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**Fifth Meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee
for the GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme**

Nadi, Fiji 28th July 2019

Provisional Agenda

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Annotated Provisional Agenda

Opening & Prayer

1. The Chair will call the meeting to order, confirm the quorum and commence the meeting.
2. As done in the past, the rules and procedures used in the conduct of this Committee meeting shall follow those set out under Regional Science & Technical Committee (RSTC) TOR, and closely follows those governing the conduct of RPSC meetings.

Introductory Remarks

4. The Chair will announce departing and new members of the Committee, a process of which was done in the lead up to the meeting proper, and consistent with TOR of the Committee.
5. Chair will invite the Committee to note the work behind the scene seeking re-confirmation the membership of the Committee. The USP representative has resigned from the USP and the RPCU has sought a replacement and one additional member, as follows:-
 - (i) Dr Isoa Korovulavula has accepted the invitation and is now USP representative and new member of the Committee. Dr Korovulavula is also from the Institute of Applied Science of USP, and heavily involved in the R2R STAR project implementation.
 - (ii) The RPCU has also sought the participation of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat as new member of the Committee. Dr Salome is a natural resource economist and is bringing to the Committee expertise from range of areas in natural resource economics such as ecosystem goods and services valuation, and cost-benefit- analyses.
6. Chair will seek confirmation of the two new members from the current membership. In accordance to the Committee TOR the Chair will now request for nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair. The TOR states that these positions shall be filled in every annual meeting of the Committee. The Chair will flag two options:-
 - (i) Agreement to retain current chair and co-chair for another term of 12-months; and
 - (ii) Agreement and endorsement of new char and co-chair.

Opening Remarks – R2R Programme Coordinator

7. The Chair will invite SPC Representative for his opening remarks.

House-keeping

8. The Chair will announce that the meeting is expected to last for the whole afternoon. Afternoon tea will be at 3.30pm or thereabout. The locations for the Secretariat Office and the hotel lavatories will be made known to delegates.

Agenda Item 1. Review of the Minutes from 3rd RSTC-3 meeting & Action Items

9. The Chair will announce the first order of business and invite comments on the provisional agenda.
10. The Chair will emphasise the bulk of the agenda is dedicated to the MTR outcomes and recommendations. This is important for the Committee because members need to discuss the conclusions and provide inputs into the recommendations that will reported back to plenary through the Chair's report for further consideration.

Agenda Item 2. Review of the Minutes from 3rd RSTC-3 meeting & Action Items

11. The Committee will review records of the last meeting and discuss matters arising, if any. The relevant paper is **RSTC-4_Inf.1**
12. Chair will invite general comments on the records, before proceed to matters arising. Chair will invite the Secretariat to speak to these matters arising from the records.

Agenda Item 3. General Highlights

13. The Secretariat will outline on few slides general highlights relevant for the work of the Committee. The details of these highlights will be covered in agenda items which are to follow. There is no working paper on this agenda item. Chair will invite the Secretariat to provide the highlights over the last 12-months of project implementation.

Agenda Item 4. Mid-term Review Findings, Conclusions & Recommendations

14. The Chair will invite **MTR Consultant/ UNDP (tbc)** to introduce **RSCT5_WP.1**, and present to the Committee the mid-term review findings, conclusions and recommendations. Of relevant to the Committee are, amongst others, the implications of MTR recommendations relative to science and technical aspects of the Regional International Water Ridge to Reef project.
15. In order to structure technical discussion appropriately, the Chair will highlight to the Committee what is expected from this agenda item, such that the Committee will:-
 - (i) Consider and discuss all the relevant technical and scientific related recommendations;
 - (ii) Discuss and agree on the recommendations supported by the Committee (and the reasons and consequences for that support) going forward for further consideration by the RPSC plenary;
 - (iii) Discuss and agree on the recommendations the Committee is rejecting, if any, and provide reasons and consequences for that decision.
16. The Chair will open the floor for few quick questions and comments or clarifications on the recommendations, but defer any discussion on management responses till after the next agenda items. This will allow the Committee to also consider the specific analyses on several key recommendations, SPC/UNDP responses and related details.

Agenda Item 5. Revised National Results LogFrame

17. The Chair will invite the Secretariat to introduce the paper **RSTC5_WP.2** that sets out the latest specific milestone targets and outputs following consultation with project countries. A lot have change since the original design of national targets and priorities have also shifted on management approaches (e.g. stress reduction, catchment protection, habitats). The paper also corresponds to the MTR Recommendation 1.
18. The Committee is invited to:-
 - (i) Discuss and note the revised milestone targets and outputs;
 - (ii) Provide technical advice on the implications of specific revised milestone targets and outputs, if any, noting the proposed updated theory of change and mainstreaming R2R form the basis for preparing the next annual 2019/2020 workplan and budget of the Regional IW R2R project.
 - (iii) Provide technical advice on targets that would be achieved during the anticipated neutral extension period, if no-cost extension is approved.

Agenda Item 6. Analyses of MTR Recommendations & management responses

19. Chair will invite the Secretariat to provide their initial assessments of the conclusions and recommendations particularly with respect to scientific and technical aspects. The Chair may invite quick questions and brief general discussion on the RPCU responses at the end of the presentation. The Secretariat will make brief presentation on the MTR recommendations and management responses. There is no working paper.
20. The Committee will consider specific analyses of the recommendations and responses provided by the SPC as set out below. The details should inform discussion on the consequences of accepting/adopting or rejecting the technical recommendations relative to stress reduction and process indicators, including ecosystem goods and services.
21. Chair will invite the Secretariat to introduce the papers. Discussion of each paper will be guided by specific recommendations therein. The decisions taken during the discussion will be drafted as the Committee's advice to plenary.
 - (i) Environmental goods and services (Rec. 5) – **RSTC5_WP.3**
 - (ii) Revised strategy on IDAs & SoCs (Rec. 6) – **RSTC5_WP.4**
 - (iii) Lessons learned (Rec. 11) – **RSTC5_WP.5**
 - (iv) RSTC composition & *modus operandi* (Rec. 16) – **RSTC5_WP.6**
 - (v) Communications strategy (Rec. 17) – **RSTC5_WP.7**

Agenda Item 7. Procedural framework for the identification and spatial prioritization of conservation land/sea areas – concept

7.1 *Technical paper on application of prioritization methodology to inform ridge-to-reef management in Vanuatu catchment areas*

21. Chair will invite the Secretariat to introduce the concept paper, **RSTC5_WP.8**, on the spatial prioritization procedural framework, followed by a technical paper, **RSTC5_WP.9** on its design development and trial in Vanuatu catchment areas.
22. The Committee is invited to:
 - (i) discuss and endorse (trialing/use) the concept for the identification and spatial prioritization of conservation land/sea areas or sites; and
 - (ii) discuss and provide inputs into the design and application of the prioritization methodology and modelling.

Agenda Item 7. Other Matters

23. Chair will announce if there any other matters for the Committee to discuss. If none, the Chair will thank the Committee for their work. A copy of the Chair's report and recommendations will be circulated seeking further comments before it is finalised for plenary.
24. Chair will invite the Secretariat for any final words, if none then close the meeting.