



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Representatives of Governments and Administrations
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SUBJECT: Pacific Ministries of Youth Senior Officials Meeting (PMYSOM)
2-3 September, 2024
and
Pacific Ministers for Youth Meeting (PYMM)
4-5 September, 2024
[Nadi, Fiji]

1. The Pacific Community (SPC) is pleased to convey, for the consideration of Governments and Administrations:
 - a) the Report of the Mid-Term Review of the Pacific Youth Development Framework 2014 – 2023 ('PYDF Mid-Term Review Report'); and
 - b) the SPC Management Response to the Report ('SPC Response').
2. SPC invites Governments and Administrations to note that it will convene:
 - a) Pacific Ministries of Youth Senior Officials Meeting ('PMYSOM') from 2-3 September, 2024; and
 - b) Pacific Ministers for Youth Meeting ('PYMM') from 4-5 September, 2024.

The meetings will be held in Nadi, Fiji (venues to be confirmed and advised shortly).
3. The PMYSOM will provide Senior Officials with the opportunity to discuss and, as appropriate, come to consensus on the matters for consideration by Ministers for Youth at the PYMM.
4. At the PYMM, Pacific Ministers for Youth will be invited to:
 - a) consider the PYDF Mid-Term Review Report and the SPC Response;
 - b) provide guidance to SPC on the next iteration of the Pacific Youth Development Framework ('PYDF') including in relation to timing and process; and
 - c) consider a proposal by SPC for the establishment of a regional accountability mechanism for youth by assigning SPC the mandate to convene meetings for Pacific Ministers for Youth on a regular basis. The regular meetings will provide Honourable Ministers with a forum to, inter alia, engage with relevant partners and stakeholders including Pacific Youth, to monitor,

assess and deliberate on the state of Pacific Youth including within the context of the PYDF, and inform and coordinate actions to address priority issues for Pacific Youth.

5. Please note that the official invitation to the PMYSOM and PYMM, with relevant details, will be forthcoming by mid-2024.

BACKGROUND

6. SPC is custodian of the Pacific Youth Development Framework 2014 – 2023 ('PYDF 2014-2023'). The PYDF 2014 – 2023 responds to calls from young people, governments and stakeholders for greater support for the implementation of countries' youth policies, and to address barriers to progress. The aim of the framework was to be a catalyst for investment in youth rather than a regional youth programme; to facilitate shared decision-making based on evidence and contributions from relevant communities of practice; and to support Pacific Island countries and territories in implementing their development objectives for youth.
7. In its role as custodian, SPC undertook a mid-term review of the PYDF 2014 – 2023 over the period 2020 – 2021. SPC subsequently finalised its response to the PYDF Mid-Term Review Report.
8. To inform discussions at the PMYSOM and the PYMM, SPC is pleased to convey, for the consideration of Governments and Administrations:
 - a) the PYDF Mid-Term Review Report; and
 - b) the SPC Response.
1. SPC will convene a virtual briefing for Senior Officials (Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive Officer, Director level) on the 1st of February, 2024 from 2 :00pm – 4 :00pm Fiji time, on the issues to be covered at the PMYSOM and thePYMM (see paragraphs 3 and 4 above). Further communications and the zoom link will be sent out early in the new year.

DATES AND VENUE FOR PACIFIC MINISTERS FOR YOUTH MEETING

9. The dates for the PMYSOM are 2-3 September, 2024 while the dates for the PYMM are 4- 5 September, 2024.
10. The official invitation to the meetings will be forthcoming before mid-2024 and will include relevant details, including the venue for the meetings.

FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOP

11. The official invitation to the meetings will be forthcoming before mid-2024 and will include relevant details, including on the format of the meetings.

NOMINATIONS

12. The official invitation to the meetings will be forthcoming before mid-2024 and will include relevant details, including on nominees for the meetings.

MEETING AGENDA

13. The official invitation to the meetings will be forthcoming before mid-2024 and will include relevant details, including the agendas for the meetings.

LANGUAGE

14. The meetings will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation and translation in both languages. Please note that the PYDF Review Report and the SPC Response are currently undergoing translation into French, design, layout and publications process and will be shared before the end of January, 2024.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

15. The official invitation to the meetings will be forthcoming before mid-2024 and will include relevant details, including in relation to travel and accommodation.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

16. The official invitation to the meetings will be forthcoming before mid-2024 and will include relevant details, including in relation to visa requirements. However, delegates are requested to note that usual SPC practice is for delegates to meetings to be responsible for ensuring all travel documents are in order prior to departing their home countries and for visas, including any transit visas.

INSURANCE

17. The official invitation to the meetings will be forthcoming before mid-2024 and will include relevant details, including in relation to insurance. However, delegates are requested to note that usual SPC practice is to not provide travel insurance for delegates and SPC assumes no responsibility for accidents, injuries, sickness, theft, loss, damage, delays or loss of monies by delegates for any reason whatsoever. Delegates are therefore encouraged to make their own travel and medical insurance arrangements prior to travel for meetings.

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Encl:

- Annex 1: The PYDF 2014- 2023
- Annex 2: PYDF Mid-Term Review Report inclusive of the SPC Management Response

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