

Agenda Item 10.1: Updated PIP3 (2022-2023) Final Activities and Country and Territories Strategic Partnership Framework (CTSPF)

Purpose of paper

1. To report on the updated PIP3 (2022-2023) activities.
2. To update Members on the Country and Territories Strategic Partnership Framework (CTSPF) 2022-2023

Background

Updated PIP3

3. The Thirtieth SPREP Meeting in 2021 endorsed the Third Performance Implementation Plan (PIP) for the biennial period 2022-2023.
4. The updated PIP3 was undertaken to accommodate new funded initiatives which were approved post Thirtieth SPREP Meeting which are linked to the 2023 Supplementary Budget. Examples of these are outlined below with detailed information in WP/Att.1:
 - Climate-smart ecosystem-based management in Ra Province, Fiji funded by the EU ACP SIDS Pacific BioScapes Programme (CCR/IOE),
 - Design courses on communication and facilitation on climate finance and lead and coordinate the training for Climate Finance Advisors Network (CFAN) and hosted through the PCCC e-learning platform (CCR);
 - Develop a regional marine tourism guideline in collaboration with SPRTO funded through Pacific BioScapes Programmes (IOE); more activities will be developed through the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS);
 - Implementation of the Regional Waste Monitoring system in selected countries (WMPC), new funding agreements in Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP)- WMPC;
 - Cleaner Pacific Round Table (CPRT) – WMPC; Assist the implementation of the Regional Waste Monitoring system in selected countries;
 - Capacity building on the use of Geo-Spatial data and tools to support environmental assessment, planning, and reporting (EMG);
 - Build inter-program partnerships (EMG Waste CCR and IOE) to convert critical SPREP data into GIS data for PICs (EMG); ACPMEA 3 implementation;
 - Ireland funding;
 - Country Territory Strategic Partnership Framework (CTSPF) implementation
 - Information and Technology (IT) Digitisation;
 - People Strategy implementation;
 - SPREP-DFAT 2021-2025 Grant Arrangement (GA) 76930
 - New 10-year SPREP-DFAT Partnership Agreement 2021-2031

Country and Territories Strategic Partnership Framework

5. The Second Executive Board Meeting in 2020 endorsed the implementation of the CTSPF process in five Pacific island Members – Palau, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Samoa. The Executive Board Meeting further endorsed the CTSPF as a high-level strategic partnership framework that aims at providing a practical and appropriately focused guidance to Secretariat support to, and interactions with PICTs.
6. The CTSPF is aligned to the PIP timeframe, for this current period, it is the 2022-2023 PIP. Approved CTSPFs within this current period will be appended to the PIP3.
7. The CTSPF process was initiated in Palau, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Samoa in 2021 with each country at different stages. Covid19 impacted the progress of the CTSPF process with consultations conducted virtually due to border closure with the possibility of in person consultations in the latter part of 2022 now that borders are opening across the region.
8. The Federated States of Micronesia and Tokelau have expressed interest to start the CTSPF process for their respective countries and initial discussions have commenced.
9. The Secretariat welcomes interest from those Pacific island Members that are interested to start their CTSPF process.

Recommendation

10. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Endorse** the updated PIP3 (2022-2023) activities;
 - 2) **Note** the CTSPF 2022-2023 update

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