



GEF IW R2R RSC4_1

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Fourth Regional Steering Committee Meeting for the
GEF Pacific Regional International Waters Ridge to Reef Project entitled:
*Ridge to Reef – Testing the Integration of Water, Land, Forest &
Coastal Management to Preserve Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon,
Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods in Pacific Island Countries*

Nadi, Fiji, 30th to 31st July 2019

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

DAY 1

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (9.00 – 10.30)

1.1 Opening Prayer

Ms Rhonda Robinson, Deputy Director of SPC's Disaster and Community Resilience Programme will preside over the meeting preliminaries.

A member of the Regional Steering Committee will be invited to deliver an opening prayer.

1.2 Welcome address on behalf of the Pacific Community (SPC).

The Director of SPC's Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM) Division, Dr Andrew Jones, will be invited to address the Committee and welcome participants to the meeting on behalf of SPC's senior executive management, the GEM Division, and the R2R Project team. Dr Jones will declare the meeting open.

1.3 Welcome addresses on behalf of the Global Environmental Facility Implementing Agencies.

The United Nations Development Programme's Resident Representative for the Pacific Office, Mr Levan Bouadze, will be invited to welcome participants to the meeting on behalf of UNDP, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the Food and Agricultural Organisation.

2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Introduction of the Participants

The GEF Pacific R2R Regional Programme Coordinator, Mr Peter Cusack will invite participants to introduce themselves to the meeting. A provisional list of participants is provide in *GEF IW R2R/RSC.4/Inf.1 Provisional List of Participants*.

2.2 Appointment of Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair; and 2 Rapporteurs)

Mr Cusack will remind the Committee that the current Chair is Ms Rosamond C Bing, Chief Executive Officer, Tonga Ministry of Lands and Natural Resource; Ms Bing having served in this capacity since last year's RSC.

Mr Cusack will advise the Committee that Ms Bing has been unable to attend this RSC and has delegated her function to Mr Taaniela Kula, Deputy Secretary for Lands, Head of Natural Resources Division, Tonga Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, and will acknowledged his presence and role.

Mr Cusack will further remind the Committee that Mr. Chanel Iroi, Undersecretary – Technical, Solomon Islands' Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology was appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee during its 3rd meeting in July 2018.

Mr Cusack, will draw to the attention of the Committee to its Rules of Procedure, which provides that elected officers hold office until subsequent meetings, at which time the Vice-Chair shall be appointed as Chair.

He will also note that the Rules of Procedure also state that the Committee shall elect two Rapporteurs from among its members at the beginning of each meeting.

The Chair will invite Committee members to nominate individuals as Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteurs.

Following nominations and appointments, the Chair will welcome the appointees and invite Mr Chanel Iroi to assume the role of Chair.

2.3 Documentation available to the meeting

The newly appointed Chair will invite Mr Cusack to review the meeting papers available to the meeting, a list of which is contained in GEF IW R2R/ RPSC.4. Info. 2.

2.4 Program of work and arrangements for the conduct of the meeting

The Chair will invite Mr Cusack to brief the Committee on arrangements for the conduct of the meeting, and the proposed organisation of work as outlined in the Provisional Annotated Agenda GEF IW R2R RSC.4/2 (this document) prepared by the Regional Project Coordination Unit (RPCU).

Mr Cusack will also note the JCU R2R Graduate Certificate Attendance Ceremony scheduled for 15:00 on Wednesday 31st July and the subsequent teaching week for the Graduate Diploma of R2R Sustainable Development, which commences on Friday 2nd August.

3. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 3rd RSC MEETING

The Chair will introduce the meeting paper GEF IW R2R/RSC.4/3 RSC.3 Meeting Report and ask Mr Cusack to comment on any outstanding matters.

The Chair will invite Committee to review and adopt the RSC3 Meeting Report

4. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

The Chair will refer the Provisional Annotated Meeting Agenda, GEF IW R2R/ RSC.4/1, and will invite the Committee to propose any amendments or additional items for consideration, prior to the adoption of the Agenda.

The Chair will invite the Committee to adopt the Annotated Meeting Agenda.

5. Group photograph

Participants will be invited to assemble outside the conference room for a group photograph.

6. COUNTRY STATUS REPORTING: SESSION 1 (11.00 – 12.30)

The Chair will invite R2R STAR and IW R2R managers and coordinators to present brief, joint reports on the status of their national projects. Presentations will follow alphabetical order, with the following countries presenting in this first session: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue and Palau.

7. MID-TERM REVIEW (13.30 – 15.00)

7.1 Recommendations and Management Response

The Chair will invite a UNDP representative to present the recommendations of the MTR and the management responses developed.

7.2 Implications of MTR Recommendations on the GEF Pacific R2R Project.

The Chair will invite Mr Cusack to present to the Committee, for its information and consideration, the implications for the R2R Project of the proposed MTR responses.

7.3 Revised strategy for island diagnostic analyses and State of the Coast Reports (Theory of Change).

The Chair will invite, Mr Samasoni Sauni, R2R Science and National Project Leader to present on this referring meeting paper RSTC5 WP.4 Revised strategy on IDAs & SoCs (Theory of Change).

7.4 Programmatic framework for coordination and compilation of R2R lessons learned

The Chair will invite Dr Fononga Mangisi-Mafileo, Communications & Knowledge Management Adviser to present on this referring meeting paper RSTC5 WP.5 Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme framework and recommendations for coordination and compilation of R2R lessons learned.

8. REMARKS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI (15.30 – 17.00)

The Chair will invite Mr Joshua Wycliffe, Permanent Secretary of Fiji's Ministry of Waterways and Environment, and GEF Operational Focal Point, to welcome participants to the meeting on behalf of the Government of Fiji.

9. REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE REGIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Chair will invite the Chair of the RSTC, Prof Marcus Sheaves to report on the outcomes of the 5th RSTC Meeting.

The Chair will invite the Committee to review and adopt the report of the RSTC.

10. JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE COURSE UPDATE

The Chair will invite Prof Sheaves to provide an update on the R2R postgraduate course.

11. REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME COORDINATION GROUP

The Chair will invite the Chair of the RPCG to report on outcomes of the 4th RPCG Meeting.

The Chair will invite the Committee to review and adopt the report of the RPCG.

DAY 2

12. COUNTRY STATUS REPORTING: SESSION 2 (9.00 – 10.30)

The Chair will invite R2R STAR and IW R2R managers and coordinators to present brief, joint reports on the status of their national projects. Presentations will follow alphabetical order, with the following countries presenting in this second session: Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

13. CARRIBEAN IWECO PROJECT R2R EXPERIENCE AND EMERGING LESSONS (11.00 – 12.30)

The Chair will invite Dr Mangisi-Mafileo to introduce Dr Nicole Caesar, from the GEF Caribbean IWECO Project, who will present experiences and emerging lessons from R2R implementation in the Caribbean, as well as share the Caribbean experience from Pacific R2R twinning activity held in April in the Dominican Republic.

14. MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE – HIGHLIGHTS.

The Chair will invite Dr Mangisi-Mafileo to provide highlights of the MSC exercise conducted earlier in the week.

15. STATUS OF THE REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL WATERS RIDGE TO REEF PROJECT.

The Chair will invite Mr Cusack to present the discussion paper GEF IW R2R/RSC.4/5 Status of the GEF Pacific International Waters R2R Project.

16. MULTI-YEAR COSTED WORK PLAN FOR THE REGIONAL IW R2R PROJECT (13.30 – 15.00)

The Chair will invite Mr Cusack to present the discussion paper GEF IW R2R/RSC.4 /7 Multi-year costed workplan and budget for the GEF Pacific International Waters Project. Printed copies of the workplan and budget will be provided to the Committee.

The Chairperson will invite the Committee to review and endorse the Multi-Year Costed Workplan.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18. MEETING EVALUATION

19. CLOSING

20. R2R GRADUATE CERTIFICATE ATTENDANCE CEREMONY (15.30 – 17.00)

21. GRADUATION DINNER (18.30 – 21.00)