

Annex A

2017 CROP ACTION PLAN

AGAINST THE 2016 PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM LEADERS DECISIONS

CROP's action plan against the 2016 Forum Leaders' decisions commits and refines the focus of existing CROP working groups as follows:

CROP Working Group	2016/17 Action Required
Gender Working Group	Advise and support PIFS' coordination of a full progress report against the PLGED.
Health & Population Working Group	Monitor progress of bulk procurement of HPV vaccinations for cervical cancer, strengthen national programmes on cervical cancer prevention and control (as guided by national contexts), and transition reporting arrangements to a ministerial platform.
ICT Working Group	Transition reporting arrangements to a ministerial platform, and consider how to integrate cyber security into scope of work.
Marine Sector Working Group	Work with the OPOC in providing coordinated technical advice to PICTs regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd PrepCom for the ABNJ/BBNJ negotiations in New York in March 2017 • Preparations for the UN HLC on SDG14 (Oceans)
Sustainable Development Working Group	Working as a Taskforce, coordinate the development of the Pacific SDG Roadmap, including facilitating consultations in March 2017 in developing regional indicators, aligning the SDGs/Samoa Pathway/Framework for Pacific Regionalism.
WARD (noting this will soon be absorbed within the arrangements for the Pacific Resilience Partnership)	Advise and support the implementation of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).
NEW TASKFORCE Pacific Regional Reference Group on Disability	Coordinate implementation of the Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disability (PFRPD)

Note: There were no 2016 Forum Leaders directive of relevance to the Land Resources Working Group, Human Resources Development Working Group and the CROP Harmonisation Working Group. It is therefore proposed that these working groups be exempted from further reporting to CROP, unless otherwise directed by CROP Executives. USP will now assume the Secretariat for the HRD Working Group.

In addition, a number of specific actions for individual CROP agencies to take forward are also captured in the attached matrix of CROP actions against the 2016 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' decisions.

Available CROP Resources

Indicative joint CROP funding is available to support the SDGs Taskforce and, through the OPOC, CROP's support for oceans-related coordination of technical advice.

CROP's member agencies commit to ensuring resourcing for the participation in CROP working groups.

Reporting Requirements

The 2017 CROP action plan was confirmed at the 42nd CROP on 13 February, 2017, at FFA Headquarters in Honiara. It forms the basis for CROP's progress report to Pacific Islands Forum Leaders at their 48th Forum in Apia, September 2017.

**Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP)
February 2017**

MATRIX OF CROP ACTIONS AGAINST THE 2016 FORUM LEADERS' DECISIONS

PARA	DECISION	TIMELINE	ROLE OF CROP	PROGRESS TO DATE (as at 31 May 2017)
6	<p><i>Fisheries</i></p> <p>Leaders endorsed the Fisheries Taskforce's Economic Returns Work Programme and Report, and noted that the four areas of work under the Programme: reform of the management of longline fishery; increasing the value of employment and ensuring effective labour standards are in place; facilitating investment and trade; and value chain participation, are consistent with, and expedite implementation of, several of the Goals and Strategies in the Fisheries Roadmap.</p>	2020	<p>The Fisheries Task Force members (FFA, PNAO, SPC and PIFS) will implement the work programme cooperatively and collaboratively. The Task Force will meet as required to ensure implementation of the work programme and reporting to Leaders on progress. The areas of work identified by the Fisheries Taskforce are already integrated into ongoing FFA management and development work.</p> <p>Collaboration between FFA, PNAO, PIFS and SPC, and, as necessary, action by Leaders is essential for ensuring integrated oceans management and addressing elements of the Fisheries Roadmap that fisheries agencies cannot address alone, eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Elements of cooperative fisheries development, such as cooperative crewing programs and "processing hubs". ii) rehabilitating coastal fisheries through restoring the ecological balance and improving coastal biodiversity. iii) Reform of longline fishery operations and culture to address by-catch, fishing and trans-shipment on the high seas and waste disposal. 	<p>The Taskforce has made reasonable progress toward implementing a programme to increase the sustainable economic returns of fisheries (which was approved at the 2016 Forum).</p> <p>Refer also to specific Taskforce report and FFA/SPC Report Cards</p> <p>Reform of the longline fishery is being taken forward by seven PNA members and Tokelau. Kiribati is developing a separate catch-based fishery. Monitoring of longline fisheries is improving with support from FFA.</p> <p>Note for all fisheries related aspects that non-CROP agencies are pivotal to any progress. In particular PNAO and WCPFC.</p>
7	<p>Leaders also endorsed the review of the regional Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) arrangements, and concurred that the combination</p>		<p>MCS arrangements need to have the flexibility to address coastal fisheries issues and coastal biodiversity as well as the pelagic tuna fishery</p>	<p>FFA continues to invest in the MCS Framework. Specific enhancements</p>

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	<p>of MCS tools, programmes, assets and activities at the national and regional level represent a world class MCS Framework that has achieved positive results for FFA members. Leaders noted that there were further improvements that would substantially enhance the MCS at the national and regional level, and which the FFA would pursue.</p>		<p>Priorities and improvements were identified in the review which concluded that the combination of tools, programs, assets and activities at the national and regional level represents a world class MCS Framework that has achieved positive results for FFA member, have been integrated into planning of MCS activities. The results of the evaluation will be invaluable in the development of a new RMCSS.</p> <p>The ongoing influx of Vietnamese “blue boats” poses a significant new IUU threat, as well as increasing the likelihood of a range of other transnational crime risks.</p>	<p>underway include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trials on the use of satellite imagery • Greater development of algorithms to determine fishing/non-fishing activity • Greater profiling of individuals involved in IUU fishing • Implementation of the NTSA • Increased aerial surveillance (Australia funded) • Fostering better partnerships with external system owners <p>FFA and SPC have jointly developed a regional strategy for combatting the blue boat issue and this has been endorsed by FFC.</p>
8	<p>Leaders called for action to end Illegal Unregulated Unreported fishing and associated activities, including high seas bunkering, human trafficking, and illicit trade.</p> <p>Leaders encouraged FFA to ensure the rapid implementation of the Tokelau Arrangement.</p> <p>Leaders urged flag states to exercise more diligent efforts in carrying out their flag state responsibilities</p>	2017	<p>FFA and PNAO to lead work on high seas bunkering and transshipment. FFA, PNAO and PIFS to collaborate on addressing human trafficking and illicit trade. FFA, PNAO and PIFS to seek opportunities in encourage flag states to carry out their responsibilities.</p> <p>The FFA continues ongoing efforts to:</p>	<p>PNA and FFA have commenced collaborative work to better understand the bunkering industry and inform the design of measures to better regulate it.</p>

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	and control of nationals.		<p>- eliminate IUU fishing and associated activities through ER and EM activities, appropriate port State controls and implementation of NTSA.</p> <p>The para also refers to action to end IUU fishing associated with high seas bunkering. Bunkering is a potential conduit for some transgressions such as transfer shark fins, but there is no evidence that it is a major IUU risk for tuna. FFA interprets this as a general call for high seas reform, which would include transshipment.</p>	
9	Recognising the ongoing importance of increasing economic returns and the sustainable management of fisheries, Leaders agreed that fisheries should remain on their agenda, and on the need for ongoing cooperation between members of the Taskforce to implement the Work Programme.	2017	<p>Taskforce will report to 2017 Leaders' meeting. The TF members (PNAO, PIFS, FFA and SPC) agreed on 10 December, 2016 to continue to meet either face-to face in 2017 as opportunities arose or via teleconference or video conference.</p> <p>FFA and SPC will continue to submit report cards on the progress towards achieving the Goals of the Future of Fisheries Roadmap.</p> <p>The FFC Ministerial Chair will continue to provide reports to Leaders.</p>	<p>The Taskforce has prepared a first report to Leaders, to be tabled at the 48th PIF in September 2017.</p> <p>Refer to specific Taskforce report and FFA/SPC Report Cards.</p>
10	<p>In noting that coastal fisheries management continues to receive inadequate attention at the national level, Leaders agreed to expand the broad heading of "fisheries" to include coastal fisheries, noting links to communities, food security, health issues and in particular non-communicable diseases.</p> <p>Leaders also noted the need to ensure eco-system integrity to address issues such as ciguatera outbreaks and to sustainably manage Beche-de-Mer. To that end, Leaders tasked the SPC to coordinate</p>		<p>SPC to coordinate consultations on implementation of Leaders' decision including with the Marine Sector Working Group and Heads of Fisheries, regarding coastal fisheries.</p> <p>FFA to liaise with SPC on FFA involvement in coastal fisheries management, particularly in the area of coastal fisheries MCS, including dealing with the so called "blue boats". This will be guided by the new 'Song' for fisheries, as a multi-agency</p>	<p>The MWSG met on 13th March, 2017 in the margins of the SPC's Heads of Fisheries meeting. It has proposed to establish a technical taskforce on regional coastal fisheries comprising SPC, LMMA and ANCORS/WorldFish, and is will be submitted to the July 2017 FFC Ministers</p>

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	with National Fisheries Agencies, CROP agencies and regional and national community groups, to strengthen support and resourcing for coastal fisheries management.		framework for engaging in this effort. SPC will work with SPREP to place some species of Beche-de-Mer on CITES Appendix II, working collaboratively on ecosystem integrity.	meeting for endorsement.
15	<p><i>Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management</i></p> <p>Leaders endorsed the <i>Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP)</i> and agreed for it to be fully elaborated and operationalised upon the entry into force of the Paris Agreement, and recognised its potential to support coordination and action on a number of key issues related to climate change and disaster risk management.</p> <p>Leaders noted that the FRDP (attached at Annex 1), is a voluntary non-political framework which does not replace the role of existing regional political statements or declarations on climate change and disaster risk management. Leaders agreed that the <i>Pohnpei Statement: Strengthening Pacific Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk</i>, (attached at Annex 2), would complement the FRDP, and tasked the Forum Secretariat to convene a Working Group, including Members, CROP agencies, and relevant stakeholders, to elaborate on the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) process by December 2016, to implement the FRDP.</p>	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIFS to regularly consult with CROP on this. All CROP should be involved in the WG including the SPREP Secretariat and SPREP members. In terms of hosting a back to back meeting, there will be a GCF Board meeting in Samoa from 13-15 December and maybe an opportunity to host such a meeting. • SPREP to continue to lead in the coordination of regional climate change initiatives such as in coordinating the CROP Team for COP 23 in supporting PICs, as well as providing an update after Marrakesh from the COP22 team of any relevant outcomes and linkages with the Paris Agreement. • SPREP has a role in climate services through support and capacity building for National Meteorological Services, climate information and knowledge management through the Pacific Climate Change Portal. • SPREP as an accredited entity for the AF and GCF is working with members in conceptualizing readiness and full proposals. Two SPREP coordinated proposals have been approved for Vanuatu for GCF in 2016 and Federated States of Micronesia for the 	The Pacific Resilience Partnerships (PRP) met from 4-6 February, 2017 to develop governance arrangements for the implementation of the FRDP. A progress update will be provided to the 48 th PIF in September 2017.

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			<p>Adaptation Fund in 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through SPREP, CROP to explore linkages between the FRDP and the Pacific Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) and SPREP will continue coordinating the implementation of the PIMS and its linkages with the FRDP. 	
17	<p>Leaders stressed that the amendment should include an early freeze date for HFC production and consumption, followed by a rapid phase down of HFCs. They also emphasised the need to maximise the climate benefits of an HFC phase down by providing incentives to secure the major energy efficiency gains in applications that can be achieved concomitant with the global phase down of HFCs.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This work is carried out in the context of SPREP's work on chemicals. The whole issue of environmental and climate benefits of the phasing out of the HFCs are well documented through the work of the Montreal Protocol. In terms of how CROP can assist, SPREP will provide assistance to countries who are yet to put in place mechanisms or policies that will assist them in the actual phasing out of the HFC at the national level. On the countries that have already established such mechanisms, SPREP will work closely with them on strengthening these mechanisms through establishing ways in which major energy efficiency gains can be attained through exploring the use of "cleaner" appliances that do not use such chemicals. A good number of the Pacific Island countries have already established these mechanisms while other are still moving towards establishing theirs – SPREP's assistance will not only be establishing these mechanisms and also bringing everyone to be at the same levels. 	<p>In 2017, Japan has also funded some work through FFA to conduct similar work on HFCs in relation to fishing vessels.</p>
	<i>West Papua (Papua)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIFS will continue to facilitate members' dialogue on West Papua informed by a 	<p>In February 2017, PIFS</p>

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18	Leaders recognised the political sensitivities of the issue of West Papua (Papua) and agreed the issue of alleged human rights violations in West Papua (Papua) should remain on their agenda. Leaders also agreed on the importance of an open and constructive dialogue with Indonesia on the issue.	Foreign Ministers 2017 Leaders 2017	watching brief on the human rights situation in West Papua. PIFS will also seek opportunities for an open and constructive dialogue with Indonesia.	supported Forum Members' mission to observe the provincial elections in Jayapura and Manokwari in Indonesia's Papuan provinces.
19	<i>Cervical cancer</i> Leaders considered the need for the development of a regional bulk procurement programme for the cervical cancer vaccine (and screening and related equipment where possible). Leaders noted the existing bulk procurement programme managed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and urged Members to avail themselves of the UNICEF programme.	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPC as Chair of the CROP Health + Population Working Group to monitor progress, and facilitate reporting to Health Ministers. 	ADB is now funding procurement of new vaccines including HPV in four countries. An update on the VII programme was provided by UNICEF to Heads of Health meeting in April 2017. SPC on behalf of Taskforce, is facilitating an information paper to Health Ministers in August 2017.
20 - 21	<i>Regional mobility and harmonisation of business practice</i> While recognising the potential of initiatives on 'Regional Mobility and Harmonisation of Business Practice,' to contribute to increased economic integration, greater investment and improved business practices, Leaders noted the potential to duplicate processes already underway through the PACER Plus Agreement, Melanesian Spearhead Group Trade Agreement, and the Pacific Labour Mobility Annual Meeting. Leaders tasked the Secretariat to work with Forum Members, relevant technical agencies and the private sector to coordinate efforts for increased mobility and	Special FTMM October 2017 Private Sector Prep Feb 2017 FEMM April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging existing networks through the relevant EDF 11 Working Group, PIFS will work with Forum members, relevant technical agencies (SPC and USP) and the private sector to coordinate the preparation of a proposal to be tabled at the 2017 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting, Private Sector Dialogue, Forum Trade Ministers Meeting and the Forum Leaders Meeting on the establishment of a Forum-Wide Business Travel Card, implementable within a two year time frame, building on work carried out to date. PIFS will work with Forum members, relevant 	The Joint Dialogue of FEMM, civil society and private sector in April 2017 agreed to support engagement with a private sector steering committee to progress initiatives on harmonisation of business practice, supported PIFS work to progress regional labour mobility through partnerships with stakeholders such as the

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	<p>harmonisation of business practices in the region.</p> <p>Leaders noted the messages conveyed by the private sector through the Private Sector Dialogue. Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to support private sector development in the region with a focus on improved mobility of businesses and skilled personnel, including the streamlining of business processes to support the ease of doing business in the Pacific. Leaders directed relevant Ministerial Meetings to lead and monitor progress on the implementation of these initiatives as appropriate.</p>	<p>Leaders 2017</p>	<p>technical agencies and the private sector (including Pacific Trade and Invest Network, PIPSO and regional private sector representatives) to coordinate the preparation of a proposal on a regional framework for streamlining business processes to support the ease of doing business across the region. This proposal will be tabled at the 2017 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting, Private Sector Dialogue, Forum Trade Ministers Meeting and the Forum Leaders Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPREP encourages the development of regional and national enabling environments for transitioning to green and blue economies, eg, leading the regional ecotourism project and training workshops on green and blue economies. On ecotourism- SPREP is working with SPTO is finalizing coastal tourism guideline. • As Chair of the ICT Working Group, USP is also looking at e-business platforms to support this initiative. 	<p>Pacific Directors of Immigration, and further supported initiatives that promote green business practice.</p> <p>PIFS will coordinate a Workshop on Labour Mobility at the PIDC Annual Conference in June 2017 (Apia).</p> <p>SPREP in partnership with UNEP delivered a green growth and green economy meeting in 2016 for selected PICs that have developed national framework to promote green growth and green economy. SPREP will continue to work with UNEP to identify potential project concepts on green growth/economy for SIDS.</p>
24	<p><i>Persons with Disabilities</i></p> <p>Leaders endorsed the <i>Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PFRPD) 2016</i> –</p>	<p>2025 By end</p>	<p>All CROP agencies commit to ensuring that all institutional and coordination mechanisms take into account inclusive policy.</p>	<p>The Pacific Regional Reference Group on Disability was established in 2016 with - PIFS as</p>

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	<p>2025 to support Pacific governments promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities as outlined in the UN <i>Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</i>, and provide a regional modality to strengthen coordination and collaboration in support of national initiatives.</p> <p>Leaders tasked the Forum Secretariat to coordinate the effective implementation of the PFRPD and work with Forum Member countries, CROP agencies, the Pacific Disability Forum, and development partners to mainstream the PFRPD at regional and national levels.</p>	<p>2017 Strategic Socialisation - FEMM & Regional SDG indicators</p>	<p>PIFS will Chair a new CROP Taskforce – with time-bound terms of reference - to coordinate the effective implementation of the PFRPD, will leverage existing policy networks and will report progress to Leaders. SPC and USP have confirmed participation in this taskforce.</p>	<p>Secretariat - and governance arrangements are currently being confirmed.</p> <p>A consultant is engaged in 2017 to design a 3-year costed action plan for the PFRDP to seek donor support.</p> <p>FEMM in April 2017 supported the PFRPD and undertook to support national-level disability focal Ministries to mainstream the PFRPD actions, targets and articles into national plans supported by appropriate policy frameworks and budgetary allocation.</p> <p>Disability SDG indicators are part of the negotiation at the SDGs Pacific Regional workshop consultation from 14 – 16 June, 2017.</p>
25	<p>2015 Priorities for Referral for Ministerial Oversight and Crosscutting themes</p> <p>Leaders endorsed the SSCR’s recommendation that the 2015 priorities relating to ICT; and cervical cancer</p>	<p>Transition over the course of</p>	<p>As the CROP agency lead on ICT, USP has revised the terms of reference for a strengthened CROP ICT working group and will focus on developing a roadmap. Future reporting to Members will be at</p>	<p>The strengthened CROP ICT Working Group has been making progress since being revamped in 2016.</p>

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	<p>(national policy responses), be referred to the relevant ministries for discussion and oversight. Leaders agreed that while important, these issues do not require their continued discussion to be progressed. Leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to continue to focus on the issues of gender and poverty, and encouraged Ministers and Officials to mainstream both gender and poverty across all sectoral and thematic areas of work.</p>	2017	<p>a Ministerial level.</p> <p>The CROP Health + Population Working Group to monitor progress on national policy implementation of cervical cancer responses.</p> <p>The CROP Gender Working Group to continue to monitor progress of national gender mainstreaming efforts, and support countries as required.</p>	<p>USP continues to assist Member Countries to expand their ICT capacity. For example, in July 2016, it deployed a fibre cable from the Emalus Campus to the Government Court House, which enabled a connection from the Campus to the Vanuatu e-Government Fibre network.</p> <p>The CROP ICT WG has made good progress in 2016 and 2017 in terms of drawing a work plan, development of a website and portal, finalisation of Pacific Regional ICT Strategic Action Plan (PRISAP) and further momentum is expected to be gained through more active engagement with all the members of the strengthened CROP ICT WG and governments.</p>
26	<p><i>Oceans</i></p> <p>Leaders reaffirmed that the Pacific region's most important natural resource is the ocean. Leaders recalled that the Pacific had shown strong global leadership on oceans through the SAMOA Pathway</p>		<p>PIFS and in particular OPOC to engage further with CROP and coordinate support to Pacific countries on substantive issues. Clarity also needed on how CROP should engage with UN, Fiji and Sweden on these issues. CROP through the</p>	<p>CROP coordinated a series of side-events at the UN Conference on Oceans in June 2017 (New York), as well as made a number of institutional voluntary</p>

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	<p>and in ensuring a stand-alone SDG on the ocean and seas (SDG14). Leaders noted that the UN Conference on Oceans and Seas to support the implementation of SDG14, 5 – 9 June 2017, will now be held in New York. The Conference will provide the Pacific with another opportunity to lead the way and demonstrate its collective interest in the sustainable development, management and conservation of the Pacific Ocean and its resources, including through the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC).</p>	<p>By June 2017</p>	<p>OPOC will develop a clear strategy for effective engagement at the Conference.</p> <p>Provisional funding available from Taiwan/ROC to support CROP coordination and advice to PICTs in the lead up to the UN Oceans Conference.</p> <p>CROP commits to greater demonstration of collaboration among its agencies in designing joint solutions and programmes for oceans.</p>	<p>commitments on SDG 14.</p> <p>PIFS support to OPOC, FFA’s fisheries expertise, SPREP’s environmental expertise, USP’s marine research and capacity development, and SPC’s coast fisheries expertise ensured a strong Pacific presence at the global conference, and well-rounded technical advice during the regional consultations preceding the Conference.</p> <p>CROP agencies shared resources in support of the Conference, e.g. through a secondment of Dr Jeremy Hills from USP to PIFS/OPOC, and combined technical and communications resources.</p> <p>Following the Conference, there are opportunities to advance more diverse, deep partnerships between CROP and other partners on SDG 14.</p>
27	<p>Leaders recalled their support for negotiations towards implementing a new agreement to deal with biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, and</p>		<p>CROP to coordinate technical advice to countries through the OPOC during BBNJ negotiations, including:</p>	<p>CROP provided technical analysis and advice on the zero draft outcomes</p>

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	<p>acknowledged the technical support coordinated through the OPOC at discussions underway on the issue at the UN. Leaders agreed on the importance of maintaining the Pacific momentum towards a swift conclusion of the Preparatory Committee, to ensure approaches to ocean management across jurisdictions that do not undermine existing regional fisheries management arrangements. To that end and noting the global attention on oceans, Leaders endorsed the Pohnpei Oceans Statement: A Course to Sustainability (attached at Annex 3), and reaffirmed their support to the OPOC, given its central coordination role with respect to ocean governance and integrated ocean management in the region, under the Framework for a Pacific Oceanscape.</p>	<p>Sept 2017 or when IA negotiation is concluded</p> <p>Finance needed now.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide guidance to CITES Parties in the region on the implementation by RFMOs and national governments of recent CITES decisions on marine species. provide technical advice in the area of Area Based Management Tools; Access Benefits Sharing of Genetic Resources; EIA and SEA. SPREP continues to deliver training on EIA and provided technical advice to member countries on EIA and SEA. <p>Funding for the CROP Technical Advisers to the PSIDs during the ABNJ/BBNJ Prepcom in New York, 3rd PrepCom planned for March/April 2017, may be sourced through the Taiwan/ROC support to CROP on oceans.</p>	<p>document for the Oceans Conference (March 2017).</p> <p>SPREP undertook ABNJ Clipperton Claritton Zone Marine Spatial Planning analysis for BBNJ (Mining, Fishing, EBSA).</p> <p>SPREP has also run in-country area-based tool trainings including a Marine Spatial Planning workshop in Nauru (February 2017) and developed an online data node for data access (gis.sprep.org) to assist members undertake area management tools processes.</p> <p>FFA has participated actively and funded attendance by fisheries officials at CITES and BBNJ meetings.</p>
28	<p>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development/SDGs</p> <p>Leaders commended progress by the Pacific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Taskforce and Reference Group on the development of a draft Outline of the Pacific SDGs Roadmap for regional reporting and implementation of the SDGs, SAMOA Pathway and the <i>Framework</i>. Leaders noted that the final Roadmap will be submitted for approval in</p>	2017	<p>Through the CROP SDWG Taskforce, CROP supports the preparations for the Pacific SDG Roadmap, towards the formulation of the SDGs Regional Indicators aligning the SDGs/SAMOA Pathway/FPR.</p>	<p>In February 2017, a regional workshop on SDGs indicators was hosted by SPC in support of the Regional SDGs Taskforce.</p> <p>A Regional SDGs multi-stakeholder consultation</p>

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	September 2017.			<p>was held in June 2017 to finalise the Pacific SDGs Roadmap.</p> <p>PIFS, SPC, SPREP are active members of the Taskforce. SPREP is committed to mainstreaming environment indicators in line with SPREP programs.</p>
31	<p>RAMSI</p> <p>Leaders applauded the significant progress made so far in the drawdown of RAMSI and supported the oversight role of the Pacific Islands Forum on the eventual withdrawal of RAMSI in June 2017.</p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>PIFS to lead</p>	<p>PIFS will continue to support the oversight of RAMSI leading to its drawdown in 2017.</p>	<p>PIFS will lead a mission to Solomon Islands in June 2017 for the conclusion of RAMSI.</p>
32	<p>PACER Plus</p> <p>Leaders reiterated the need for PACER Plus to promote regional integration in the Pacific, and to assist the Forum Island Countries to achieve robust economic growth and sustainable development. In that regard, Leaders welcomed the conclusion of negotiations on all fifteen chapters of the PACER Plus text and called on all participants to continue to demonstrate good will and flexibility. Leaders noted that a timetable has been agreed for the conclusion of market access negotiations by the end of October 2016, and for the Agreement to be signed by the end of 2016. Leaders noted the withdrawal by Papua New Guinea from PACER Plus and reservations by Fiji on the current legal text.</p>	<p>By end 2016</p>	<p>PIFS continues to monitor progress of PACER Plus negotiations noting that Market Access Offer Negotiations were completed by end Nov 2016.</p> <p>PIFS will establish a PACER Plus Implementation Unit by Jan 2018.</p>	<p>A Special Forum Officials and Trade Ministers Meeting was held in Christchurch, New Zealand on 25-26 August, 2016 where all fifteen chapters of the PACER Plus were concluded, including the Chapter on Rules of Origin and Initial Provisions (including the preamble) and the Chapter on Trade in Goods ('TIG Package'). Australia and New Zealand announced a joint A\$7.7 million "Readiness Package" to be available to signatories between</p>

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				<p>signature and entry into force.</p> <p>A Special Forum Island Countries Trade Ministers Meeting was also held on 27th October 2016 in Nadi. The FIC Ministers re-visited the Christchurch decisions of August 2016 and decided to seek an amendment to them in light of their development aspirations. The FIC Trade Ministers therein agreed to amend the August 2016 Christchurch TIG Package.</p> <p>Another Special Forum Trade Ministers Meeting was held on 20 April 2017 where the Ministers concluded all market access negotiations and agreed to further technical adjustments to the ‘TIG Package’ that had been concluded in Christchurch in August 2016. The legal verification process has been completed and the PACER Plus text was publicly released at the 7th NSA Dialogue on PACER</p>

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				<p>Plus, co-convened by PIFS and OCTA in Port Vila, Vanuatu on 31 May 2017.</p> <p>Preparatory process are in place for the signing of the text in Nukualofa, Tonga on 14 June 2017.</p>
36	<p><i>Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration</i></p> <p>Leaders agreed that future reporting on the PLGED would comprise: a full report on progress against the PLGED incorporated into the proposed quadrennial regional reporting of progress against the SDGs, with the first regional report proposed for 2018; and a report on a particular theme/area of the PLGED prepared biennially, between the full regional SDGs report, to maintain a focus on progressing gender-related commitments.</p>	Sept 2018	<p>CROP Gender Working Group to advise and support PIFS' coordination of a full progress report against the PLGED.</p> <p>SPC will host the Triennial Women's Ministries meeting in October 2017 and launch the new Pacific Platform of Action for women.</p> <p>The FFC approved a gender equity framework in July 2016 and is implementing programs in support of this.</p> <p>SPREP endorsed a new Gender Policy in 2017 : to strengthen and maintain an institutional environment that supports and encourages gender mainstreaming; (ii) to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of SPREP's projects and programmes; and (iii) to promote the integration of a gender perspective into the programmes and projects of Member countries and cooperating partners.</p>	<p>The CROP Gender Working Group met from 12-13 June, 2017 to facilitate development of a full progress report against the PLGED, linked to SDGs reporting.</p> <p>Specific implementation and research plans have now been approved by FFC.</p>
37	<p><i>Cyber security</i></p> <p>Leaders welcomed the exponential growth in internet connectivity in the region and access to world</p>	2017	Through the CROP ICT Working Group, USP to consider how to incorporate cyber security into its work program.	The CROP ICT WG met on 20 February 2017 and agreed to conduct comprehensive mapping of

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	<p>markets and global knowledge it brings. Leaders agreed Forum members should work together to establish a Computer Emergency Response Team capacity for the region to combat cyber threats and cybercrime.</p>			<p>existing work in this area prior to determining capacity gaps.</p> <p>The Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) issued a consultancy in May 2017 to develop a strategy policy on cyber security in the Pacific.</p> <p>In 2017 ITU is working with a number of member states in addressing cyber security policies and to establish their national CERTs. According to ITU's work plan</p> <p>The WG will focus on support to countries that do not have the capacity to implement CERTs, through a regional CERT. Currently a proposal is being developed to look at establishing a regional CERT.</p> <p>USP is introducing the Postgraduate Diploma in Cyber Security which will be offered from Semester 2, 2017. This programme will provide managers and</p>

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				practitioners, the skills they need to protect their ICT infrastructure and investments.
41	<p><i>Radioactive Contaminants in Marshall Islands</i> Leaders tasked the Forum Secretariat to coordinate assistance by CROP Agencies to the Republic of the Marshall Islands in addressing ongoing impacts of nuclear testing, including, <i>inter alia</i>, human rights, environmental contamination, and health impacts. Leaders also tasked the Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General to report to the 48th Pacific Islands Forum on actions taken in this regard.</p>	Sept 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIFS to coordinate Forum representations to the U.S. Government, urging the United States to take further action to meaningfully address the ongoing impacts resulting from the U.S. Nuclear Testing Programme; • PIFS to coordinate Forum representations to the United Nations Secretary-General seeking action in response to recommendations contained in the 2012 report of the UN Human Rights Council Special Rapporteur for “the international community, including relevant United Nations departments, funds and agencies” to address the ongoing impacts of nuclear testing in the Pacific; and PIFS will confirm expectations of RMI and coordinate CROP assistance to RMI, as required. • Noting the metropolitan members of SPC and SPREP may not support specific agency assistance to RMI, CROP to consider appropriate levels of resourcing for this decision. <p>Note: For the first time in 2016 RMI included the “environmental legacy of nuclear testing” in their State of Environment Report, noting the lasting</p>	PIFS has developed, in consultation with RMI, draft representations by the Forum Chair to the US President and the UN Secretary General. PIFS is coordinating a CROP scoping mission to RMI to confirm expectations and to develop a CROP program of support.

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			<p><i>impacts. The issue for RMI is ensuring that the level of radioactive waste that is captured under the atolls is capped. SPREP can provide advice on the dangers of the waste if humans are exposed to the material. SPREP is not able to determine the levels of radioactive material in the environment (environmental contamination). However, SPREP can provide some approaches to how it can be done, such as making linkages with researchers who provide this service.</i></p> <p><i>It is also advisable that this can be handled through the Basel Convention where there is a working relationship with the IAEA. This very issue can be addressed through that mechanism as well.</i></p>	
44	<p><i>Outcomes of the SIS Leaders' Meeting</i></p> <p>Leaders endorsed the SIS Regional Strategy as the basis for articulating SIS regional priorities and aspirations with the <i>Framework</i>.</p>	2017	<p>CROP, through its agencies, commits to advocate for regional programming to incorporate elements of the SIS strategy relevant to agency mandates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIFS will recruit an SIS Adviser to coordinate and monitor implementation of the SIS Strategy, as well as facilitate further resource mobilization as required. • SPREP will incorporate the SIS strategy into its 2017 work plan – one of the five key priorities of the Strategy is a joint SIS proposal on climate finance to GCF. SPREP will ensure a focus on supporting SIS climate priorities in its role as an 	<p>PIFS recruited an SIS Adviser in December 2016.</p> <p>CROP regularly reports on progress against the SIS strategy to the annual SIS Officials meeting.</p> <p>USP continues to advance cutting edge research and education around low carbon maritime transport solutions for Pacific countries.</p> <p>In partnership with the Republic of the Marshall</p>

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			<p>Regional Accredited Entity to the GCF and AF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC's CRGA in June 2016 endorsed the SIS Strategy which will guide future programming. • SPREP, USP and SPC will support efforts on sustainable maritime transport. 	<p>Islands, USP will shortly open the Micronesia Sustainable Transport Centre (MSTC) at its new Marshall Islands Campus. The MSTC will assist RMI in achieving its target of reducing national transport emissions by 20% by 2030.</p>

Note: highlighted sections indicate key decisions.