



GEF R2R/ RSTC.7/ IP.03

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**Seventh Meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical
Committee for the GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme**

Suva, Fiji 18th and 19th January 2022

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Welcome and Prayer

1. The Chair will call the meeting to order, confirm the quorum and commence the meeting.
2. As done in the past, the rules and procedures used in the conduct of this Committee meeting shall follow those set out under Regional Science and Technical Committee (RSTC) TOR, closely following those governing the conduct of RSC meetings.

Introductory Remarks

3. The Chair will announce decisions of the RSC with respect to the key decisions from last year pertaining to the work of the RSTC. These includes the Committee:
 - (i) endorsing the outcomes and recommendations of the Pre-RSC panel discussion on the theme 'Looking ahead post R2R and Covid-19';
 - (ii) endorsing the decisions of the Pre-RSC sessions on the papers under the Stock-take theme and recommending transmitting these to the RSC for further consideration and actions. This decision includes the 'Progress on implementation of the MTR recommendations' and 'Current status of the Regional IW R2R Project';
 - (iii) endorsing the decisions of the Pre-RSC sessions on the papers under the Special topics theme and recommending transmitting these to the RSC for further consideration and actions. This included the Regional guidelines 'Modified Science to Policy theory of change' and 'Spatial Prioritisation Modelling Procedures'.

The Secretariat will resume the role of rapporteur for the meeting.

Opening Remarks – Pacific R2R Regional Programme Coordinator

4. Chair will invite SPC Representative for his opening remarks and followed by introductory remarks from UNDP as Head of GEF Implement Agency for the GEF Pacific R2R Programme.
5. If appropriate, the R2R Programme Coordinator and the Chair of RSTC will also give brief introductory / opening remarks.

Housekeeping

6. Chair will announce that the duration of the virtual meeting will be two days with up to 3-hours block each day, from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Meeting e-invite and link details will be provided for those who have registered for the meeting. There will be no tea break and delegates are encouraged to stay engaged throughout the virtual meeting.
10. Chair will announce the first order of business and invite comments on the provisional agenda.

Agenda Item 3. Adoption of Agenda

11. The Committee will review records of the last meeting and discuss matters arising, if any. The relevant paper is *RSC-6_IP.5*.

12. Chair will invite general comments on the records, before proceeding to matters arising. Chair will invite the Secretariat to speak to these matters arising from the records.

Agenda Item 4. Chair's Report 2020 – Highlights, Challenges and Opportunities

13. Chair will present his report focusing on the highlights, challenges, and opportunities. As this is the final meeting, the Chair's report adds values to discussion of the next project concepts and proposals set out in agenda 5. The relevant paper here is the meeting paper, *GEF R2R/ RSTC.6/WP.1*.

Chair will invite the meeting to note the paper and further noting discussion can be revisited in the next agenda item 5.

14. The Secretariat will present the Project final report to the delegates focusing on the achievements and the results of the project. The details of the report are contained in the meeting paper, *GEF IW R2R/RSC.6/WP.2*.

Chair will invite the meeting to discuss the final report and presents clear recommendations for the consideration of the RSC.

15. Chair will invite Professor Marcus Sheaves to introduce the meeting paper *GEF IW R2R/RSC.6/WP.3*. The paper informs on the final progress and achievements that was acquired during the tenure of the JCU Post Graduate Certificate and Diploma program.

Chair will invite the meeting to note progress and provide recommendations, if any, for the consideration of the RSC. The discussion can also be revisited in the next agenda item 5.

16. Chair will invite the UNDP representative to introduce the meeting paper *GEF IW R2R/RSC.6/WP.4*. The paper is compiled to inform the delegates of the outcomes of the project closure and terminal evaluation report.

Chair will invite the meeting to note current progress of the terminal evaluation and provide recommendations for the consideration of the RSC.

Agenda Item 5. Looking ahead Post-R2R and Covid-19

17. Chair will invite the Secretariat to introduce the meeting papers *GEF IW R2R/RSC.6/ WP.5, WP.6 and WP.7*, which correspond to the GEF-8 project concept and PIF highlights, GCF project concept and PPF and the EU project concept. The meeting will note that these papers outline a range of options that can be explored further into the to do more testing or scale up innovative technologies in future R2R investments.

Chair will invite the meeting to discuss the papers at the end of all presentations.

Chair invites:

- (i) SPC Consultant, Mr Herman Timmermans to present highlights of the GEF-8 concept & PIF*
- (ii) SPC Consultant, Mr Luke Moore to present highlights of the GCF concept and PPF*
- (iii) SPC Communications and Knowledge Management Advisor, Dr. Fononga Mangisi-Mafileo to present highlights of the highlands to high-seas concept that can potentially be packed for EU funding.*

18. The Secretariat will introduce the meeting paper GEF IW R2R/RSC. 6/WP.8. This will include the launching and handing over of R2R products and publications to PICs. The paper will also inform the delegates of what each country have achieved in the duration of the project.

Agenda Item 6. Investment Forum Outcomes

19. Chair will ask the Secretariat to present the outcomes of the case studies roundtable session. Delegates will be invited to discuss the technical utility of these outcomes to enhance drafting of priority focus areas set out in the next phase project concepts and proposal and provide advice

Agenda Item 7. Other Matters

20. Chair will announce if there are any other matters for the Committee to discuss. If none, the Chair will thank the Delegates and the Committee for their time and work.

21. Chair will invite the Secretariat for any final words and if none then meeting will be closed.

