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**Fifth Regional Programme 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 02 to 23 October 2020

R2R Meeting Calendar October 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					2 Database Training	3
4	5	6 Information Session separately for IW & STAR	7 Information Session combined IW/ STAR	8 Country Reporting	9 SPC Holiday	10
11	12 SPC Holiday	13 Project closure & Terminal Review	14 Stock-take - MTR Project Status	15 Special Topics	16 Looking ahead	17
18	19 RSTC <sup>1</sup>	20 RSTC	21 RPCG <sup>2</sup>	22 RSC <sup>3</sup> Day 1	23 RSC Day 1	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

<sup>1</sup> Regional Scientific and Technical Committee

<sup>2</sup> Regional Program Coordination Group

<sup>3</sup> Regional Programme Steering Committee

**Excerpts from Regional R2R IW Prodoc: - Project Management Structure-**

196. **Regional Governance:** Implementation of the project will be carried out under the general guidance of a **Regional Programme Steering Committee (RSC)** specifically formed for this purpose. The RSC includes the designated national **R2R Focal Points** who have been involved in the design phase of the project, as well as **GEF Operational Focal Points**. The RSC's role will be to provide managerial and governance advice to the project, and to guide the PCU in the implementation and monitoring of the overall regional project. UNDP will be a member of the RSC. FAO and UNEP will also be invited as observers to foster cooperation and coordination of the National STAR projects within the R2R Programmatic approach. Membership will be reconfirmed and or reconstituted at the Inceptions Meeting as will meeting procedures. Technical advice will also be provided by the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee.

197. **Programme Governance:** Coordination and Governance of the Regional Programme Framework of the National R2R STAR Projects and the IW R2R Regional Project will be undertaken by the **Programme Coordination Group (PCG)**. The PCG will be comprised of representatives of the three IA's UNDP, FAO and UNEP who will meet annually during the **IW R2R Regional Project Steering Committee** meeting. A representative of the GEF Secretariat will be invited at these meetings. The PCG will review progress in PIC National STAR Projects and the IW Regional Projects. The IW R2R Regional PCU will act as the PCG secretariat. UNDP as R2R Program Leader will report to the GEF Constituency<sup>20</sup> on the status of the Program as may be requested. The figure below shows the governance structure for the Programme and its projects. Regional and National Project Governance structures are shown in Figure 7.

198. **Regional Scientific and Technical Committee** - will be responsible for ensuring that scientific and technical aspects of the R2R programme meet International standards. Specifically it will review the substantive activity of project component 1 to develop a regionally appropriate method and procedure for the characterization and prioritization of PIC coastal areas for R2R investment and the conduct of diagnostic analysis to identify needs for key reforms and investments in priority areas. The RSTC will also provide inputs to the design of curricula and training materials for the regional post-graduate training programme to be operated as part of this component, and will provide regional guidance to the national 'State of Coasts' reporting and harmonized results reporting to be undertaken as part of components 3 and 4, respectively. Additionally, the RSTC will lead the development of regionally appropriate knowledge tools to support evidence-based coastal and marine spatial planning in PICS.

199. **National Management Arrangements** - Capacity at the national level to lead, coordinate and administer activities to implement the projects will be critical. The **Inter Ministerial Committees (IMCs)** formed under the GEF Pacific IWRM Project will form the basis of new and expanded IMC's to ensure integration across PIC governments.