



**PACIFIC COMMUNITY (SPC)**

**SECOND MEETING OF COASTAL FISHERIES WORKING GROUP**

**Noumea, April 18th, 2018**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Regional implementation/activity plan for the CFWG/New Song</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Discussion Paper on regional implementation/activity plan for the CFWG/New Song</b>
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### **Issue**

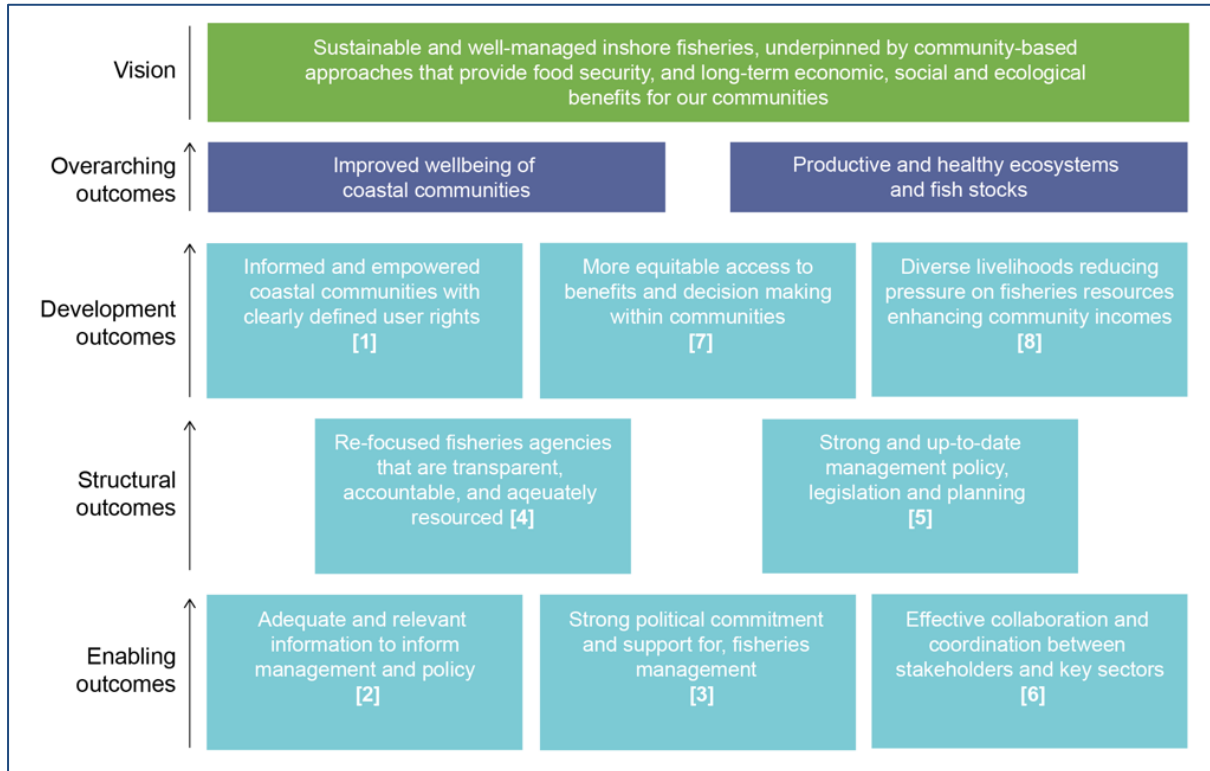
The New Song articulates a new vision for coastal fisheries that seeks to reverse declines and secure the supply of coastal fish into an uncertain and changing future. The primary vehicle to achieve the New Song’s vision are community-based approaches to the fisheries management challenge.

The elegance of the New Song is in its vision and clear statement of the outcomes needed to realize that vision. The New Song present a regional response to the demand by regional leaders for change, but is largely reliant on national activities to make those changes. Nevertheless, by their nature coastal fisheries reside within national jurisdictions and the capacities and willingness of governments and communities to improve their condition. The challenge for the region is to leverage the momentum and profile given by the New Song into change at national and subnational scales.

There are hundreds, possibly thousands of coastal fisheries and community-based rural development initiatives and projects in region. Some are managed by governments and many are implemented by non-State actors largely outside government influence. To achieve the New Song vision these many initiatives need to aligned with national priorities and in support of the regional ambitions of the New Song. Activities, outcomes and impacts at the national scale are central to the New Song. National impact pathways need to formalized into national strategies and implementation plans. National pathways for change need to be supported by a regional impact pathways with a set of activities, outcomes and impacts that support and progress at national scales – to ensure that progress is more than just the sum of national outcomes.

Framed in the language of Theory of Change, the New Song articulates the ‘top half’ of a New Song ToC. It presents a vision, impacts, outcomes and indicators of progress at a

regional scale (Figure). SPC has subsequently developed a results framework to guide the M&E needed to measure progress and evaluate initiatives. Missing are national impact pathways and implementation plans, and the set of activities required at the regional scale to support them.



The CFWG is designed to add value to this challenge by promoting and advocating for coastal fisheries, and coordinating national, subnational and regional implementation. The CFWG ToR are explicit about some activities to be undertaken by the CFWG; others will come from the group itself and its members. Although primary guidance is provided by the New Song and the MSG roadmap, the preamble to the CFWG ToR notes regional leaders’ reference to BdM fisheries, and nutritional security and public health, notably NCDs. These issues are not emphasized in the New Song.

### Activities

Below we summarise a set of activities for the first 12 months of the CFWG. We have taken a relatively narrow view of the range of activities to be considered. Only those activities where the CFWG has a role in implementing, resourcing or initiating are included.

The activities are organized by New Song outcomes but their contribution is not restricted to that outcome. The absence of CFWG activities on an Outcome in 2018 does not signal a lack of importance or the absence of activities in the region.

Activity	Lead	Completion
<b>Outcome 1: Informed and empowered communities</b>		
Refine process for engaging with community and national agency representation on CFWG	SPC	Q3 2018
<b>Outcome 2: Adequate and relevant information to inform management and policy</b>		
CFWG meeting notes to be placed on public website	SPC	Q2 2018
<b>Outcome 3: Strong national and sub-national political support for coastal fisheries</b>		
Support creation of national forums to integrate activities under New Song	SPC and various	Q1 2019
Prepare BdM report card or policy brief for submission to FFC	SPC and H Govan	Q2 2018
<b>Outcome 4: Refocused fisheries agencies supporting coastal fisheries and CEAFM</b>		
Support review and re-organization of national fisheries departments	SPC and UoW	Q4 2018
Provide guidance to national agencies for implementation of CEAFM	SPC and various	Q2 2019
<b>Outcome 5: Strong and up-to-date policy and legislation</b>		
Establishment of coastal fisheries law and policy task force with agreed ToRs (also contributes to Outcome 1 etc)	SPC/ H Govan	Q2 2018
Complete inventory of national and subnational laws, regulations and ordinances	Task force	Q4 2018
Review New Song indicators for legal and policy dimensions, including user rights	Task force	Q2 2019
Identification of effective operation of law and policy in the Pacific context	Task force	Q2 2019
<b>Outcome 6: Effective collaboration and coordination among stakeholders</b>		
Initiate bilateral project mapping to promote integration of CEAFM projects (where possible build on existing dbases)	SPC and various	Q4 2018
Support countries to revise national inventories of CEAFM sites	SPC and various	Q2 2019
<b>Outcome 7: More equitable access to benefits within communities</b>		
Complete Pacific gender toolkit and publish on SPC website	SPC and various	Q2 2019
Hold Pacific gender practitioners training and exchange workshop	SPC and various	Q4 2018
<b>Outcome 8: Diverse livelihoods reducing pressure on fisheries resources</b>		
None in 2018		
<b>Cross-cutting themes</b>		
Complete and agree on planned activities for 2018 to Q2 2019	Neil and All	Q3 2018

Implementation of NS results framework	SPC	Q4 2018 and annually
Review New Song Indicators;	SPC	Q4 2018 and annually
Peer-review the annual Coastal Fisheries Report Card for submission to FFC	SPC	Q4 2018 and annually
Creation of a shared calendar for important events/trips relevant to the CFWG	SPC	Q3 2018
Seek funding for RTMCF meeting in Q4 2018	SPC and donors	Q3 2018