

Reference number:

Variation and Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement dated (1 June 2020)

THIS LETTER OF VARIATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is made

BETWEEN

: **THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY** an International Organisation with its headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia (**SPC**)

AND : **INFRASTRUCTURE COOK ISLANDS**

Collectively, **the Parties**

RECITALS (Background to agreement)

On **1 June 2020** (insert date), a **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** between the **SPC and the Infrastructure Cook Islands** entered into force for the implementation of the **National International Waters Ridge to Reef project in the Cook Islands** (insert country name) covering the period (1 July 2020) up to and including September 30, 2020.

WHEREAS

- A. SPC is party to a Contribution Agreement dated July 30, 2015 with the United Nations Development Programme (**the Project Cooperation Agreement**).
- B. Pursuant to the Project Cooperation Agreement, SPC is the organisation responsible for implementing the *“Ridge to Reef – testing the integration of water, land, forest and coastal management to preserve ecosystem services, store carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihoods in the Pacific Island Countries, briefly referred to as Regional International Waters Ridge to Reef Project”*, which aims to test the mainstreaming of ‘ridge to reef’, climate resilient approaches to integrated land, water, forest and coastal management in Pacific Island Countries through strategic planning, capacity building and piloted local actions to sustain livelihoods and preserve ecosystem services.
- C. A UNDP-commissioned independent Mid-Term Review mission recommended that a no-cost extension of the Regional IW R2R project is necessary.
- D. On 31st of July 2019, the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) comprising representatives of the fourteen (14) Pacific Island Countries participating in the Project endorsed the no-cost extension of the Regional IW R2R project.
- E. In consultation with national Project Managers and Heads of Agencies, a no-cost extension of the national IW R2R projects is considered essential to provide sufficient time for the national projects to deliver the agreed project outputs.
- F. The parties have thus agreed to enter into a variation agreement to ensure that the actions under the Project Cooperation Agreement can be implemented via the Country Activities as set out in the MOA.

ACCORDINGLY, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III NUMBER 1 OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO VARY AND AMEND THE PRESENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the completion date is extended from June 30, 2019 to September 30, 2020.
2. All other stipulations and provisions in the original MOA remain unchanged and valid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Letter of Variation this 8th day of June, 2020.

For: The Cook Islands

For SPC:

Signature:



Name: **Diane Charlie-Puna**
Title: **Secretary**
Place: **Rarotonga, Cook Islands**
Date: **8th June 2020**

Signature:

Name: **Dr. Audrey Aumua**
Title: **Deputy Director General (Suva)**
Place: **Suva, Fiji**
Date: