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**Sixth 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 11-21 January 2022

| R2R Meeting Calendar January 2022 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | |
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| 9 | 10 | 11 Invest. Forum | 12 Invest. Forum | Panel discussion - Case studies | 13 | 14 | 15 | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 RSTC ¹ | 19 RSTC | RPCG ² | 20 Launching Of Project Products & Publications | RSC ³ | 21 JCU Graduation Ceremony, PG Diploma | RSC | 22 |
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¹ Regional Scientific and Technical Committee

² Regional Program Coordination Group

³ Regional Programme Steering Committee

2021 REGION IW R2R PROJECT FINAL MEETINGS - SPECIFIC INTENT.

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.

2021 RSC Final meeting - The Regional Programme Coordinator will present his final report, which will cover the end of project targets, challenges, and strategic interventions. Lessons learned and opportunities for the next new R2R project will be also considered at this meeting.

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 Constituency²⁰ 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.

2021 PCG Final meeting - The PCG Chair will reaffirm (or not) the Regional IW R2R Project in delivering on its development objectives and targets.

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.

2021 RSTC Final meeting - The RSTC Chair will present what were achieved in the science workplan, the challenges/ gaps, and recommendations for uptake in future R2R investments and ICM planning. The meeting papers will not be seeking approvals and technical/scientific considerations of anything at this meeting.

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 IMCs to ensure integration across PIC governments.

There will be opportunities for national IMCs to communicate priority highlights, if any, through head of national delegations to the meeting.

Investment Forum

Throughout its implementation, the Regional IW R2R project's stakeholders, heads of host agencies or GEF (Operational) Focal Points, and development/ bilateral partners (who are also targeted audience of the investment forum) have engaged in several ⁴forums to explore opportunities for future financing of priority community based ICM/IWRM actions and promote mainstreaming of R2R for sustainable development.

Consistent with the requirement of the project document, the regional 'investment forum' corresponds well to delivering on: -

Component 1: Number of forums held to discuss opportunities for agreements on private sector and donor participation in PIC sustainable development

Outcome 1.3: Low level mobilization of the private sector in environmental investment and planning in PICs

Output 1.3.2: Up to 14 new national private-sector and donor partnership forums for investment planning in priority community-based ICM/IWRM actions

Activities: Update - A Regional Investment Forum was planned for 2020 at the margins of the RSC5. However, because of the COVID travel restrictions, the RPCU has scheduled this forum next year if hosting a face-2-face meeting is permitted.

⁴ World Bank-sponsored, Pacific Ocean Finance Conference convened by the Office of the Pacific Oceans Commissioner (OPOC) in partnership with Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), and the Pacific Ocean Alliance (POA) Conference convened by the Office of Pacific Ocean Commissioner, the GCF Pacific Dialogue, UNICEF Webinar Series, and IUCN-World Water Day.