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## Working Paper

**WORKING PAPER NO. 5.B ONE SPC CLIMATE CHANGE FLAGSHIP AND RESOURCE  
MOBILISATION OPPORTUNITIES**

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

### Paper summary

1. As part of SPC's efforts to improve strategic resource mobilisation and integration, a Climate Change Flagship (CCF) has been developed over the last two years in full consultation with staff, members and partners.
2. This CCF has aligned with, informed and complemented the development of the 2050 Strategy and its implementation plan, particularly on the climate change and disaster pillar, as well as KFA 1 of SPC's Strategic Plan 2022-2031.
3. A critical objective of the CCF has been to clarify SPC's value add to climate action in the region, leverage climate finance to support this work, and deliver the type of transformational support Pacific Island Countries and Territories are calling for across many sectors and anchored to their resilient and low carbon sustainable development aspirations.
4. The CCF is completed and a draft results framework and monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning system mapped out. These documents (Provided separately) and an explanation of their intended use are presented to CRGA54 for consideration and familiarisation. Any feedback is welcome, noting this is an approach that will be refined over time as it is implemented, and outcomes and benefits realised.

### Key points

5. Despite three decades of climate change effort, global ambition to reduce global warming remains significantly inadequate, as does access to climate finance for Pacific Island countries. The resulting prognosis is a climate emergency as determined by Pacific Leaders in 2022, and one that continues to grow in urgency to address.
6. The existential nature of climate impacts requires every regional stakeholder to maximise their efforts in support of PICTs to cope with its impacts and transition to a climate compatible future. A fundamental ingredient to achieve this is increased access to climate finance and increased ability to absorb this effectively over time.

7. The regional architecture of the Pacific is playing a key role in this regard, and within this, SPC has deployed the CCF to be clear about what its contribution to this effort is across the entire organisation.
8. The CCF is designed to strengthen both internal and external collaboration and partnerships and provide a clear platform for collective action and investment that accelerates the climate ambitions of SPC's Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs).

### Recommendations

9. CRGA is invited to:
  - i. welcome and discuss the Climate Change Flagship;
  - ii. commit to supporting its successful implementation and refinement in line with the 2050 Strategy, in strong collaboration with the regional architecture, and ensuring the ultimate beneficiaries are PICTs;
  - iii. invite donor partners to scale up flexible programmatic climate finance and resourcing, using the CCF in an effort to reduce complex transaction and administrative costs of multiple project-based interventions; and
  - iv. request the Secretariat to continue to report on its implementation.

## Background

10. The latest IPCC Reports are clear, global ambition to reduce global warming remains significantly inadequate, there is still far more funding going into fossil fuels than mitigation and adaptation, and we are heading towards 3.2 degrees of warming by 2100. And despite contributing least to global warming, our Islands are on the front line of climate impact and access the least amount of climate finance to respond. The resulting prognosis is a climate emergency as determined by Pacific Leaders in 2022, and one that continues to grow in urgency to address.
11. The existential nature of climate impacts requires every regional stakeholder to maximise their efforts in support of PICTs to cope with its impacts and transition to a climate compatible future. A fundamental ingredient to achieve this is increased access to climate finance and increased ability to absorb this effectively. The regional architecture of the Pacific is playing a key role in this regard, and within this, SPC has deployed the CCF to be clear about what its value add is. This helps to ensure members and partners draw on its capability to deliver enhanced climate action, and climate financiers and donors are confident to fund these efforts.
12. The Pacific Community's (SPC's) Climate Change Flagship (CCF) articulates and facilitates a One SPC approach to scaling climate action and leveraging climate finance. It is designed to strengthen both internal and external collaboration and partnerships and provide a clear platform for collective action and investment that accelerates the climate ambitions of SPC's Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs).
13. The CCF draws on and integrates SPC's key areas of work to achieve critical outcomes across four climate action dimensions:
  - Adaptation and Resilience
  - Mitigation and Just Transition
  - Loss and Damage and Climate Security
  - Effective access and use of climate finance
14. These are underpinned by a 5<sup>th</sup> dimension, being the unique enabling capabilities of SPC in the region, including science and information; monitoring, evaluation and reporting; leadership and across key sectors; and effective resource mobilisation and collaboration through meaningful partnerships.
15. The theory of change, benchmarked to 2031, outlines the key area's SPC works in across the 4 climate action dimensions and lays out a number of collective actions that all divisions and programmes will undertake to deliver on outcomes. These will be done in collaboration with the regional architecture and partners.
16. Finally, to ensure accountability of this effort, a draft results framework and MEL system has been mapped out to measure and monitor its impacts. This focuses on ensuring the core results indicators are measuring a Pacific interest perspective and the system informing these is anchored into the existing MEL system of SPC and divisions. This should facilitate aggregate information that show SPCs collective impact over time, rather than individual project-based interventions over short periods of time. This is fundamental for climate action and to facilitate sustainable climate finance.



## Analysis

17. The climate finance landscape is complex and difficult to understand, strategically harness and maintain. A mixture of climate sources and modalities will need to continue to be targeted, and capability to facilitate this needs to be frontloaded as has been the approach for SPC in the development of its CCF.
18. In its first year of implementation, a flexible climate finance anchor investment from MFAT of NZD30million, has enabled the development and early implementation of the Flagship. In addition to shaping the strategic longer-term approach to integrated climate action and scaling climate finance, it has facilitated early wins.
19. Some examples of early results from this integrated transversal resourcing approach include:
  - a. strengthening cross-collaborative delivery of climate action services - Support to PICs for ICJ submissions drawing on breadth of SPC and other regional agencies science and information in critical sectors to the region.
  - b. leveraging additional climate finance for the region - Danish L&D Fund, GCF and AF pipeline development, cultivating new sources of funding (philanthropy) expanded NDC Hub funding.
  - c. developing new capability to inform climate action and articulate loss and damage - Expansion of Digital Earth Pacific and remote sensing capabilities, scaling 3D inundation modelling.
  - d. strengthening SPCs science to policy support towards climate negotiations – OneCROP UNFCCC; ICJ; UNGA.
  - e. distilling climate priorities for investment across critical sectors such as health, agriculture, fisheries, maritime, energy, water, and statistics.
20. Given the cross-cutting nature of climate change, the collective climate related capability of SPC sits across all of its technical divisions and is underpinned by mature business and back office support systems. With a mosaic of flexible programmatic type climate finance and resources, the CCF aims to reduce administrative burden in scaling climate action and climate finance absorption across critical priority areas of PICTs.

## Conclusion

21. The demands for durable climate action, and leveraging climate finance to enable this, will only continue to grow into the future. SPC is well placed to mainstream this strategically given its breadth of sector coverage, existing partnerships, as an Accredited Entity to GCF and AF, and as the home of the Pacific NDC Hub. This strategic resource mobilisation and scaling capability is facilitated through the CCF to achieve lasting climate action and will be refined over time.

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