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## **PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ROUNDTABLE**

*International Conference Centre*  
*Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands*  
**19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009**

### ***DRAFT AGENDA***

(Version two: 26/08/09)

## **INTRODUCTION**

Pacific Island Forum Leaders endorsed the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) 2005 – 2015 as the major policy guidance document for the region on climate change. An Action Plan was developed by SPREP in consultation with members and stakeholders of which a key element to the Action Plan is its use of a regional roundtable on climate change as the main modality for consensus building and decision-making. This Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) is intended to be a multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary and participatory body, supported by SPREP, and incorporating Government representatives of Pacific Island Countries and Territories; other Government representatives; regional and international development agencies and partners; NGOs; academia; researchers; and other stakeholders as its main audience.

The PCCR seeks to bring together several different sets of stakeholders, such as technical staff and policy makers from national and regional institutions; technical staff and policy makers from regional offices of international organizations and; key experts from the region involved in scientific and policy research on

sustainable development issues. The stakeholders will have expertise in sectors relevant to climate change and sustainable development.

The PCCR aims to strengthen capacity in the Pacific Islands region by providing a forum for representatives of organizations and institutions who are responsible for working on climate change at the national and regional levels. The PCCR will facilitate the exchange of experiences (lessons learned, good practices, impacts and benefits) and the use of those experiences as the basis to develop a long-term need driven strategy for strengthening national, regional and inter-regional capacity through collaboration.

At the 2008 PCCR additional mechanisms such as formalized thematic working groups were considered and this will be further elaborated at the 2009 PCCR. This would ensure that the PCCR will fully engage in its role as the overall umbrella coordinating mechanism for climate change activities in the region.

In general the objectives of the roundtable are:

- To help update the PICTs on regional and international actions undertaken in support of the Framework and Action Plan;
- To update a matrix which would provide a clear overview of ongoing and planned activities at the national and regional levels, with responsible agencies or entities, and agree on mechanisms for measuring progress, identifying difficulties, and addressing actions needing special attention;
- To assist donors in gaining an understanding of climate change initiatives in the region and allow for better targeted assistance to areas in the Action Plan where there are gaps;
- To share lessons learned from best practices in the implementation of climate change programmes;
- To engage a wide range of stakeholders and regional organizations;
- To provide an opportunity to prepare for international meetings of the UNFCCC; and
- To disseminate information on new and existing funding modalities and opportunities.

## Participants:

It is expected that participants to the Roundtable will be at a decision-making level, preferably at Head of Departmental level, and will include planning or finance officials as well as climate change coordinators. The participation of key central agencies such as planning or finance is critical to ensuring that climate change is effectively mainstreamed into national planning.

SESSION			OBJECTIVE/ OUTPUT	TOPIC	FACILITATOR / PRESENTER
<b>Monday 19 October</b>					<b>DAY 1</b>
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	Participants to register			
09:00 – 9:30	<b>Session 1:</b>  <b>Official Opening</b>	To officially open the PCCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer – <b>RMI pastor</b></li> <li>• Welcome address – <b>SPREP Director</b></li> <li>• Official opening – <b>RMI government</b></li> </ul>	RMI official (MC)	
9:30 – 10:00	Session 2:  Introduction	To have a clear understanding of the objectives and expected outcomes of the Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview, objectives and outputs expected from the Roundtable</li> <li>• Introduction of the agenda &amp; working procedures</li> <li>• <b>Housekeeping matters</b></li> </ul>	PCCR Facilitator  <b>SPREP (Presenter)</b>	

10:00 – 10:30		Morning tea		
10:30 – 12:30	Session 3:  Overview of PIFACC Implementation	<p><b>To provide an update on progress made against PIFACC objectives</b></p> <p><i>Output:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Identification of synergies and gaps on PIFACC implementation</b></li> <li>• <b>Strengthened role of PCCR for improved regional coordination of climate change</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary analysis of current &amp; ongoing climate change initiatives in the region</li> <li>• PCCR as a mechanism for improved regional coordination of climate change, including inputs to UNFCCC – to include proposals to establish formal structure for PCCR governance and oversight<sup>1</sup></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b></p>	<p><b>PCCR Facilitator</b></p> <p><b>Resource person – <i>tbc</i> (Presenter)</b></p>
12:30 – 13:30		Lunch		

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<sup>1</sup> It is possible that discussions on this matter may require a smaller technical breakout group, to be confirmed

13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Session 4:</b></p> <p><b>Regional Strategic Issues and Priorities</b></p>	<p>To provide an overview of the key regional strategic issues and priorities relating to climate change</p> <p><i>Output:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaches and mechanisms for implementing regional strategic priorities</li> <li>• Tools for managing climate change impacts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topics to cover include those identified by the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• human security issues</li> <li>• regional economics of climate change study</li> <li>• approaches and tools for managing climate change impacts on peoples livelihoods and the environment</li> <li>• ecosystem based adaptation</li> <li>• others...??</li> <li>• How should these issues feed in to further work/sessions of PCCR</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b></p>	<p><b>PCCR Facilitator</b></p> <p>SPREP (overview of key issues &amp; priorities)</p> <p>Jon Barnet (human security)</p> <p>(Presenter)(RECCS)</p> <p>SPREP (approaches and tools)</p> <p>SPREP/IUCN (EbA)</p> <p>others...??</p>
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<b>15:00 – 15:30</b> <b>Afternoon tea</b>			
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Session 4:</b> <i>(continue)</i>		
	<b>Regional Strategic Issues and Priorities</b>		<b><u>Discussion</u></b>
<b><i>END OF DAY 1</i></b>			
<b>Tuesday 20 October</b>			<b>DAY 2</b>

09:00 –10:30	<p><i>Session 5:</i></p> <p><i>Climate Change Adaptation – Experiences and Lessons Learnt</i></p>	<p><i>To share experiences and lessons learnt on implementation of selected national and regional initiatives on climate change adaptation</i></p> <p><b>Output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case studies on climate change adaptation initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case studies from selected national adaptation program initiatives</li> <li>• Case studies from selected regional adaptation initiatives (CBDAMPIC, PACC...)</li> <li>• Consideration of adaptation implementation elements from session 3</li> </ul>	<p><b>PCCR Facilitator</b></p> <p>Selected PICs – <i>tbc</i></p> <p>SPREP/CROP (Presenters)</p> <p>(<i>tbc</i> pending outcome session 3)</p>
<b>10:30 – 11:00 Morning tea</b>				
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 5:</b></p> <p>(continue)</p> <p><b>Climate Change Adaptation – Experiences and Lessons Learnt</b></p>		<p><u><b>Discussion</b></u></p>	
<b>12:30 – 13:30 Lunch</b>				



13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>Session 6:</b></p> <p><b>Low-lying and Atoll Issues</b></p>	<p>To share climate change experiences and lessons learnt particular to low-lying and atoll jurisdictions in the region</p> <p><b>Output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical approaches and solutions to addressing low-lying and atoll concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of particular issues and concerns of low-lying and atoll islands</li> <li>• Practical approaches and solutions to addressing low-lying and atoll concerns</li> </ul>	<p><b>PCCR Facilitator</b></p> <p>RMI – <i>tbc</i> (overview of issues) (Presenter)</p> <p>CROP (approaches &amp; solutions) (Presenter)</p>
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14:30 – 15:00

**Session 6:**

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**Low-lying and  
Atoll Issues**

**Discussion**

**15:00 – 15:30**

**Afternoon tea**

15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 7:</b></p> <p><b>International Funding Initiatives and Modalities</b></p>	<p>To provide an update on major current and planned international funding initiatives for climate change and on their modalities and procedures for access</p> <p><b>Output:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear modalities and procedures for accessing these funding mechanisms</li> <li>• Potential partnerships and collaboration between and among stakeholders on climate change</li> </ul>	<p>A panel comprising selected key partners to present on their initiatives &amp; modalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICCAI</li> <li>• GCCA</li> <li>• Cool Earth PEC</li> <li>• GEF</li> <li>• SIDS Dock</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b></p>	<p><b>PCCR Facilitator</b></p> <p>Panelists – <i>tbc</i> (Australia, EU, Japan, GEF, World Bank, ADB...)</p>
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***END OF DAY 2***

**Wednesday 21 October**

**DAY 3**

09:00 –10:30

**Session 8:**

**Climate Change Governance and Communications**

To consider mechanisms and tools for improved governance and decision-making processes to support formulation and implementation of national climate change strategies and mainstreaming of climate change; and

To consider tools for understanding climate change issues

**Output:**

- Approaches and tools for improved communications and information management, and governance and decision-making
- A program for mainstreaming of climate change based on PICs interest

Joint CROP mechanism for mainstreaming of climate change

Other mainstreaming initiatives

Key tools for communications, knowledge sharing and information management

**Discussion**

**PCCR Facilitator**

**SPREP – (Joint CROP mainstreaming mechanism)**

(Presenter)

Other partners – *tbc*  
UNDP, ADB...  
(mainstreaming)

(Presenters)

SPREP –  
(communications)

(Presenter)

<b>10:30 – 11:00 Morning tea</b>				
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Session 9:</b>  <b>Monitoring of PIFACC Implementation</b>	<b>To consider improved mechanism for monitoring PIFACC implementation</b>  <i>Output:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conceptual monitoring framework for PIFACC</b></li> <li>• <b>Completed national reporting template</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conceptual monitoring framework for PIFACC</li> <li>• National reporting template on climate change priorities in SPREP Action Plan</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion</u></p>	<b>PCCR Facilitator</b>  SPREP – (monitoring framework & reporting template)  (Presenter)
<b>12:30 – 13:30 Lunch</b>				
13:30 – 15:00 (17.00)	<b>Session 10:</b>  <b>Wrap-up and Closing</b>	To adopt summary of key outcomes and decisions and formally close the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary outcomes / decisions of PCCR<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• <u>Evaluation</u></li> <li>• Closing</li> </ul>	<b>PCCR Facilitator</b>
<b><i>END OF DAY 3 AND PCCR</i></b>				

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<sup>2</sup> This session could be expanded to include formal consideration and discussion on proposals for formal governance structure for PCCR