

Concept Note

PCCR – 12-14 May 2015, Apia, Samoa

The Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) is the key biennial meeting on climate change in the Pacific hosted by SPREP in partnership with regional inter-governmental organisations, UN agencies, donors, civil society and NGOs and Governments of the Pacific. The PCCR is an open-ended multi-stakeholder and multi-disciplinary networking forum of the climate change community to enable sharing of ideas and experiences within the context of the 2006-2015 Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC). The PIFACC is the regional climate change policy endorsed by the Pacific Leaders in 2005. The Framework's vision is "Pacific island people, their livelihoods and the environment are resilient to the risks and impacts of climate change".

PIFACC as a regional climate change policy framework was intended to guide and promote links with, but in no way supersedes, more specific regional and national instruments and plans across specific sectors that link to weather, climate change and variability including: water, agriculture, energy, forestry and land use, health, coastal zone management, marine ecosystems, ocean management, tourism, and transport.

The 2015 Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) will provide participants with the opportunity to not only strengthen partnership and collaborations but also share 'lessons learnt' after 10 years of PIFACC implementation. The 2015 PCCR is also very crucial as it will facilitate discussions on the new Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP). This single strategy will succeed to the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) and the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action (RFA), in 2016, and it will encompass all climate change and disaster issues, within the context of sustainable and resilient development. The 2015 PCCR will reflect on how the PCCR and its working groups will transition into the new Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP), from 2016 onwards.

The PCCR is coordinated by a steering committee with members from the following countries and agencies: Samoa (host country), Fiji (2013 chair of PCCR) and RMI (current SPREP chair), SPREP, PIFS, SPC, USP, UNDP, Australia Development Programme and the Council of Churches.

OBJECTIVES

The 2015 PCCR has two objectives:

- (1) to share lessons learnt in the context of PIFACC implementation and to facilitate discussions on enhancing integrated climate change and disaster risk management policies, programmes, projects and actions in the Pacific Region; and
- (2) to facilitate discussions and promote awareness and understanding of the new Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) and its Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) as well as PCCRs transition to this new arrangement.

The sharing of lessons learnt will be facilitated within the context of the PIFACC six themes:

- Implementing tangible, on-the-ground adaptation measures
- Governance and decision making
- Improving understanding of climate change
- Education, training and awareness
- Mitigation of global greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Partnerships and cooperation.

DESIRED OUTCOMES OF THE ROUNDTABLE

1. Sharing of lessons learned from the past ten years of PIFACC, thus a greater sense of awareness of both regional and national climate change activities.
2. Awareness of processes and tools used in successful adaptation and mitigation projects and how to be replicated (entry points).
3. Clear understating of the new Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) and its Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP).
4. Clear understanding of how PCCR and or its Working Groups transition to the SRDP Pacific Resilience Partnership.
5. Awareness and understanding of new initiatives and opportunities to build capacity and to access climate change finances and other resources.

Additionally, the PCCR will continue to feed in to the various regional processes for climate change and development in the region and globally, in particular the 2015 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting, respective organisations annual meetings such as the 26th SPREP Annual Meeting and the Executive Sub- Committee on climate change and disaster risk, Implementation of the Samoa Pathway, the post 2015 development agenda and the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.

ROUNDTABLE STRUCTURE

The Roundtable will be a mix of plenary sessions and PCCR working groups as follows:

- Mainstreaming and Adaptation
- Information and knowledge management
- Mitigation
- Resource Mobilisation, and

- Loss and Damage

The PCCR working groups above will also cover the following cross cutting areas:

- Capacity building
- Climate change information management
- Accessing climate change finance.

PACIFIC PREPARATION TO PARIS

The roundtable will be followed by a one day closed meeting for Pacific Island Countries as part of their preparation for the various UNFCCC working groups leading up to Paris and to Paris itself.

There is a separate programme available.