



GEF IW R2R/ RSC.5/ WP. 02

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**Fifth Regional Steering Committee Meeting (Virtual) for the  
GEF Pacific 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*

Suva, Fiji 22 to 23 October, 2020

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

## DAY 1

### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (11.00 AM)

#### 1.1 Meeting Preliminaries & Opening Prayer

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

- Quick reference to signing in of delegates, and sound or visual checks been sorted earlier from 10.30am. If there are delegates require assistance, please use the chat box to message us at the Secretariat so we can attend to you.

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

#### 1.2 Opening remarks by the Chair

Chair, Mr Chanel Iroi, Undersecretary – Technical, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, will welcome delegates to the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RSC currently conducted virtually on a zoom platform. This also means the approach to conducting the virtual meeting will be strictly guided by time allocations set out in the provisional agenda.

Next, the Chair will announce the opening ceremony with remarks from the Pacific Community, UNDP, and Fiji Government. Time allocation for speeches is limited to approximately 7 minutes each.

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

Chair will invite the Director of SPC's Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM) Division, Dr Andrew Jones, to give his opening remarks.

Dr Andrew will address the Committee and welcome participants to the virtual meeting on behalf of SPC's senior executive management, the GEM Division, and the R2R Project team. Dr Jones will declare the meeting open.

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

Chair will invite the United Nations Development Programme's Resident Representative for the Pacific Office, Mr ....., for his remarks.

Mr ..... will welcome participants to the meeting on behalf of UNDP, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the Food and Agricultural Organisation.

#### 1.5. Remarks by a Representative of the Government of Fiji

Chair will invite Mr Joshua Wycliffe, Permanent Secretary of Fiji's Ministry of Waterways and Environment, and Fiji GEF Operational Focal Point, for his remarks.

Mr Wycliffe will welcome participants to the meeting on behalf of the Government of Fiji.

### 2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

#### 2.1. Message from the Outgoing Chair, Solomon Islands

The outgoing Chair, Mr Chanel Iroi, Undersecretary – Technical, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, **will deliver his message to the Committee.**

At the end of remarks, Chair will then draw 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.

***Chair will announce handing over the role and invite the Vice-Chair from Palau to preside over the meeting as new Chair of the RSC.***

## **2.2 Call meeting to Order (Palau – Chair presiding)**

The newly appointed <sup>1</sup>Chair from Palau, Hon. R Umiich Sengebau, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, and GEF Political Focal Point, will call the meeting to order. Hon. Sengebau will offer vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair having served in the Chair's capacity since last year's RSC.

## **2.3 Appointment of Officers (Vice-Chair; and 2 Rapporteurs)**

Chair will remind the Committee that the Rules of Procedure state that the Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair and 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 two (2) Rapporteurs. Following nominations and appointments, the Chair will welcome the appointees resuming their roles.

## **2.4 Documentation available to the meeting**

Chair will invite the GEF Pacific R2R Regional Programme Coordinator, Mr Samasoni Sauni to take the meeting through the meeting papers available to the meeting, a list of which is contained in *GEF IW R2R/ RPSC.5/Inf.04*. Provisional list of participants is provided in *GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/Inf.03 Provisional List of Participants*

## **2.5 Program of work and arrangements for the conduct of the meeting**

The Chair will invite Mr Sauni 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.5/WP.02* (this document) prepared by the Regional Project Coordination Unit (RPCU).

# **3. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> RSC MEETING & MEETING AGENDA**

## **3.1 Adoption of last meeting record & action items**

The Chair will introduce the meeting paper *GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/3 RSC.3 Meeting Report* and invite the Secretariat, Mr Sauni, to comment on any outstanding matters or action items.

***The Chair will state that the meeting report has been finalised, circulated, and posted online following an iterative process of clearing it out of session. The Committee is now invited to adopt the RSC4 Meeting Report.***

## **3.2 Adoption of meeting agenda**

The Chair will refer the Provisional Meeting Agenda, *GEF IW R2R/ RSC.5/Inf.01*, and will invite the Committee to propose any amendments or additional items for consideration, prior to the adoption of the Agenda.

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<sup>1</sup> In the event Hon. Sengebau is not available, changeover to Ms. Gwendalyn Kingtaro Sisor, Senior Projects Manager Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism, Palau

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

#### **4. COUNTRY STATUS REPORTING:**

The Chair will invite the Secretariat to present the outcomes of the panel/breakout discussion of country reporting. Chair will advise the Committee that, unlike the past years, this year country reporting is focused on GEF Focal Area and lessons learned highlights. It is important to know progress of delivering targets as we approach project closure.

*Chair will open the floor for discussion on the outcomes presented. Chair will invite the Committee to consider and endorse any recommendations emerging from panel discussions.*

#### **5. A STOCKTAKE OF THE WORK SO FAR**

##### **5.1 MTR Recommendations & Management Responses on the GEF Pacific R2R Project - Updates**

The Chair will invite the Secretariat Mr Antonio to present to the Committee, for its information and consideration, a short update of progress implementing the RSC approved MTR recommendations and management responses. The detailed updates are provided in the meeting paper *GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.04*.

##### **5.2 Status of the regional IW R2R project**

The Chair will invite Mr Sauni to present the discussion paper *GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.05* Status of the GEF Pacific International Waters R2R Project.

##### **5.3 Plenary Discussion & Decisions**

*Chair will invite the Committee to discuss and endorse the recommendations presented from panel/ breakout discussions, noting progress of project implementation including issues and opportunities.*

#### **6. REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

##### **6.1 The Regional Science and Technical Committee (RSTC)**

The Chair will invite the Chair of the RSTC, Prof. Marcus Sheaves to report on the outcomes of the 6th RSTC Meeting.

*Chair will invite the Committee to review and approve the report of the RSTC.*

##### **6.2 James Cook University (JCU) Post Graduate Course Update**

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

*Chair will invite the Committee to review and endorse the report of JCU.*

##### **6.3 Regional Programme Coordination Group (RPCG)**

The Chair will invite the Chair of the RPCG, Dr Jose Erez Padilla, to report on outcomes of the 4th RPCG Meeting.

*Chair will invite the Committee to review and endorse the report of the RPCG*

**DAY 2**

## **7. LAUNCHING OF THE R2R WEBSITE RE-DEVELOPMENT PHASE 2**

The Chair will invite Dr Mangisi-Mafileo to introduce the paper on the features of the R2R website re-development Phase 2 and related online tools. A brief background on this project activity is available on the meeting paper *GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.07*. The formal official launching will follow.

***Chair will invite the Committee to witness and endorse launching of the newly redeveloped R2R website Phase 2 and online tools. The launching will be facilitated by the Chair, UNDP, SPC and Fiji representing the participating project countries.***

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

The Chair will invite the Secretariat Mr Antonio to introduce the relevant paper GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.08 Multi-year costed workplan and budget for the GEF Pacific International Waters Project. Electronic copies of the workplan and budget are available online <https://www.pacific-r2r.org/meeting-documents>, and can be downloaded by delegates and observers.

***Chair will invite the Committee to review and endorse the Multi-Year Costed Workplan 2020-2021.***

## **9. SPECIAL TOPICS**

### **9.1 (Modified) R2R science-policy technological interface**

Chair will invite the Secretariat to introduce the paper (*GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.09*) briefly and outcomes of panel discussion

### **9.2 Spatial prioritisation modelling**

Chair will invite the R2R Consultant and Secretariat to introduce the paper (*GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.10*) on the regional guidelines to implement the spatial prioritisation modelling. The outcomes and recommendations of the panel discussion will be presented.

### **9.3 R2R information management systems**

Chair will invite the Secretariat to introduce the paper (*GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.11*) briefly and present the outcomes of the panel discussion.

### **9.4 Plenary Discussion & Decisions**

***Chair will invite the Committee to discuss and endorse the recommendations presented from panel/ breakout discussions.***

## **10. LOOKING AHEAD POST R2R & COVID-19**

### **10.1 Concept note post-R2R & COVID-19, next step?**

Chair will invite the Secretariat to introduce the paper *GEF R2R/RSC.5/WP.13*, which presents range of options to explore further into the future on big ideas and priorities for R2R.

### **10.2 Project closure & terminal review**

Chair will invite UNDP (Floyd) to introduce the paper (*GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.14*) briefly and presents the outcomes of panel discussion.

### **10.3 Plenary Discussion & Decisions**

Chair will invite the Committee to discuss the recommendations as presented under agenda items 10.1 and 10.2.

### **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chair will open the floor for any other matters to be discussed. A schedule and venue for the final RSC meeting in 2021 will be developed and circulated by the RPCU.**

### **12. MEETING EVALUATION**

The Chair will invite the Secretariat to present a summary of the decisions taken at this RSC-6 meeting. An activity evaluation will be also done with an online link provided to the same questions as done in RSC4.

### **13. CLOSING**

Having observed no further interventions, the Chair will thank the Committee for its deliberation and respective contributions and, look forward to another less challenging and successful year ahead. The Chair will close the meeting.