

31st SPREP MEETING OF OFFICIALS

5, 6, and 7 September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 5.2: Strategic outcomes from the 2022/2023 Performance Implementation Plan (PIP)

Purpose of paper

1. To report on:
 - a) The Third PIP (PIP3) 2022-2023 strategic outcomes and the implementation of the 2022-2023 Work Programme and Budget;
 - b) Progress towards achieving PIP3 strategic outcomes by strategic goals: High Level Summary;
 - c) Emerging crosscutting issues during the implementation of PIP3 and lessons learnt; and
 - d) Country and Territory Strategi Partnership Framework (CTSPF) progress.

Background:

2. PIP3 for the biennial period 2022-2023 was endorsed by the Third EBM in 2022.
3. 2022 is the first year of implementation of the 3rd PIP (2022-2023) aligned to the Strategic Plan and the Results Framework (RF) 2017-2026.
4. Progress towards the 2-year PIP strategic outcomes is reported annually to SPREP governing body meetings.
5. This report to the 31st SPREP Meeting officials is the third of the Secretariat's PIP reporting on progress by strategic goals towards achieving PIP3 (2022-2023) strategic outcomes specifically for the year 2022. The report also includes a summary of key information on the cross-cutting issues on innovation, gender equality and mainstreaming, risk management, and lessons learnt.
6. Four key points are highlighted below for Members information and notation:
 - a) The summary of progress towards achieving PIP3 (2022-2023) strategic outcomes and 2022-2023 Work Programme and Budget with adaptive learnings incorporated for the 2022 review period.
 - b) The 2022 achievements as assessed from PIP3 targets indicated as 54% completed while 46% are on track.
 - c) 2022 as the 5th year of implementation of the Strategic Plan 2017-2026 indicated 58% Achieved as assessed from the Results Framework 2017-2026.
 - d) Half of the year in the implementation of PIP3 in 2022 was still impacted by COVID 19 with activities delivered remotely using virtual online platforms.

7. The summary of the PIP3 (2022-2023) final strategic outcomes achieved by strategic goals with 2022-2023 AWPB actual expenditures is attached as WP 5.2/Att.1. Detailed reporting on the Secretariat's PIP3 achievements by strategic goals is attached as WP 5.2/Att.2.
8. The High- Level Summary Report on emerging issues on innovation, gender equality inclusion and mainstreaming, risk management, and lessons learnt in 2022-2023 is attached as WP 5.2 Att 3.

Update on CTSPF

9. The CTSPF process has been initiated in Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. With the opening of borders in August 2022, the Secretariat has held in person discussions and consultations as follow:
 - a. Discussions and consultations on the draft CTSPF for the Republic of Palau. Palau CTSPF has been finalised and will be the first to be signed at the 31st SPREP Meeting.
 - b. Discussions and consultations on the Draft CTSPF for the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI).
 - c. Discussions and consultations on the draft CTSPF for Solomon Islands
 - d. Plans to resume discussions with Vanuatu in the second half of 2023.
10. The SPREP Circular 23/09 invited Pacific Island Members to express interest to initiate the CTSPF process in their respective countries. The Secretariat welcomes interest from those Pacific island Members that are interested to start their CTSPF process.
11. The CTSPF is aligned to the PIP timeframe until 2026. Approved CTSPFs within this current period will be appended to corresponding PIPs when the CTSPF process is completed and signed.
12. The Secretariat have recruited a Strategic Planning Adviser who will focus on the CTSPF as a key part of her responsibilities.

Recommendation

13. The Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Note** the PIP3 (2022-2023) Progress Towards Achieving Strategic Outcomes with the actual expenditures of Annual Work programme and Budget 2022-2023;
 - 2) **Note** the Secretariat's responses and actions on cross-cutting issues and lessons learnt in the implementation of PIP3; and
 - 3) **Note** the update on the CTSPF progress.

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