, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed that the SPREP Meeting meet to consider the institutional arrangements and implementation plan recommended by three CEOs before the next Pacific Islands Forum Leaders’ meeting in 2009; 	<p>A Special SPREP Meeting is scheduled in July 2009 for this purpose.</p>