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# 5th PRETMM Outcomes

2<sup>nd</sup> Heads of Maritime Meeting  
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## FIFTH PACIFIC REGIONAL ENERGY AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

Warwick Hotel, Port Vila, Vanuatu, 08 – 12 May 2023

*"Accelerating decarbonisation in the Blue Pacific".*

### EFATE OUTCOME STATEMENT

Port Vila, Vanuatu, 11-12 May 2023

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The **Fifth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting** (5<sup>TH</sup> PRETMM) was organized by the Pacific Community (SPC) and hosted by the Government of Vanuatu (GoV) at the Warwick Le Lagoon Resort, Port Vila, Vanuatu from 8-12 May 2023. The theme of the meeting was *"Accelerating Decarbonization in the Blue Pacific"* and was convened by hybrid means so participants attended in-person or virtually.
2. The weeklong meeting consisted of the following meeting: (i) on Monday 8/5/23, side events by several partners followed by the Official Opening; (ii) on Tuesday 9/5, parallel meetings of Energy and Transport Officials; (iii) on Wednesday 10/5, parallel meetings of Energy and Transport Ministers. The meeting adopted their resolutions followed by the...



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### *"Accelerating decarbonisation in the Blue Pacific"*

Implementing the Framework for Energy Security and Resilience in the Pacific (FESRIP) 2021–2030.

Reviewing the Regional Framework for Action on Transport Services (FATS) 2011-2020.

Supporting the Port Vila call for a just transition to a fossil fuel-free Pacific, 2023.

Implementing the Pacific Leaders' vision under the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

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Ministers' agreement under thematic areas of **Efate Outcome Statement**



## JUST AND EQUITABLE TRANSITION [9 – 14]

- Affirm climate change as the greatest existential threat to the Blue Pacific.
- Recognize urgent action needed to address emissions and achieve a Just and Equitable Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific.
- Call for formal endorsement of the Port Vila Call to Action by Pacific Island leaders.
- Advocate for a unified regional approach to phasing out fossil fuels, tailored to each nation's circumstances.
- Support collaboration on strengthening international legal frameworks for decarbonization and climate finance mobilization.
- Propose the establishment of a Pacific Energy Commissioner for overseeing the transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific.

## FINANCE [15 – 18]

- Advocate for increased climate finance for PICTs in international negotiations.
- Urge development partners to provide additional support for decarbonization efforts in the Blue Pacific.
- Emphasize climate justice principles in climate finance allocation.
- Commit to maximizing impact at the UNFCCC through operational reforms.

## PARTNERSHIPS [19 – 20]

- Lead inclusive partnerships for decarbonizing energy and maritime transport.
- Express gratitude to stakeholders for commitments in partner dialogues with Ministers

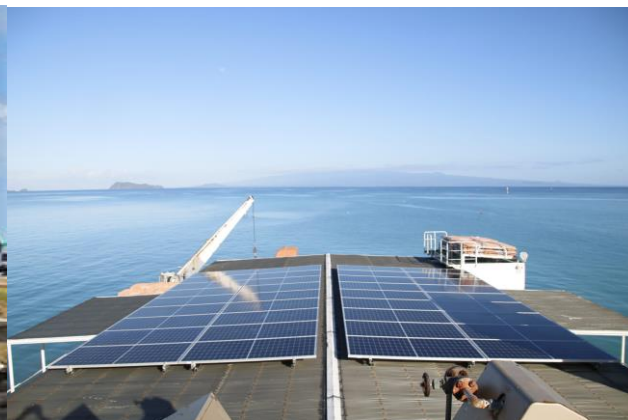
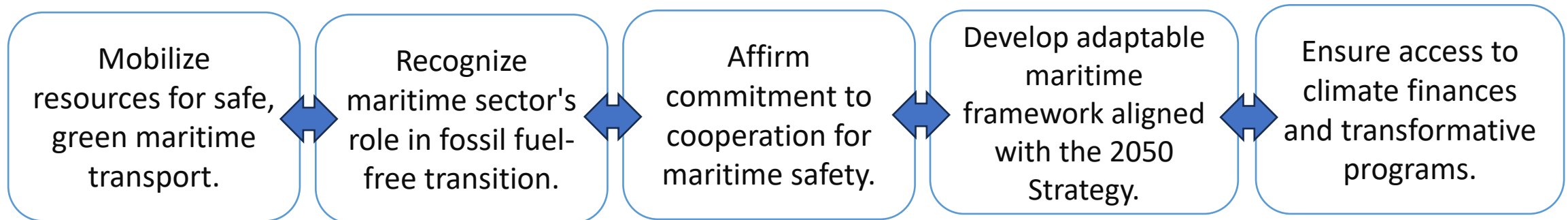
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## MARITIME TRANSPORT SECTOR



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## A COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH TO SAFETY-FOR-ALL AT SEA IN THE PACIFIC

- i. *Endorse safety of life at sea as the key priority and urge that Partners, and international stakeholders accelerate and scale up funding access for improved ship safety standards and safety management contributing to sustainable maritime transport sector for all in the Blue Pacific.*
- ii. *Endorse the strategic actions on the implementation of the Pacific MoU for Flag State Implementation, the Pacific MoU on recognition of training and certification (STCW), domestic Safety Management Systems, and associated legal assistance for maritime policy and law.*





## SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN THE PACIFIC

- i. Establish governance mechanisms and finance safety of navigation services according to international standards.*
- ii. Include compliance activities in national plans and improve governance through adopted measures and indicators.*
- iii. Commend SPC for conducting and reporting on baseline survey and developing the Regional Strategy on Safety of Navigation.*
- iv. Endorse and urge implementation of the Regional Strategy on Safety of Navigation, with reporting at future Transport Ministers' meetings.*
- v. Request development partners' assistance to align navigation services with national plans and the Regional Strategy.*



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## LOW CARBON MARITIME DEVELOPMENT

- i. *Support strategic actions to strengthen international and regional cooperation and implement transformative projects aimed at reducing maritime greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, thereby contributing to Pacific Island Countries' (PICs) Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).*
- ii. *Call on major donors and partners to align technical cooperation efforts to support PICs, including funding demonstration projects focused on reducing GHG emissions from domestic shipping. Endorse the Regional Green Pacific Port project proposal and encourage PICs to engage with the Green Climate Fund National Designated Authorities (NDA) to express interest.*
- iii. *Agree to increase and resource the presence of PICs transport officials in international and regional meetings to build capacity and advocate for an equitable transition towards a green maritime future for the Pacific Islands region. Additionally, support the proposed holistic approach to a Safe, Green, and Digital Maritime Future in the Pacific Islands region, recognizing the importance and urgency of reducing GHG emissions in the context of negotiations on international shipping.*



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## PACIFIC PORTS 2030-2050: A VISION OF RESILIENT, GREEN AND CLEAN PORTS IN THE PACIFIC

- i. Note that Pacific countries interested in participating in a regional Green Pacific Port project should reach out to SPC through their GCF NDA (usually the Ministry of Finance or Ministry of Environment).*
- ii. Note that once the project has been identified as a priority for the country, SPC and*
- iii. UNIDO will be able to start the development of the concept note.*





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## MARITIME CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- i. *Support regional collaboration between SPC, development partners, and maritime academia to develop maritime skills for the future.*
- ii. *Request IMO to implement the Capacity-Building Decade 2021-2030 Strategy in the Pacific Islands, partnering with regional and national organizations and academia.*
- iii. *Call on governments and development partners to help Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) upgrade training courses, including e-learning, onboard training, certification, infrastructure, and equipment.*
- iv. *Request governments to aid maritime students in securing onboard placements to fulfill sea time requirements and meet STCW obligations as marine officers and engineers.*



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## GENDER EQUALITY IN MARITIME

- i. *Commend PacWIMA, Pacific State WIMAs, PICTs, SPC, IMO and development partners for the progress made since 2019 to advance the role of women in the maritime community.*
- ii. *Endorse the proposal to develop a new Regional Strategy for Pacific Women In Maritime 2025 – 2030.*
- iii. *Support calls to promote the adoption of a cross-cutting sectoral approach in dealing with challenges faced by women in the maritime sector, mainstreaming gender in the maritime sector, and fostering gender-responsive budgeting within Maritime Administrations and National Governments, as proposed by Transport Ministers and other relevant Ministerial and Pacific Leaders Dialogues.*
- iv. *Encourage members of PacWIMA be given the liberty to select PACWIMA Executives with SPC administering the process of selection and review the PACWIMA constitution.*



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## MARINE POLLUTION

- i. Acknowledge SPREP's ongoing focus on waste and pollution as priority areas.*
- ii. Note SPREP's review of PacPlan 2019, aiming to enhance its relevance and sustainability for both national and regional implementation, with proposals to be presented at the 2024 SPREP meeting.*
- iii. Endorse the midterm review of the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter 2018-2025 (Pacific RAP).*
- iv. Encourage Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) to share their objectives and expectations regarding relevant targets while monitoring the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC) process.*
- v. Call on governments to minimize plastic waste in the region by adopting, ratifying, implementing, enforcing, and investing in various initiatives including the INC plastic pollution process, the Cape Town Agreement on fishing vessel oversight, WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures on marine pollution, and expanding port waste reception facilities.*



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## COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION

- i. *Recognise the importance of the First Pacific Knowledge Partnership Workshop on maritime technical cooperation activities and acknowledging the support provided by IMO and SPC to participating countries.*
  - ii. *Support IMO and SPC's continuing efforts to for improved partnership in the region.*
- iii. *Encourage governments to recognise the maritime sector as a priority industry within the Pacific region and encourage governments to improve internal coordination to enable the sector to access financial support through the ODAs.*
- iv. *Develop National Maritime Development Plans (NMDPs) to link into National Development Plans (NDPs), communicating and collaborating to better prioritise maritime.*
- v. *Encourage governments to designate their respective national knowledge partnership officer(s) and inform the IMO.*





# Thank you

