

Annex 6: Regional Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

The 3rd Regional Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting took place on the 29th July 2018. The meeting agreed on the following Action Items including discussion highlights.



Action Items

- Endorse to the RSC the following for approval and appropriate action:
 - 1.1 Harmonized Results Reporting: The committee agrees to the Framework for the Harmonized Results Reporting and endorses the same for implementation. Dr. Nainoca raised the need to identify available resources/budget in the country documents and that countries are aware of the cost of the activity before endorsing the HRR template. This work will be led by the Country Coordination and Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser Jose Antonio.
 - 1.2 Programmatic website: The committee endorses the technical requirements in the proposal to enhance current website as indicated in the Terms of Reference. It is recommended that the proposal is considered by the RSC for the consideration and endorsement of the Boards of the STAR projects for its inclusion in its work plan and budget with the technical assistance from the RPCU. It is proposed that the cost of the development of the website and associated databases is shared equitably among on-going participating projects under the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme. This work will be led by the Communications and Knowledge Management Adviser Dr. Fononga Vainga Mangisi-Mafileo.
- RPCU to share with FAO links to all the regional project toolkits to ensure cross-fertilization of related initiatives and projects including the gender toolkit, etc.



Highlights

Ms. Rhonda Robinson expressed that SPC acknowledges that there are elements of the programme that needs to be addressed and recognizes that it has been a challenging period for the RPCU. The RPCU acknowledges the guidance and support of the RSTC in moving forward with the work-plan and budget and drawing on the technical expertise of the RPCU and RSTC.

The RSTC recognized the need to articulate with the people that are involved in the collection of baseline data, a clear understanding of the purpose and the questions that need to be answered.

Acknowledge and use local expertise and capacities available in-country to carry out the technical work on the ground e.g. the Vanuatu RAPCA

Linking activities to national documents will rally support at the national and community level.

Data analysis and the interpretation of data is a gap in-countries. There is a need to identify ways in which to address and overcome this challenge.

Ms. Newland recommended that RSTC consider the partnership with CCRES and to trial this with Vanuatu by training one or two RPCU staff and the same could be carried out with the National staff.

Dr. Padilla proposed a longer time frame to be allocated to RSTC to be able to discuss and craft the responses to the technical recommendations from the Mid-Term review.

Dr. Padilla also urged the Regional R2R to accelerate the recruitment of the Regional Programme Coordinator and the Project and Science Leader.