18th Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation Annual Meeting
9 - 10 July, 2015
Suva, FIJI

Theme: "Biodiversity for sustainable development"

Background

The Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) is a coalition of nature conservation and development organizations, governments, inter-government, donor agencies and community groups created to increase effective conservation action in the Pacific Island Region. It was formed in 1997 at the request of Pacific Island countries and territories. The forum enables those organizations working on nature conservation in the Pacific to improve their collaboration and coordination towards effective conservation action. It is the key coordination mechanism for the implementation of the Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Island region 2014-2020 which was adopted at the 9th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in Suva, Fiji in December 2013. It was subsequently endorsed by the SPREP governing council at the 25 SPREP Annual Meeting in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands in September, 2014.

Objectives

The 18th Annual Meeting PIRT has the following key objectives:

1. Discuss and agree on strategies and opportunities to strengthen PIRT as a mechanism to facilitate, coordinate, monitor and report on the implementation of the Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands region 2014-2020;

2. Identify and discuss practical, strategic and innovative solutions to address critical and emerging conservation issues;

3. Establish and strengthen partnerships, cooperation and collaboration with key partners, stakeholders and across PIRT members; and

4. Facilitate the sharing of lessons learnt, experiences, ideas including opportunities for new initiatives to support conservation efforts in the Pacific Islands region

Expected outcomes

The 18th PIRT Annual Meeting is expected to achieve the following outcomes:

1. PIRT as a mechanism to coordinate and support conservation in the Pacific Islands region is strengthened;
2. Awareness and understanding of critical and emerging issues impacting conservation including strategies to address these;
3. Opportunities for new conservation initiatives, partnerships and collaborations are created; and
4. Lessons learnt including funding initiatives, conservation tools and approaches are shared and disseminated

TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA

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<tr><th></th><th>Thursday 9th July</th><th>Friday 10th July</th></tr>
<tr><td>0800</td><td>Registration</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>0830</td><td rowspan="2">Opening
1. Welcome remarks - Taholo Kami, Chair of PIRT and Director of IUCN Oceania Regional Office
2. Keynote address - Minister of Environment, Fiji
3. Thank you response</td><td>Recap from previous day
(10 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Keynote speaker: David Sheppard, Director General of SPREP
(20 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">0900</td><td>Setting the Scene</td><td>Session 3
The big picture: why conservation is critical to sustainable development</td></tr>
<tr><td>1. Overall meeting objectives, outcomes and structure of the meeting: PIRT Secretariat
(5 minutes)</td><td>3.1 Post 2015 - SDGs
(15 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Highlights of key achievements and progress since the 17th PIRT Meeting: PIRT Chair's report
(10 minutes)</td><td>3.2 Framework for Regionalism
(15 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>3. Update reports from PIRT Working Groups
(10 minutes each)
• Pacific Invasive Partnership
• Protected Area Working Group
• Species Working Group</td><td>3.3 Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands region 2014-2020
(15 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. Discussion
(15 minutes)</td><td>3.4 Discussion
(15 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>1000</td><td colspan="2">Morning Tea (including a group photo on day 1 only)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">1030</td><td>Session 1
Critical and emerging issues</td><td>Session 4
Funding opportunities for biodiversity conservation in the Pacific Islands</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.1 Presentation and discussion on "Critical IAS and emerging biosecurity issues"
Prof. Randy Thaman and the Pacific Invasive Partnership
(30 minutes)</td><td>4.1 EDF11
4.2 GEF6
4.3 Green Climate Fund
(15 minutes each)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Discussion
(30 minutes)</td><td>Discussion
(15 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.2 Protected area challenges in the Pacific
Protected Area Working Group
(30 minutes)</td><td>Session 5
Mapping of activities, projects and initiatives (current and pipeline) against the objectives of the Framework</td></tr>
<tr><td>1130</td><td>Discussion
(30 minutes)</td><td>Breakout groups
(60 minutes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>1230</td><td colspan="2">Lunch break (space for networking)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">1330</td><td>1.3 Oceans
(30 minutes)</td><td>Session 6
Free flow sessions</td></tr>
<tr><td>Discussion
(30 minutes)</td><td>Free flow session topics to be identified</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">1430</td><td colspan="4">Session 2
Parallel sessions on cross cutting issues</td><td colspan="2">Session 7
Parallel Meetings of PIRT Groups</td></tr>
<tr><td>Capacity development for conservation</td><td>Traditional knowledge, culture and conservation</td><td>Mainstreaming conservation: the role of NBSAPs</td><td>Communication and advocacy</td><td>PIRT Working Groups parallel discussion forums
(Chairs/Reps of the Working Groups to coordinate and facilitate)</td><td>PIRT Management Group Meeting
(PIRT Secretariat to coordinate)</td></tr>
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1530	**Afternoon tea break**	
1630	**Session 2 continues** ***Plenary session***	**Session 8** **A Way Forward**
	Report back from the parallel sessions *(10 minutes per group)* *Discussion (20 minutes)*	1. Report back from PIRT Working Groups and the PIRT Management Group *(10 minutes each)* 2. Overall key messages and outcomes from Days 1 and 2 *(20 minutes)* 3. Next steps *(10 minutes)*
1730	**Informal Talanoa Session (Space networking)**	
1830 - 2130	***Opening Cocktail reception***	***Closing reception****:* 1. Signing of PIRT Membership Agreements; and 2. Official closing of the 18th PIRT Annual Meeting