



**Variation and Amendment (Agreement) #4
To Memorandum of Agreement dated October 14, 2016**

THIS LETTER OF VARIATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is made on the 30th day of November 2021

BETWEEN

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

AND

: **THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT (MELAD), KIRIBATI**

Collectively, **the Parties**

RECITALS (Background to agreement)

On 14 October 2016, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the SPC and MELAD of Kiribati entered into force for the implementation of the National International Waters Ridge to Reef project in Kiribati, covering the period 14 October 2016 up to and including 30 December 2020. This MOA was later varied under variation and amendment (Agreement) #1 to extend the closing date of the project to June 30, 2021; #2 to extend to September 30, 2021; and #3 to extend to 30 November, 2021.

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 23rd of October 2020, the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) comprising representatives of the fourteen (14) Pacific Island Countries participating in the Project endorsed a second 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.

- G. In subsequent consultation between parties, it has been agreed that the project should be further extended by six (6) months to enable the completion of planned activities and deliver the required outputs that contributes to the achievement of the project objectives.

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 further extended from November 30, 2021, to December 31, 2021.
2. All other stipulations and provisions in the original MOA remain unchanged and valid.

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

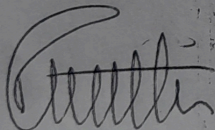
1. That the decisions regarding the use of regionally coordinated funding of national activities in support of science-based planning, human capital development, policy and strategic planning, results-based planning, results-based management, and knowledge sharing will be agreed annually and incorporated in national work plans and budgets.
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 30th day of November 2021.

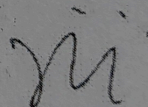
For Kiribati, MELAD:

For SPC:

Signature:



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Name: **Mrs Taare Uiriam Aukitino**

Name: **Dr. Paula Vivili**

Title: **Secretary**

Title: **Deputy Director General – Science and Capability**

Place: **Tarawa, Kiribati**

Place: **Suva, Fiji**

Date: **30th November 2021_**

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