



Pacific Islands Ridge to Reef
National Priorities – Integrated
water, land, forest and coastal
management to preserve
biodiversity, ecosystem services,
store carbon, improve climate
resilience and sustain livelihoods

Session 1: Information & Orientation

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Virtual Meeting, October 6 & 7, 2020



Pacific R2R Meeting Line Up

When?	What?	Who?
10.30 – 12pm Tuesday 6 October	SESSION 1: Information Session	IW Project Managers and SPC-RPCU staff
12 – 1.30pm Tuesday 6 October	SESSION 1 (continued): Information Session	STAR Project Managers and Supervisors (and/or Directors/Heads of Departments), UNDP, UNEP, FAO, and SPC.
10.30 – 12pm Wednesday 7 October	SESSION 2: GEF Focal Area and Lessons Learned from Programmatic Implementation	IW/STAR Project Managers
12 – 1.30pm Wednesday 7 October	SPECIAL SESSION	UNDP and SPC
10.30 – 1pm Thursday 8 October	SESSION 3: Country Reporting	IW/STAR Project Managers and Supervisors (and/or Directors/Heads of Departments), UNDP, UNEP, FAO, and SPC.
Tuesday 13 October	SESSION 4: Project Closure and Terminal Evaluation	IW/STAR Project Managers and Supervisors (and/or Directors/Heads of Departments), UNDP, UNEP, FAO, and SPC.
Wednesday 14 October	SESSION 5: Mid-Term Review Update, Project Status	IW/STAR Project Managers and Supervisors (and/or Directors/Heads of Departments), UNDP, UNEP, FAO, and SPC.
Thursday 15 October	SESSION 6: Special Topics	IW/STAR Project Managers and Supervisors (and/or Directors/Heads of Departments), UNDP, UNEP, FAO, and SPC.
Friday 16 October	SESSION 7: Looking ahead COVID19 & post-R2R	IW/STAR Project Managers and Supervisors (and/or Directors/Heads of Departments), UNDP, UNEP, FAO, and SPC.



Session 1: Objectives and Expected Outcomes

- Engage and socialise R2R participating countries' managers and coordinators to the information and working papers relevant for the RSTC and RSC meetings.
- Ensure managers are prepared for the broader discussion at panel/breakouts, RSTC and RSC formal sessions



DISCUSSION

Guiding question - What do you consider critical issues of the project needing focused discussion at the RSTC and RSC meetings?

Session 2: GEF Focal Areas and Lessons Learned from Programmatic Implementation

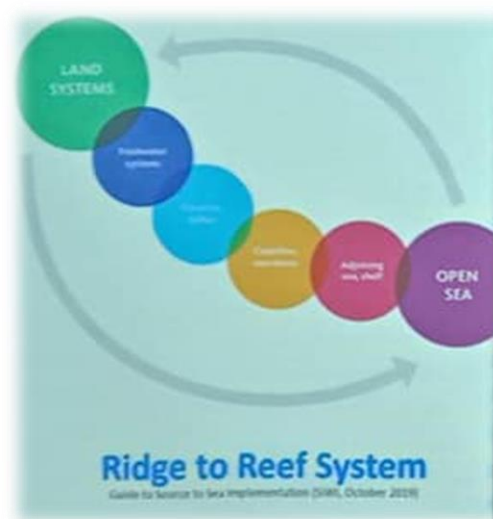


1. Discuss the success rate of project contributions to the overall GEF Pacific R2R Programme.
2. Discuss lessons learned from programmatic implementation.
3. Identify thematic areas emerging from lessons learned presented that could be consolidated and further explored as regional strategic lessons useful in the consideration of upscaling future R2R investments.

Session 3: Project closure and Terminal Evaluation

1. What are the dates for project closure and terminal evaluation?
2. What are the Terms of Reference for the terminal evaluation?
3. What are the roles of the Project Managers/ Coordinators, SPC Regional Programme Coordination Unit, and Implementing Agencies (IAs)?





Session 4: A stock-take of the work with COVID-19

1. Clarify matters that critically impact implementation projects and delivering on joint steering and programmatic implementation, data and information sharing and results reporting?
2. Reflect on implementation and challenges for the Regional IW R2R project and recommend appropriate measures to enhance achievement of project outcomes?



Session 6: Looking ahead post COVID-19 & R2R



1. Discuss and ask questions for clarifications on timelines, specific tasks and associated outputs?
2. Discuss and provide inputs into the concept paper, whether or not there is interests to support designing a more streamlined R2R project in upscaling future R2R investments and ICM planning?



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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Information Session: Outcomes



Session 1: IW R2R Project (Key Outcomes)

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- Project design overly ambitious
- COVID-19 pandemic direct impact on implementation
- Procurement processes are time consuming & lengthy thereby impact on implementation
- Need more time – national & regional activities
- Need more funds – regional activities
- Local capacity to implement technical assessments and related work of science-policy



Session 1: STAR R2R Project (Key Outcomes)

DISCUSSION

Guiding question - What do you consider critical issues of the project needing focused discussion at the RSTC and RSC meetings?

1. GEF Pacific R2R Program and 15 child projects (14 STAR + 1 Regional IW) way too ambitious and relatively poorly designed
2. Programmatic approach maybe universally considered best practice, however, remain challenging and practically difficult to apply in PICs
 - What are the common grounds?
3. Projects are at different level of implementation – some just started and others closing
4. What exactly is expected from STAR R2R projects – particularly from the Regional IW R2R Project?

