

SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY

**THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS**
(Noumea, New Caledonia, 13–16 October 2008)

DRAFT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW REPORTS FOR 2008

AGENDA ITEM 2.1 – DIRECTOR-GENERAL’S REPORT

CRGA is invited to:

- i. note and discuss the Director-General’s report;
- ii. discuss and endorse the key policy directions presented in paragraphs 51 to 64 of the report; and
- iii. assist the Director-General in his efforts to have ministers from all 26 member countries and territories attend the 6th Conference of the Pacific Community in Tonga in 2009.

OVERVIEW REPORTS FOR 2008

WORK PROGRAMMES – DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM 2.2 - LAND RESOURCES DIVISION

CRGA is invited to:

- i. note and endorse the decisions made by Pacific Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry at their second regional conference, 8–9 September 2009, Apia, Samoa, including their approval of LRD’s strategic plan for 2009 – 2012;
- ii. welcome the high priority accorded by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders in their Niue communiqué to food security, climate change adaptation, and land management and conflict minimisation, which was subsequently endorsed by the Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry at their regional conference in Apia;
- iii. acknowledge that LRD will require additional resources to implement the decisions made by Forum leaders;
- iv. endorse the Secretariat’s efforts to secure resources to implement effective responses to food security, climate change adaptation, land management and conflict minimisation as a matter of urgency; and
- v. request development partners to support SPC’s efforts to make a difference in the lives of Pacific people by enabling the organisation to implement the decisions taken by Pacific leaders.

AGENDA ITEM 2.3 – MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION 2008 REPORT

1. CRGA is invited to:

- i. note the challenges being faced by the Oceanic Fisheries Programme in continuing to provide the scientific support required by SPC members as more sophisticated tuna fisheries management regimes are adopted;
- ii. note the challenges being faced by the Coastal Fisheries Programme in continuing to provide the scientific support required by SPC members as project funding support is discontinued, and to note the financing requirements implicit in the Apia Policy, the Aquaculture Action Plan, and the Regional Aquatic Biosecurity Capacity-Building Project;
- iii. support the augmentation of longer-term programme funding support for the core business of the SPC Marine Resources Division programmes; and
- iv. endorse the terms of reference for the Future of Fisheries Study.

AGENDA ITEM 2.4 – SOCIAL RESOURCES DIVISION

1. CRGA is invited to;
 - i. discuss and note the work of the Social Resources Division during 2008;
 - ii. note the substantial increase in funding for the Public Health Programme much of which will be of direct benefit to members;
 - iii. provide guidance to the work of the division as considered necessary; and
 - iv. provide inputs as necessary to the draft strategic plan for the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT).

REGIONAL POLICY AGENDA - INCREASED FOCUS ON FOCUS MEMBER PRIORITIES

AGENDA ITEM 3.1 – FOOD SECURITY IN THE PACIFIC

1. CRGA is requested to:
 - i. support the priority given to addressing food security by the Forum Leaders in their Niue Communiqué;
 - ii. recognise the importance of a multi-sectoral approach and encourage a ‘whole of society’ and ‘whole of government’ approach to providing food security;
 - iii. support the work SPC is leading to assist members to address the food security challenges they face across a range of sectors; and
 - iv. encourage development partners to provide additional support to strengthen the capacity of SPC programmes to assist members to achieve food security by adopting the strategies outlined in this paper.

AGENDA ITEM 3.2 - CLIMATE CHANGE: CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SPC TO REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ADAPTATION INITIATIVES

1. CRGA 38 is requested to:

- i. recognise the long-term threat posed by climate change to the capacity of the agricultural, forestry and fisheries sectors to provide food security, livelihoods and economic growth;
- ii. endorse the strengthened focus on climate change activities within the Land Resources and Marine Resources Divisions and the Public Health, Statistics and Demography and Human Development Programmes, particularly those aimed at helping rural communities adapt by diversifying methods for producing food and generating income;
- iii. note the strong cooperation between SPC, SPREP and other CROP agencies to assist PICTs to achieve the goals of the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change; and
- iv. support the efforts of SPC and its partners to obtain the resources needed to further develop adaptive strategies and implement effective demonstration projects.

AGENDA ITEM 3.3 - SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SECURITY

1. CRGA is invited to consider this paper and:
 - i) note the decision of Pacific Islands Forum Leaders to prioritise land management and conflict minimisation in the Pacific Plan;
 - ii) note the findings of the study on *Making land work* and the assistance that Australia plans to provide to support this initiative in the region;
 - iii) endorse the promotion by SPC's Land Resources Division of land zoning and mapping, economic analysis of land use practices and community-based consultation processes as tools for sustainable development and management of land resources for economic growth in PICTs; and
 - iv) endorse the joint development by SPC and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat – with the support of national, regional and international partners – of a regional initiative on land management and conflict minimisation for economic and social development to be implemented by SPC, specifically by its Land Management and Resources Support Team.

AGENDA ITEM 3.4 – REGIONAL MDG MONITORING SUPPORT FRAMEWORK FOR PICTS

CRGA is invited to:

- i. discuss and endorse the Secretariat's proposal to establish a regional MDG monitoring support framework for PICTs;
- ii. support the consultation and development plan proposed by the Secretariat for establishing the framework over the next 12 months; and
- iii. request development partners to support the implementation of the proposed MDG monitoring support framework for PICTs.

AGENDA ITEM 3.5 – SMALL ISLAND STATES SHIPPING & COMMODITY MAPPING

1. CRGA is requested to:
 - i. note the direction, progress and nature of SPC support for SIS, and the assistance, advice and training provided by RMP to SIS maritime administrations, shipping companies and other maritime personnel;
 - ii. support the review of feeder shipping services and commodity mapping in PICTs and acknowledge that PICTs need to together to improve SIS shipping services and increase intra-

regional trade;

- iii. note that the need for training in commercial ship management in SIS and support the delivery of risk-free simulation training by RMP; and
- iv. encourage additional financial support from donor partners for the establishment of an SIS ship management unit within RMP to enable capacity supplementation, delivery of technical advice and increased support for shipping management services.

AGENDA ITEM 3.6 – PUBLIC HEALTH – CHALLENGES AND DIRECTIONS

CRGA is requested to:

- (i) note the urgent need to address the ‘triple burden of disease’ in all PICTs;
- (ii) further note that many of the solutions to better health outcomes exist outside the health sector;
- (iii) commit to advocating, at national government level, for a broad-based approach to health that involves all the sectors that impact on health;
- (iv) support the development of a ‘Framework of Priorities for Health in the Pacific’; and
- (v) comment on and guide the directions given to the Public Health Programme to support the development of appropriate responses to members’ priorities

AGENDA ITEM 3.7 – REACHING OUT TO RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE PACIFIC PLAN DIGITAL STRATEGY