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The SDWG coordinated the pacific preparations for Rio+20 and engagement during the conference. The outcomes of Rio+20 have on balance addressed our issues in particular the two key issues we took to the conference: a) maintaining the special case of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and b) highlighting oceans issues. We have been tasked by our Leaders to coordinate and work closely with our members to develop a post Rio+20 roadmap and in preparations for the Barbados+20 Conference that will be held in 2014. We have already taken steps in this regard and the main objective of this SDWG Meeting is to further consolidate this work.

In consultation with our co-chair, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) we are calling a meeting of the Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) to be held at the Forum Secretariat in Suva on the 19th October 2012. The provisional agenda for the meeting is:

a) Consideration of minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising (Attachment 1)
b) Review of SDWG Terms of Reference (Attachment 2)
c) Update on Rio+20 and Review the post Rio+20 matrix (Attachment 3 – Copy of letter to Ambassador Aisi)
d) Coordination with Pacific Plan review and post 2015 development agenda- (Attachment 4 – Forum leaders Communique)
e) Preparations for Barbados +20 – SDWG/CROP role (Attachment 5)
f) Map of meetings/engagement opportunities
g) Update SDWG Contacts
h) Other matters

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