THIRD MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL

Theme: "Sustainable Weather and Climate Services for a Resilient Pacific"

20 - 23 July 2015

Fa'onelua Convention Centre, Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. OPENING CEREMONY

1.1. The Third Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council will open at 09:00 AM at the Fa'onelua Convention Centre on Monday, 20th of July 2015.

1.2. SPREP will coordinate the opening ceremony of the Third Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council. It will start with an opening prayer. This will be followed by a welcome address by the current Chair or vice Chair of the Council and three key note addresses from SPREP, WMO and the Government of Finland. The opening statement will be delivered by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

2. ORGANISATION OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL

2.1. Under agenda item 2, the Council will be invited to nominate and elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for its third meeting.

2.2. This is in accordance with the Section 6.2 of the Pacific Meteorological Council Terms of Reference. At the commencement of each meeting of the Council, a Chair and Vice-Chair shall be appointed.

2.3. In the past Regional Meteorological Services Directors meetings and during the First and Second Meeting of the Council, the Chair and Vice-Chair were nominated and elected at the beginning of each meeting under the appropriate agenda item. Also, the host countries have been honored and elected as the Chairs. The meetings then elected the Vice-Chairs.

2.4. It is also important to note that the Fourteenth Meeting of Regional Meteorological Services Directors (14 RMSD) which is also the first meeting of the Council, agreed that the future host country for the future meetings of the Council would no longer be automatically tied to the country from which the Vice-Chair is elected as consideration is being made for convening the next and future meetings back-to-back or in parallel with other relevant regional forums.

2.5. The Council will also be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda. The agenda may be amended at any time during the course of the meeting.

2.6. With regard to working arrangements, the Council will be invited to discuss and approve the working hours as well as establish a drafting committee to assist the Secretariat to prepare the report.

2.7. The Vice-Chair will be expected to lead the Drafting Committee.

3. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2nd MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL

3.1. Under agenda item 3, the Secretariat will inform the Council on progress of actions taken on matters arising from Second Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council. Members of the Council will be invited to provide additional information on their activities related to this agenda item. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decision related to this agenda item.

4. COUNTRY REPORTS FROM NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

4.1. Under this agenda item 4, each of the 26 members of SPREP (American Samoa, Australia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, USA, UK, Vanuatu and Wallis & Futuna), will prepare progress report on the current status and development of their NMSs, the implementation of the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy (PIMS) 2012-2021 Pacific Key Outcomes (PKOs) , future plans, challenges, issues and recommendations. The reports are expected to be received by the Secretariat prior to the commencement of the This Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council.

4.2. Each of the members of SPREP who are present will provide a summary of the national reports to the Council. The developed Meteorological Services (Australia, UK, NZ and USA) will only report on their activities that are related to the Pacific region. Twenty minutes are allocated for each member country and territory presentation and related discussion.

4.3. The Secretariat will prepare and provide the formats and guidelines for both reports and presentations.

4.4. The Council will be invited to discuss each of the report, note or make decision related to this agenda item.

5. OUTCOMES OF THE SEVENTEENTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS

5.1. Under agenda item 5, the Council will be informed of the outcomes of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress. It will include the WMO global priorities and programs focusing to the Pacific and to name a few of these, the WMO Least Developed Countries Program, WMO Small Island Developing States Program, WMO Regional Program, WMO Resource Mobilisation and Partnership in the Voluntary Cooperation Program, Education and Training including Fellowship, etc. Information on

other programs will be provided under other agenda items. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decision related to this agenda item.

6. CLIMATE SERVICES (Pacific Key Outcome 6)

6.1. Discussions under this agenda 6 will be aligned to the Pacific Key Outcome 6 of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021. The Council will be informed on the developments on climate services in the region. A presentation on the progress of work carried out by the Pacific Islands Climate Services Panel since the Second Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council. The Panel established the Second Meeting of the Council in 2013. There are also presentations and information on the Pacific Islands Climate Information System established by US National Ocean and Atmosphere Administration, the Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and information on the new Climate, and the Information Prediction Services by SPREP and the APEC [1]Climate Center (APCC[2]).

6.2. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decision related to this agenda item.

7. MARINE WEATHER SERVICES AND OCEAN ISSUES (Pacific Key Outcome 2)

7.1. Discussions under agenda item 7 will be aligned to the Pacific Key Outcome 2 of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021. The council will be informed of the different initiatives and developments on marine weather services and Oceans as well as gaps and needs to progress the implementation of marine weather services. Information will be provided on some of the recent activities such as the Small Island Developing States Oceans Acidification Workshop, the Pacific Islands Training Workshop on Ocean Observations and Data Applications.

7.2. The Council will also be informed on the current status of the Tropical Atmosphere Oceans/Triangular Trans-Oceans Buoys Network Array and future plans. The Tropical Pacific Observing System (TPOS) 2020 Working Group, tasked with evaluating the array and its future design, will inform the Council of their current activities. The agenda item will also include the Argo program.

7.3. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decision related to this agenda item.

8. MULTI-HAZARD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (Pacific Key Outcomes 4 and 5)

8.1. Discussions under agenda item 8 will be aligned to the Pacific Key Outcomes 4 and 5 of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021. It will include multi-hazard early warning systems for tropical cyclones, floods and tsunami and coastal hazards.

8.2. The Council will be invited discuss, note or make decision related to this agenda item.

9. PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES (Pacific Key Outcome 3)

[1] APEC - Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
[2] APCC - APEC Climate Center

9.1. Discussions under agenda item 9 will be aligned to the Pacific Key Outcome 3 of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021. The Council will be informed of the progress in implementing the Finland-Pacific Project, in particular activities related to the improving capacity of the National Meteorological Services and the involvement of the media and the Red Cross Societies to champion the outreach of weather and climate information to communities ensuring they are simple and easy to understand. The Council will also be informed of the progress of operation of the Severe Weather Forecast and Disaster Risk Reduction Demonstration Project.

9.3. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decisions related to this item agenda.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

10.1. Under agenda item 10, the Council will be informed of the progress on the Radio Internet Communications and the WMO Information Systems relevant for the Pacific region. The Council will also be invited to discuss, note or make decision related to this agenda item.

11. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH (Pacific Key Outcome 11)

11.1. Discussions under agenda item 11 will be aligned to the Pacific Key Outcome 11 of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021.The Council will be informed of a wide-range of training programs including those in sciences, environment and climate change relevant to the Pacific region from USP, University of Hawai'i as well as media trainings carried out by SPREP under its PACMAS and FINPAC projects. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decisions related to this agenda item.

12. AVIATION WEATHER SERVICES (Pacific Key Outcome 1)

12.1. Under agenda item 12, the Council will be informed of weather services for aviation, quality management system, competency standards and training requirements, and cost recovery. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decisions related to this agenda item.

13. MONITORING AND OBSERVATIONS SYSTEMS (Pacific Key Outcome 7)

13.1. Discussions under this agenda item 13 will be aligned to the Pacific Key Outcome 7 of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021.The Council will be informed on the activities of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS). The Council will also be invited to discuss, note or make decisions related to this agenda item.

14. THE PACIFIC ISLAND METEOROLOGICAL STRATEGY

14.1. Discussions under this agenda item 14 will focus on the progress of and future implementation of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021. The terms of reference (ToR) for the review of the PIMS will also be presented in this session. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decisions related to this agenda item.

15. STRENGTHENING THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL AND THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL DESK PARTNERSHIP (Pacific Key Outcomes 10 and 14)

15.1. Discussions on this agenda item are aligned to the Pacific Key Outcomes 10 and 14 of the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021.The Council will be informed of the progress of the Pacific Meteorological Council and the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership, budget and work plan and the new development of the Pacific Climate Change Center. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decisions related to this agenda item.

16. RESOURCE MOBILISATION (Pacific Key Outcome 12)

16.1. Under this agenda item 16, the Council will be informed of the Regional Technical Support Mechanism, and funding modalities under the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund. WMO will also discuss their resource mobilization and partnership programs. The Council will be invited to discuss, note or make decisions related to this agenda item.

17. DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC

17.1. Under this agenda item 17, the Council will be informed of the progress of the Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilience Development in the Pacific, the Sendai Framework and the UNFCCC COP21. The Council will be invited to discuss, note and make decisions related to this agenda item.

18. THE PACIFIC MINISTERS MEETING ON METEOROLOGY (PMMM)

18.1. Under this agenda item 18, the Council will be invited to provide guidance to agenda and outcome of the First Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology

19. VENUE OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL

19.1. Under this agenda item 19, the Council will be invited to discuss and make decision on the dates and venue of the Fourth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council.

20. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE REPORT OF PMC-3

20.1. Under this agenda item 20, the Council will be invited to review and adopt the report of of the Third Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council.

21. CLOSING OF PMC-3

21.1. The Third Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council is scheduled to close at 12:30 pm on Thursday, 23 of July, 2015.

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