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SECRETARY GENERAL PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM



MR HENRY PUNA

I assumed office on 24 May 2021, amidst much political debate and related uncertainty and in the middle of a global pandemic. To say that 2021 was a challenging year would be an understatement. In retrospect, 2021 was a catalysing year for the Pacific Islands Forum and our Pacific Way. It forced Forum nations, Forum Leaders, and the Forum Secretariat to reflect on and discuss the value of regionalism and its benefit in a changing world.

Beset by complex challenges in a highly geostrategic and fluid global context, the political fragmentation of the Forum Family forced us to consider what it means to be a part of the Forum Family and to what lengths each of us, as Members and as individuals, would go in order to protect the solidarity of the collective. I asserted then, as I do now, that the best way to ensure regionalism remains at the heart of what we do is to ensure that *talanoa* and respect for all at the Forum table is the constant core to our approach.

The COVID-19 pandemic entered its second year and with it, introduced a new variant that challenged our economies, our public health systems, and our culture as communal people in this great ocean. It forced us to re-imagine development, to re-design resilient public systems and to rationalize priorities as we looked to economic recovery and renewal.

Amidst these new challenges in 2021, we continued to contend with the single greatest threat facing our humanity – climate change. We navigated Tropical Cyclones Cody, Eva, and Gina; we continued to battle impacts to our daily livelihoods through king tides, increased salt-water intrusion and increasing sea level rise; and we work to understand new climatic patterns. In tandem to these complexities, we as a collective have had to manage a heightened level of strategic interest in the region and In the Pacific Islands Forum itself. Increasing geostrategic competition

has meant that the Pacific has emerged as an area of great interest with many global powers now seeking to exert their influence in the region. This increased attention has also required us to work to ensure we are engaging with partners collectively, from a position of strength and in the best interest of our people.

To this end, I have been pleased with the progress that has been made on the development of the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*. I commend the ongoing leadership of the Governments of Fiji and Vanuatu on this work, setting a clear long term vision and ambition for the region. The 2050 Strategy will shape ways to collectively overcome the complex challenges ahead and manage partner interests in the region. At its core, the 2050 Strategy presents the opportunity of a political strategy to guide how we engage and respond as a collective Forum Family. Over the course of the year, we have seen time and again the value of our collective at a global level. A significant achievement has been the increasing level of global endorsement of the *Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate-Change Related Sea-Level Rise* which demonstrated the deep commitment of the Forum and its Leaders to safeguard the homes and interests of the Pacific peoples, into perpetuity.

As the Forum marked its 50th Anniversary on 6 August 2021, I reflected on its journey since 1971 and what it has meant for me as a Forum Leader for 10 years, a former Forum Chair and host, and now its Secretary General. Indeed, if the Pacific Islands Forum is the unifying gathering point of Leaders of our Forum Island nations, then the Secretariat is akin to the fale that encompasses, brings together and shelters the will and effort of the collective – their concerns, their interest and their priorities.

The Forum embodies the qualities that are common across all our cultures in the region – it nurtures relationships, works towards the peaceful resolution of disputes, embodies cooperation. 2021 has offered us all the valuable opportunity to reflect, reset priorities and re-strategise on how best to achieve our development aspirations, both as individual countries and as a collective. In these unprecedented times we also have unprecedented opportunities.

I commend this 2021 Annual Report and together with Deputy Secretary General Dr Filimon Manoni, extend a vinaka vakalevu to all Secretariat staff, for their tireless and dedicated efforts resulting in the outcomes presented herein.

Operational Response in the context of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic was an unprecedented event that presented the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) with challenges and opportunities in delivering on the work agenda. In 2021 COVID-19 impacted all of the Secretariat staff in Fiji and internationally. Staff in Fiji worked from home for a prolonged period during the second wave of the pandemic that started in April and continued until the end of the year.

Despite the crisis and the sluggish economic environment, the Secretariat continued to support its Member States by implementing priorities and work programmes through virtual platforms and online meetings.

The PIFS budget was significantly reduced and reprioritised to take into consideration the impact of COVID-19. PIF Members will take time to recover, affecting their ability to fully cover their membership contributions for the next few years, and impacting on the Secretariat's income flows. In response, the Secretariat budgeted for the continuation of the discounted membership contributions, and took into consideration:

- the re-prioritisation of work activities and programmes;
- virtual modalities for meetings and Secretariat operations; and
- a coordinated approach to delivering its work.

PIFS has been working closely with Members, regional organisations (primarily the CROP agencies), and key international partners. Most notably, this approach has enabled the successful implementation of the PHP-C, the Socio-economic Impact Assessment on COVID-19, and provided training and capacity building to Members in areas including trade policy and climate financing readiness.

Border closures, lockdowns, travel restrictions and physical distancing requirements affected how the Secretariat delivered the high-level events and face-to-face meetings critical to its work. PIFS maximised technology to deliver work and most importantly improve outcomes.

Technology enabled the region to overcome the tyranny of distance, and provided new ways to interact. Integrating digital solutions enabled the Secretariat to optimise efficiencies.

With a disciplined approach to budgets and planning and reviewing work programmes, the Secretariat continued to navigate through the pandemic.





Map of the Pacific Islands Forum

18 Pacific Islands Forum Member Countries and Territories with their Exclusive Economic Zones

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

18 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES.
ONE BLUE PACIFIC CONTINENT.



COVID-19: a regional response to a devastating pandemic

- At the onset of the pandemic Forum Leaders invoked the Biketawa Declaration to respond as one Blue Pacific family.
- Over the last 2 years the Pacific Humanitarian Pathway on COVID-19 helped move nearly 310 metric tonnes of medical and humanitarian supplies to 14 Member countries.
- 5 Regional Protocols supported deployment of technical personnel; customs and biosecurity; immigration; repatriation of Forum nationals, and clearance of aircraft and ships transporting medical supplies.
- The PHP-C continued work on a 6th Regional Protocol; the development of a Harmonised Regional Vaccination Certificate for Cross-Border Travel.
- The Pacific Strategic Roadmap for Emergency Management is now in development.



PIFS moved online

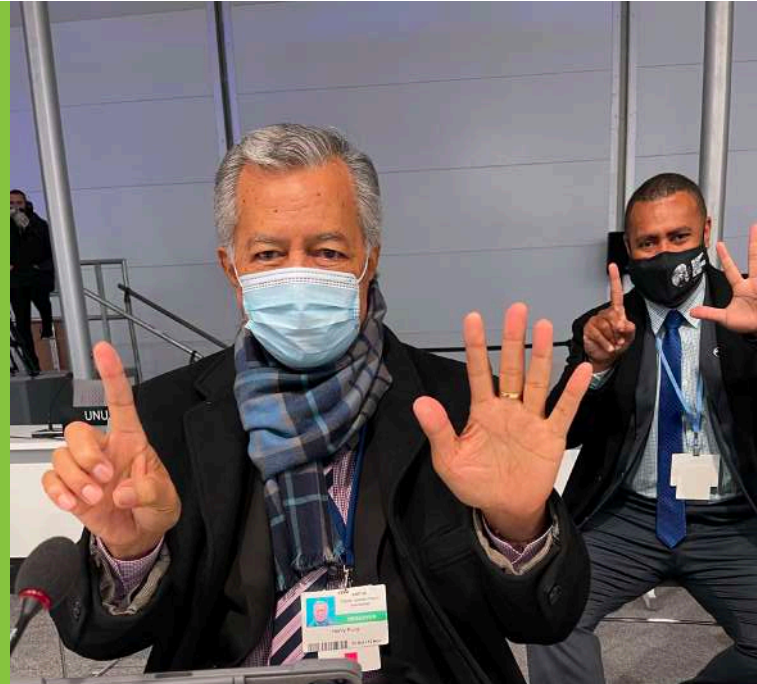


- The number of virtual meetings almost doubled from 2020 to 2021.
- Key Forum Meetings were virtual:
 - Leaders Retreat
 - Trade Ministers
 - Economic Ministers
 - Foreign Ministers
 - Officials
- Blue Pacific Talanoa Series of webinars continued.
- Key meetings were livestreamed on Facebook, press conferences were virtual and social media presence and engagement increased.



Climate Change and Resilience: Pacific Priorities for a 1.5 Degrees World

- Partnered with the United Kingdom, the COP 26 President, to deliver 2 roundtable discussions for PSIDS on Access to Climate Finance and Debt relief.
- In the lead-up to COP 26 and in Glasgow, 5 Pacific Political Climate Champions advocated for climate finance, climate ambition, loss and damage, oceans climate nexus and environmental integrity.
- The Secretary General led the PIFS team to COP 26 to support the Pacific; positive outcomes included the finalisation of the Paris Rulebook and the creation of an annual dialogue on Oceans within the UNFCCC process
- 2 Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Webinars held.



Oceans

- Launch of Forum Leaders' Ocean Statement on World Ocean Day 2021.
- Key publications launched: an illustrated childrens book "Our Sea of Islands, Our Blue Pacific", the Blue Pacific Ocean Report 2021 and a suite of ocean finance reports.



Defining Issues for the Blue Pacific

- COP 26 Launch of the Leaders' Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-Related Sea-Level Rise.
- Ongoing outreach to Japan and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the discharge of ALPS Treated Water.



Planning our Future: 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent



Work continued on developing the 2050 Strategy. Consultations with over 1000 individuals across the region included:

- Member countries
- CROP agencies
- NSAs
- PIFS staff



Trade and Economic Development

- Launch of the Pacific Resilience Facility prospectus in May and consultations with over 30 countries and private foundations to secure international support.
- Inaugural Trade Finance Symposium brought together stakeholders from across the region.
- Established the Pacific Quality Infrastructure Initiative and the SPIRIT programme (Strengthening Pacific Intra-Regional and International Trade).
- A focus on trade facilitation, kava and e-commerce growth.
- Labour mobility became a standing agenda item for Forum Trade Ministers.
- Pacific Trade Invest global network of trade commission offices are now one cohesive entity, improving co-ordination, reporting and outcomes.



Supporting Sustainable Development



- NSAs were a key contributor to 2050 Strategy conversations.
- Young Women Leaders Talanoa with the Secretary General in April.
- CSO engagement continued virtually: Annual Regional CSO Forum, 5th CSO Dialogue with Forum Economic Ministers and the CROP CSO Dialogue.
- 13 participants graduated from the CSO Capacity Building Programme for Engaging in Regional Policy.
- Workshops delivered on the draft Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) Policy Monitoring Toolkit, and on Gender Equality and EVAWG Advocacy.
- Socio-economic Assessment Report of COVID-19 endorsed.
- On Thursdays all PIFS staff wore black in solidarity with the global movement #ThursdaysInBlack - calling for an end to violence against women and girls.



VISION AND MISSION

The Pacific Islands Forum comprises Leaders of independent and self-governing territories whose vision is for a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy and productive lives.

The Forum's mission is to "strengthen regional cooperation and integration... in order to further Members' shared goals of economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security".

In the Blue Pacific continent of islands spanning 40 million square kilometers of ocean, the Forum has 18 Members: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.


Associate Members: Tokelau, and Wallis and Futuna.

The Forum engages with Members, development partners, civil society and other stakeholders to identify, inform, implement and advocate for regional priorities.

Regionally, this includes Members, Associate Members, the nine CROP agencies, civil society and the private sector.

Internationally, this includes the Forum's 18 Dialogue Partners, the United Nations, intergovernmental organisations such as the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, Commonwealth Secretariat, and international financial institutions such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

The 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent will be conveyed to Forum Leaders in 2022 and will set the regions' vision and priorities for the next three decades.



PIF SECRETARIAT

The PIF Secretariat implements the decisions of Forum Leaders by working with Forum Members and partners to develop innovative solutions for regional action.

We secure our Blue Pacific future through initiatives and advocacy addressing:

- climate change and resilience
- sustainable development
- ocean management
- trade and economic growth
- security and good governance.

The PIF Secretariat:

- facilitates political discussion
- promotes an inclusive regional public policy approach
- generates ideas and solutions for the people of the Pacific
- presents proposals for Leaders to consider and endorse
- supports Forum Leaders to make political decisions on regional action
- coordinates the implementation of Forum decisions.

The PIF Secretariat is mandated through the 2005 Agreement establishing the Pacific Islands Forum. The Pacific Islands Forum, previously the South Pacific Forum, was founded in 1971.

The PIF Secretariat is led by a Secretary General and is based in Suva, Fiji. The Secretary General is permanent Chair of the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP), and the Chair of the Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism.

The Secretary General serves as the Pacific Ocean Commissioner and the Regional Authorising Officer for the European Development Fund. As RAO, the SG is authorised by PIF Members to sign selected regional agreements on their behalf with the EU.

2021 STAFF



- ▶ **139 Staff from 12 countries**
- ▶ **97 permanent positions and 42 externally funded positions**
- ▶ **Gender split - 40% males to 60% females**
- ▶ **For international staff - 55% males to 45% females**

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Pacific Islands Forum seeks to address the challenges and opportunities facing the Pacific through political dialogue. This commitment is formalised in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism endorsed by Forum Leaders in July 2014. The 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent is now in development and will provide the direction for our region moving forward.

“The 2050 Strategy for our Blue Pacific Continent will be our North Star. As we chart our course as a region and as an organisation for the next 3 decades, the 2050 Strategy will take forward our ambition and our determination for a sustainable and inclusive future for all our people. It will encapsulate how we can best work together.

The 2050 Strategy will be our shared vision. At its core, it will uphold the cultural, economic and strategic aspirations of people and states across our Blue Pacific.”

The Honourable Josaia.V.Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji & Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum. Speech at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, 6 August 2021.

PIFS Strategic Framework (2017-2021)

The PIFS Strategic Framework is focused on

- identifying opportunities and challenges
- framing policy advice
- implementing Pacific regionalism.

The framework has three Enabling Outcomes which promote

1. Pacific regionalism,
2. Pacific delivery and
3. Pacific influence.

Aims of the PIFS Work Plan

Place people at the centre of development, maximise the potential of our shared Pacific ocean, increase economic prosperity and strengthen Pacific governance.



ENABLING OUTCOME 1: PROMOTE REGIONALISM

PIFS will identify regional priorities to advance the vision of Forum Leaders

Despite the challenges of COVID, consultations on the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent continued throughout 2021, with over 1000 representatives from Member countries, CROP agencies, civil society, private sector, non-state actors and youth contributing their ideas, ambitions and wisdom.

Under the leadership of the Co-Chairs of the FOC Sub-Committee of the 2050 Strategy, Fiji and Vanuatu, the development process identified the region's collective areas of action and themes for the Strategy.

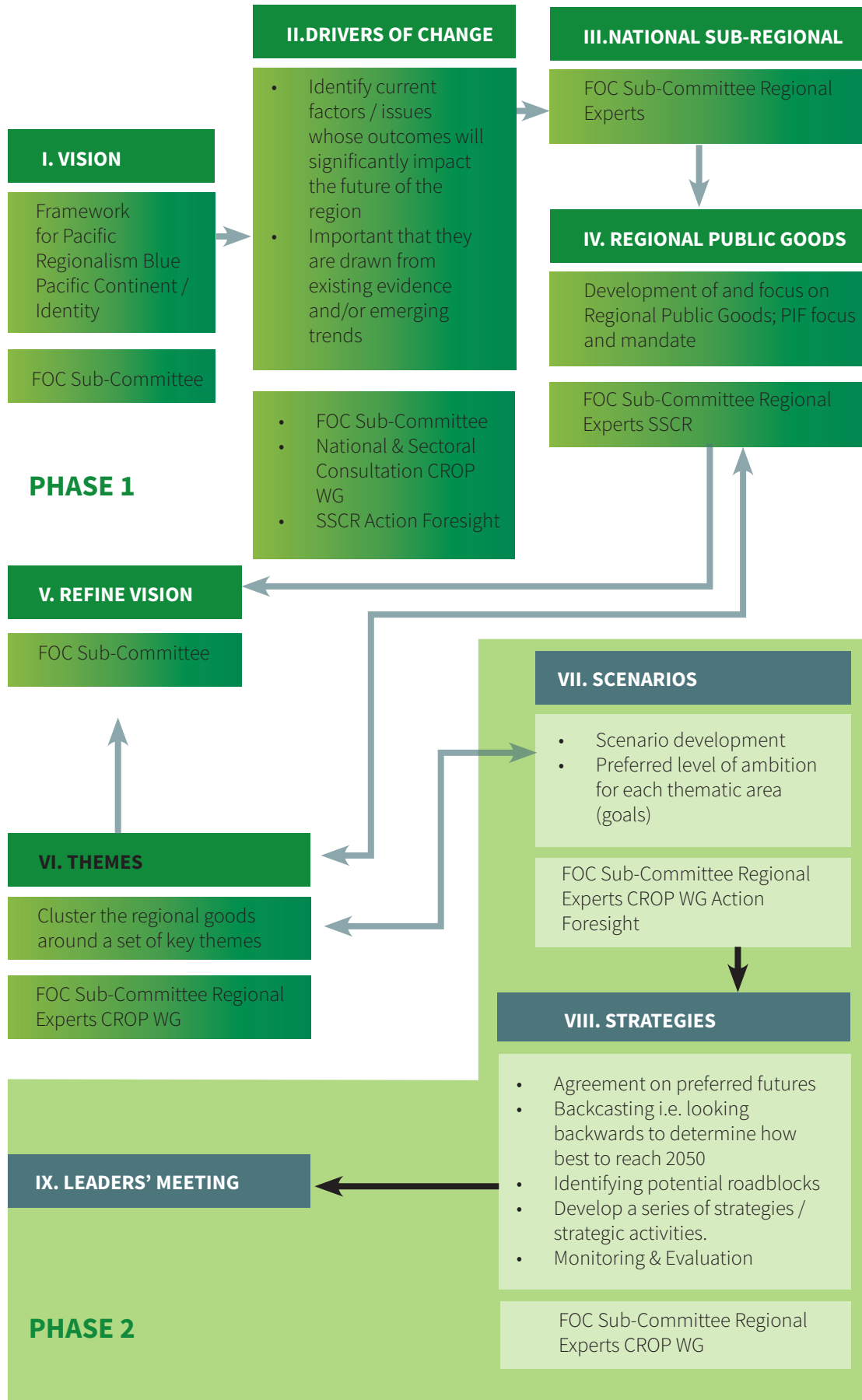
Once finalised, the 2050 Strategy will frame the region's long-term vision and outline the region's collective priorities. The 2050 Strategy will be conveyed to Leaders for consideration when they meet in 2022.

“My vision for 2050? I see children that are laughing. I see children that are able to have clear pathways towards prosperity for their families, their villages, their nations. I see children that have identities that are secured and sustained by policies and legislation that protect them, and protect their futures”

*Pefi Kingi, PacWIN
2050 Strategy Consultations*



2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent Work Plan



Pacific Humanitarian Pathway on COVID-19

To collectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as one Blue Pacific family, in April 2020 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders invoked the emergency response mechanism under the Biketawa Declaration and established the Pacific Humanitarian Pathway on COVID-19 (PHP-C).

Since its inception, the PHP-C has enabled the movement of medical and humanitarian supplies across the region, including distribution of COVID-19 testing kits and personal protective equipment (PPE).

61 flights were undertaken, moving 153 technical health and humanitarian personnel and delivering almost 310 tons of supplies to 14 Member countries.

The PHP-C has created a political space for dialogue, to ensure Member countries' requests for assistance are effectively responded to, and it led to the development of five common protocols.

The PHP-C protocols were endorsed by Pacific Islands Forum Foreign Ministers to allow for special cooperation and support to Members affected by COVID-19 related border restrictions. The protocols are Deployment of Technical Personnel to and between Forum Nations; Immigration; Repatriation of Forum Nationals; Customs and Biosecurity; Clearances for Aircraft and Ships Transporting Medical and Humanitarian Assistance, Technical Personnel, and Repatriating Nationals.

The PHP-C is overseen by Forum Foreign Ministers, supported by a Regional Taskforce of Forum Members, the Pacific Community (SPC), the Forum Secretariat and relevant CROP agencies, the World Health Organisation and other relevant UN agencies, and regional law enforcement and legal agencies.

Noting the ongoing difficulties of regional cross-border travel because of COVID-19, the PHP-C worked with Members to develop a Harmonised Regional Vaccination Certificate for Cross-Border Travel, the 6th common protocol of the PHP-C.

Regional Security

In addition to the PHP-C the Secretariat progressed prioritised actions from the Boe Declaration Action Plan, including the development of the Pacific Strategic Roadmap for Emergency Management (R-SREM), preparations for the development of a regional climate security assessment framework, and preparations for the development of a Regional Transnational Organised Crime (TNOC) Disruption Framework.

The Regional SREM was formally endorsed by the pre-Forum FOC meeting in July 2021. It emphasised the need for strengthened emergency response policy and procedures; the need for increased skilling of emergency management personnel; improving the coordinated development and deployment of assets and technical capabilities and strengthened governance for emergency management at all levels. These areas are critical to the effective functioning of a regional HADR mechanism.

Following successful collaboration with the UNDP to access the United Nation's Secretary General's (UNSG's) Peace Building Fund (PBF) for a regional climate security project, the Secretariat, in partnership with UNDP and IOM, commenced project preparations, including recruitment of a Climate Security Specialist. To promote the work and regional understanding on climate security, the PIFS Deputy Secretary General participated in a climate security podcast co-developed by PIFS and UNDP, available online [here](#)

In 2021, PIFS developed a concept note, established a regional working group, and commenced region-wide consultations to guide the development of a Regional Transnational Organised Crime (TNOC) Disruption Framework. This work is ongoing, with the Regional TNOC Disruption Framework scheduled for consideration by Members in 2022.

Pacific Islands Forum Meetings 2021

2021 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting

The Forum Economic Ministers meeting was held virtually from 13-14 July and chaired by the Minister for Finance for Tuvalu, Hon Mr Seve Paeniu. The Forum Economic Ministers also had their annual dialogue with the Pacific's private sector and civil society organisations representatives on 14 July.

Forum Economic Ministers considered the work carried out by the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Taskforce (CERT) to support Forum Island Countries (FICs). The initiatives proposed by CERT included a monitoring and evaluation framework, options to address FIC debts, and regional freight assistance scheme. Forum Economic Ministers discussed a regional assessment carried out by the CROP-led (SEIA) Taskforce. The regional assessment covered the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 in the Pacific. Ministers noted that the pandemic-driven crisis was evolving with long-term consequences, and that on response efforts were ongoing.

Ministers noted that access to climate finance was critical to unlock the 'triple dividends' of resilience, which are: (i) reduce losses and damage from climate change impacts; (ii) stimulate socio-economic recovery; and (iii) achieve resilient development outcomes. Ministers agreed that if borders of all Pacific Island Forum Member countries open to quarantine-free international travel in 2022, Vanuatu will host the 2022 FEMM, and the meeting cycle shall revert to the FEMM Charter for 2023.

2021 Forum Trade Ministers Meeting

The Forum Trade Ministers meeting was held virtually on 16 July 2021 and chaired by the Minister of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Fiji, Hon Faiyaz Koya. Ministers discussed the regional and global trade issues and COVID-19 implications on Pacific Trade, the development of a Regional Kava Strategy and Implementation of the Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy.

Ministers discussed the assessment of the current regional labor mobility arrangements and also the fisheries subsidies agreement. The 2022 Forum Trade Ministers meeting will be held in Fiji.

2021 Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting

The Forum Foreign Ministers meeting was held virtually on 27 July 2021 and chaired by Tuvalu's Minister for Justice, Communications and Foreign Affairs, Hon Simon Kofe. Ministers considered the health and socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 across the Blue Pacific region.

They also discussed progress by the regional mechanisms established to respond to COVID-19, including the Pacific Humanitarian Pathway on COVID-19 (PHP-C), COVID-19 Economic Recovery Taskforce and CROP Social and Economic Impact Assessment Report.

Ministers also discussed progressing the Forum Leaders' commitment for collective efforts to preserve maritime zones in the face of climate change-related sea-level rise through a proposed declaration for Forum Leaders.

There was dialogue on climate change and preparations for COP 26, options for the Forum's engagement and advocacy relating to Japan's announcement of its intention to release ALPS treated water from the Fukushima Daiichi Power Station into the Pacific Ocean.

I commend the steps we, as a region, have been taking in response not only to COVID-19 but to a range of issues, including climate change, sea-level rise, and ocean safety. I am of the firm view that the only way forward for our Blue Pacific Continent is through region-oriented and future-looking initiatives that seek to overcome the problems we face in innovative ways.

The Honourable Simon Kofe, Minister of Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu

Ministers were updated on the development of the 2050 Strategy and also the revised criteria and guidelines for the Forum's International Dialogue Partners and new partnership applications from Chile, Norway and Singapore.

2021 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Retreat

The 51st Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Retreat was held virtually on 6 August 2021, and was attended by the Heads of State, Government, and Territories of Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Solomon Islands was represented at Ministerial level, and French Polynesia and Tonga by Special Envoys.

The Forum Chair passed from Honourable Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Tuvalu to Hon J.V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji. The Chair welcomed Secretary General Mr Henry Puna, and Leaders reiterated their appreciation and gratitude to former Secretary General, Dame Meg Taylor, for her strong leadership, exceptional stewardship of Pacific regionalism, and contribution to the Blue Pacific during her tenure. Leaders recognised that the 2050 Strategy will be at the heart of our ambition as a region. Leaders discussed the COVID-19 recovery efforts of the region and the various mechanisms to assist Forum countries.

Leaders reassured their support for regional approaches to strengthen Forum Island Countries' strategic participation at COP 26, including through the COP 26 Political Climate Champions.

Leaders endorsed the Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-Related Sea Level Rise and its Aide-Memoire. In doing so, Leaders noted the centrality of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of Sea as providing the basis for the Declaration.



As we mark our 50th anniversary we are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are in the midst of the worst global pandemic in a century; our very existence is being threatened by climate change; geopolitical competition continues to intensify within our region; and indeed, our bond as one Forum family is being put to the extreme test.

Mr Henry Puna, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum

Regional Engagement and Advocacy

Civil Society Engagement

Non-State Actors (NSAs) from around the region including civil society organisations, faith-based, women's and youth groups, persons with disability, academia and the private sector participated in consultations on the development of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. The insights, experiences and aspirations of the people of the Pacific have helped identify key trends, emerging issues and drivers of change. Throughout the year NSAs remained engaged in this process, elevating the voices of communities and marginalised groups across the Pacific.

Ongoing capacity building for Pacific civil society organisations remained a priority for the PIFS Non-State Actors Programme. The aims of the CB Programme were to address capacity needs in a range of technical areas required for effective policy engagement and increase participation and contribution of NSAs in effective regional policy related engagements.

The CSO Capacity Building Programme for Engaging in Regional Policy was held between March 2020 and April 2021. An initial cohort of 26 CSO representatives from PIF member countries participated in the inception workshop in March of 2020. Due to the challenges of connectivity via virtual engagements, isolation and loss of employment, some participants could not complete their projects and dropped off the Programme. Consequently, the final workshop in April 2021 was reduced to 13 participants who successfully completed the CB programme.

An NSA capacity building workshop on the draft Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) Policy Monitoring Toolkit was held in February 2021, and a final validation workshop undertaken in March focused on Gender Equality and EVAWG Advocacy.

The Annual Regional CSO Forum was hosted virtually and covered the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 and other key issues on the agendas of the Forum Economic Ministers and Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meetings.

A delegation of CSO representatives was selected for the 5th CSO Dialogue with Forum Economic Ministers, conducted virtually on the 14th of July 2021. The CSO Dialogue with Pacific Islands Forum Leaders for 2021 was postponed to 2022 when the Forum Leaders were scheduled to meet in person.

The annual dialogue was held with CROP Heads and Chairs of CROP Governing Councils. The CROP CSO Dialogue also marked the inaugural engagement of the incoming CROP Chair and PIF Secretary General, Mr Henry Puna. Discussions focused on the preparations for the COP 26; NSA consultations on the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent; an update on Coastal Fisheries, and the Triennial Conference on Pacific Women.

The PIFS NSA Grants Facility awarded grants through two European Union funded programmes: the Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building Facility (TECCBUF) and the Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls (PPEVAWG). Eight applicants were awarded Grants – six Grants through TECCBUF and two Grants through PPEVAWG.

Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific

The nine CROP agencies are mandated by Forum Leaders to provide high-level policy advice and support to Pacific island countries and territories in the formulation of policy at national, regional and international levels, and collectively deliver on regional priorities identified by Leaders.

On 11 February 2021, CROP Heads agreed to a 2021 CROP Strategic Work Agenda to deliver on Forum Leaders' priorities across ten areas: a) 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and regional architecture review; b) COVID-19 response and recovery c) climate change and disaster resilience; d) sustainable ocean - advocacy and implementation; e) sea level rise and maritime zones; f) nuclear legacy issues; g) regional security; h) regional fisheries; i) regional health issues, and j) regional aviation.

Key examples of CROP collaboration in 2021 include:

- policy and technical advice to inform development of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.
- producing a Socio-economic impact assessment of COVID-19 for the Pacific region;
- climate change advocacy and engagement for COP 26 including high level events with the COP26 President and Pacific preparatory meetings;
- implementing the findings of the review of the Pacific Resilience Partnership governance arrangements and convening the second Pacific Resilience Meeting;
- supporting advocacy, engagement and technical advice on Leaders' Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-related Sea-level rise.

CROP Heads convened dialogues with civil society and private sector organisations in February 2021 and October 2021 to discuss delivery, advocacy, implementation and monitoring of Forum Leaders' priorities and opportunities for CROP-CSO and CROP-private sector collaboration and partnerships.

Review of Forum Observers and Dialogue Partners

At the 50th PIF meeting in Tuvalu, Leaders directed a review of the criteria to become a Forum Dialogue Partner and Forum Observer. The independent review in 2020 led to revised guidelines to be considered by Leaders in 2021, along with pending applications for Forum Dialogue partners status.

Smaller Island States (SIS) Strategy

It was not possible to convene SIS Officials and SIS Leaders meetings in 2020 and 2021 respectively because of the Micronesian withdrawal from the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat and the impact of COVID-19. As a result, the SIS Strategy ended, however, SIS members had agreed to carry on with the implementation of the SIS Roadmap for Accelerated Development as a 'buffer' until a new strategic direction for SIS was discussed and endorsed.

The SIS Roadmap for Accelerated Development highlights the vision, mission, and objectives of the SIS Regional Strategy as well as the integral role of strategic partnerships in implementation. The Roadmap remains committed to the institutional arrangements outlined in the Strategy with further alignment to the Blue Pacific narrative and principles. Key activities under the Roadmap comprise i) Joint SIS proposal to the Green Climate Fund (priority area: Climate Change) ii) Regional Legislative Framework for NCDs (priority area: Health) iii) Maritime Boundaries & Sea Level Rise (priority area: Marine) iv) Nuclear Contaminants (priority area: Marine) v) Upper Airspace Management (priority area: Air Transportation).

Electoral Observer Missions

Forum Election Observer Missions are carried out under the Biketawa Declaration and other relevant regional and international commitments to good governance including the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, Forum Eight Principles of Accountability, and the Forum Principles of Good Leadership. They act as an independent source of analysis in the conduct and integrity of a Forum Member's election processes, and contribute to the transparency of electoral processes and the confidence of voters and stakeholders.

In 2021 the Forum deployed a single observer mission to the New Caledonia Referendum on

Independence through the Forum Ministerial Committee to New Caledonia. The Committee was led by Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji and Forum Chair, and was joined by His Excellency Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia, High Commissioner of Samoa to Fiji and the Forum Secretary General, Mr. Henry Puna, supported by staff of the Fijian Government and Forum Secretariat. Pictured are the Forum Ministerial Committee with the “Committee of the Wise.” The Committee’s report is available [here](#).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2021 the Forum was unable to observe elections in Samoa and Tonga. It is anticipated that five Forum Members will hold elections in 2022, including Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, Nauru, and Fiji.



ENABLING OUTCOME 2: PROMOTE DELIVERY

PIFS will mobilise partnerships and financing to deliver on Forum priorities

Climate Change and Resilience

With the international borders easing travel restrictions towards the end of 2021, the Climate Change and Resilience team joined the One CROP Organisations in convening the PSIDS coordination workshops ahead of COP26 in Glasgow. High on the Pacific regional priorities were simplified and timely access to Climate Finance. This has been an ongoing issue for Pacific island countries and it remained so going into the COP26 negotiations. PIFS continued to lead the regional Organisations in coordinating and supporting PSIDS negotiations on climate finance.

Closely related to the issue of climate finance access is the emergence of renewed momentum in the push for the international community to address Loss and Damage. This became the “biggest” issue during the negotiations. PIFS, as with climate finance, led the coordination of the PSIDS negotiators on Loss and Damage. Despite concerted efforts in conjunction with other SIDS blocs for a new financing facility for Loss and Damage, the Glasgow pact established the Glasgow dialogue on Loss and Damage as a mechanism for further discussions on this issue.

To elevate the Pacific voices during the UNFCCC negotiations, PIFS proposed to the One CROP to establish the Pacific Political Climate Champions initiative. This was trialed during COP26 with great success. The Political Climate Champions initiative involved nominating political leaders from member countries, either at Leader or Ministerial levels, to champion and lead the regional advocacy on selected thematic areas, reflecting the region’s climate change priorities. The thematic areas included Climate Change Finance, Loss and Damage, Oceans-Climate Nexus, Climate Ambition and Climate Integrity.

In July and October 2021, the Climate Change and Resilience team in partnership with the COP26 President, UK, collaborated on two roundtable discussions for PSIDS on Access to Climate Finance and Debt relief. This followed a SIDS roundtable in October 2019 where the discussions were heavily focused on economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. The roundtables focused on three specific topics: (i) the eligibility and improving access to concessional finance; (ii) better allocation of Climate finances; and (iii) debt relief and long-term debt restructuring. The roundtables brought together representatives from PSIDS and donor countries and multi-lateral development partners with some fruitful outcomes including the need to take advantage of opportunities in the blue economy.

Another highlight was the endorsement by the Finance and Economic Ministers that both the PFM-Climate Finance and the Disaster Risk Finance Technical working groups become advisory bodies to the FEMM on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Finance issues.

Private Sector engagement

The Forum Trade Ministers Meeting (FTMM) in July 2021 endorsed the development of a Regional Private Sector Strategy, to ensure coherent support for private sector development across the region and to drive diversification particularly in the tourism, green economy, livestock, fisheries, and agriculture sectors. PIFS started scoping this work with partners including the Office of the African, Caribbean, Pacific Secretariat (OACPS), the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Asian Development Bank Private Sector Development Initiative (ADB-PSDI). A Concept Note for the development of the strategy will form the basis of an update for Members through the 2023 Forum Trade Ministers Meeting.

Pacific Resilience Facility

The Pacific Resilience Facility is a Pacific owned, led, and designed financing initiative that was endorsed by Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders and Forum Economic Ministers in 2019. It is an innovative and pioneering approach to build disaster preparedness at community level by providing investments to respond to the challenges faced by Pacific communities.

In 2021, consultations were held with over 30 countries and private foundations as part of efforts to secure pledges to capitalise the PRF. A Prospectus and logo were launched during the year to market the PRF to development partners and drive public awareness and advocacy. The COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected the work on the PRF, with a global pledging event proposed to raise funds for the PRF having to be delayed due to border closures and travel restrictions.

Growing Pacific Trade

Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy

Trade facilitation is one of the priorities under the Deepening Forum Markets pillar of the Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025. Trade facilitation addresses inefficient, excessive, and opaque border procedures and documentary requirements that add unnecessary time and cost to trade. It is particularly important for the Pacific, as Forum Members' small size and geographical distance already imposes a high cost to trading across borders. The implementation of trade facilitation measures in the Pacific (40% in 2021) is also well below the global average (64.7% in 2021), which indicates the potential for a high return from investing in trade facilitation.

The development of a Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy was approved in August 2021 by Forum Trade Ministers. An inception workshop on the Strategy took place in November 2021.



The draft Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy has benefited from the financial support of Australia and the technical input and guidance of the World Bank Group.

Regional Kava Development Strategy

Kava is one of the priorities under the Deepening Forum Markets pillar of the Pacific-Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025. The development of a Regional Kava Development Strategy, which prioritised the necessary collaboration and coordination across sectors, institutions, and stakeholders, built greater resilience and scale, leveraged efforts at the national level, as well as enhanced bargaining power at a global level, was approved in August 2021 by Forum Trade Ministers.

A Kava Working Group was established to oversee the development of the Strategy, as well as to support efforts towards - (i) maintaining the consistent discussion on kava issues at various fora, including a regional kava events calendar; (ii) the quality of kava and the regional standards for kava; (iii) strengthening trade and marketing components of kava production; (iv) improving cultivation and production methods from planting, harvesting, drying and other processing techniques, including capacity building through the value-chain for kava; (v) accessing finance; and (vi) improving biosecurity phytosanitary level of assurance on export market access and expanding the price margin of kava products.

Strengthening Pacific Intra-Regional and International Trade

The Strengthening Pacific Intra-Regional and International Trade (SPIRIT) Contribution Agreement between the Secretariat and the EU was signed on 23 December 2020. It aligns with the Framework for Pacific Regionalism and the Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025. The objective of SPIRIT is to increase intra-regional and international trade of Pacific ACP countries, with a specific focus on strengthening institutional and human capacity.

The Key Result Areas (KRAs) comprise the following - (i) Enhancing the capacity of PACP countries' trade and investment policy formulation, implementation, and mainstreaming into national policy frameworks; (ii) PACP countries maximising the benefits of Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) related trading opportunities and implementing EPA related obligations; (iii) Supporting the update and implementation of the Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025 by PACP countries; and (iv) Developing and integrating a statistical monitoring framework for Regional Economic Integration.

The key milestone was putting all the fundamentals into place through the recruitment of the SPIRIT project team. A consultant was contracted to assist with the negotiations with the EU Delegation Office on the terms of reference, SPIRIT log frame, and other operational-level priorities. The recruitment of the SPIRIT Team Leader and the two Trade Advisers for the Melanesian and Polynesian sub-regions was also completed.

Review of Regional Trade Agreements

The need to modernise and enhance trade opportunities for the region was recognised in 2021 by Pacific ACP Trade Ministers. The Ministers emphasised the importance of the Comprehensive Review of Trade Arrangements being member-led and member-owned, to capitalise on geopolitical positionings, explore and pursue new trading relations, and enhance existing agreements.

Review of the Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement

The need to operationalise and implement regional agreements, such as the Pacific Islands Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA), particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, was highlighted in 2021 by Pacific ACP Trade Ministers. This will hinge on PICTA's Rules of Origins being modernised and a product-specific mapping assessment.

Pacific Regional Electronic Commerce Initiative

Electronic commerce (E-commerce) is one of the priorities of the Pacific Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025. The Pacific Regional E-commerce Strategy and Roadmap, which has 54 regional measures that can be implemented through collective action identified in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, was approved in August 2021 by Forum Trade Ministers.

The Pacific Regional E-commerce Strategy has benefited from the technical input and guidance of UNCTAD, UNCDF, UNCITRAL, UNESCAP, the World Bank, the Oceania Customs Organisation, the Pacific Community, as well as the financial support of development partners, particularly the EIF, the European Union, and the Australian Government.

The Pacific Regional E-commerce Strategy's implementation is costed at approximately USD 50 million, excluding the implementation of the infrastructure-related measures, with only USD 5.5 million having been secured so far.

The Secretariat has successfully implemented several of the Pacific Regional E-commerce Strategy and Roadmap's recommendations, including the development of a regional E-commerce Portal, a regional training course on e-commerce rules for Pacific negotiators, and support for the development of the national e-commerce strategies of Samoa, Tuvalu, and soon Papua New Guinea. The Secretariat is also in partnership with UNCTAD in supporting the National E-commerce Strategies of Fiji and Solomon Islands.

The Secretariat is in the process of establishing a regional E-Commerce Committee, which will be a space for Forum Members, donors, technical agencies, and the private sector to oversee implementation, provide the required direction, and ensure strong regional ownership.

Comprehensive Regional Labour Mobility Assessment

Labour mobility is one of the priorities under the Comprehensive Connectivity pillar of the Pacific-Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025. Including labour mobility as a standing agenda item was approved in August 2021 by Forum Trade Ministers, who recognised the strong call for a more inclusive and transparent regional dialogue on labour mobility.

The key milestone was the Secretariat completing a Comprehensive Regional Labour Mobility Assessment Report, which assessed different labour mobility arrangements, including regional and sub-regional trade agreements, the role of the Secretariat in labour mobility, and a stakeholder analysis.

Fisheries

The independent review of the Forum Leaders decision to increase economic returns from fisheries was concluded and the final report was presented to the Forum Fisheries Committee Ministerial Meeting in 2021. An inter-agency working group (IAWG) chaired by PIFS with FFA, SPC and PNAO also presented a complementary report with recommendations on the independent reviews final report. Following Ministerial discussions, a cover paper was prepared to accompany the final report for Forum Leaders which will be presented at their next in-person meeting in 2022.

Social Policy

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

An independent review of the Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED) considered actions taken to support the implementation of the PLGED including collaboration and coordination at the regional level to support national initiatives. The review highlighted issues around visibility, accountability, and governance and will be used to inform the revitalisation of the PLGED in 2022.

PIFS continued to provide support to Members at international fora including the Commission on the

Status of Women (CSW), Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and other national and regional engagements.

PIFS collaborated with the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) to progress disability inclusion under the Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PFRPD), and supported Early Childhood Education (ECD) through support to the Pacific Regional Council for Early Childhood Development (PRC4ECD).

Early in the year, young Women Leaders came together with Secretary General Meg Taylor to talanoa on their challenges, opportunities and leadership.

Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of COVID-19 in the Pacific Region

A regional Socio-economic Impact Assessment report was completed and endorsed by Forum Economic Ministers in 2021. The SEIA report covered issues including health, education and impacts on persons with disabilities and youth. Based on desktop reviews and literature from international, regional and national data sources on COVID-19, key findings were categorized under five themes:

- Health and wellbeing
- Integrated pathways for economic recovery and resilience
- Inclusive social protection systems
- Adaptive learning and employment pathways, and
- Sustainable livelihoods and food systems.

On-going monitoring by CROP agencies continued as Members recovered from the impacts of COVID-19. Implementation of recommendations in the report were aligned with existing regional efforts and recovery plans.

Education

PIFS supported the University of the South Pacific in convening the Forum Education Ministers Meeting (FeDMM) 2021. Ministers endorsed renaming FeDMM to the Conference for Pacific Education Ministers, with the next meeting to be hosted by New Zealand in 2023.

Implementation will include technical and vocational education and training initiatives and strengthening sports development and accredited programmes. Increased investment in ICT infrastructure and accessibility was identified so education systems could be more prepared for future shocks such as pandemics and natural disasters that affect human capital in the long term.

Health

PIFS continued collaboration in addressing the non-communicable diseases (NCD) crisis through the NCD and Early Childhood Obesity Working Groups.

The Working Group on cervical cancer in the Pacific also began assessing progress to date and barriers to eliminating cervical cancer in women. Increased awareness programmes and technical health, procurement of HPV vaccinations and laboratory needs were raised as key challenges. Lack of access to services for women and children during COVID-19 heightened health issues and cases in the region.



ENABLING OUTCOME 3: PROMOTE INFLUENCE

PIFS will promote political and strategic relationships to advance Forum priorities

International Engagement and Advocacy

In July 2021, Forum Foreign Ministers agreed to five priorities for the Forum's international engagement and advocacy: 1) 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent; 2) COVID-19 response and recovery; 3) climate change and resilience; 4) sustainable ocean management, use and conservation; and 5) regional security, with a key focus on maritime boundaries and sea level rise, and nuclear legacy issues as cross-cutting issues.

Guided by the FOC Sub-Committee for Forum International Engagement and Advocacy and based on the Forum's advocacy action plan and messages guide, key Forum advocacy initiatives in 2021 included:

- promoting the upcoming 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent through Forum statements and engagement including at 76th UN General Assembly (UNGA) and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC);
- proactive Forum engagement for COP 26 including through the new Political Climate Champions initiative and a PIF High Level Event;
- launch of the Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF) prospectus in May 2021, supported by letters of promotion of Forum Dialogue Partners and international donors;
- promoting Leaders' Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-Related Sea-Level Rise including launch at COP 26;
- proactive outreach to Japan and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the ALPS Treated Water issue based on Forum Foreign Ministers' position;
- launch of Forum Leaders' Ocean Statement 2021 on World Ocean Day event in June 2021 and letters and meetings with Forum Dialogue Partners;
- development and release of a Forum Foreign Ministers Joint Statement on Blue Pacific Leadership in Disaster Preparedness Planning in November 2021.

Forum Dialogue Partners

The Forum Dialogue Partner mechanism aims to facilitate engagement with countries outside of the Blue Pacific region which have significant cooperation, engagement and interests with the region, in order to build understanding, support and action on the Forum Leaders' vision and regional priorities.

In 2021, Forum Leaders endorsed Forum Dialogue Partner applications from Chile, Norway and Singapore, taking the number of Dialogue Partners to 21. Following a review of the Criteria and Guidelines for Forum Dialogue Partners, Forum Leaders endorsed new Criteria and Guidelines to ensure they were forward looking and based on the latest Forum policies and frameworks.

The Forum Secretariat proactively worked with Members in support of three major engagements with Forum Dialogue Partners, namely PALM 9 meeting with Japan in July 2021, the 5th France-Oceania Summit in July 2021, and the United Kingdom – Pacific Climate Dialogue through the One CROP Plus mechanism in June 2021 – to ensure the outcomes of such dialogues supported Forum Leaders' priorities.

On the request of the Forum Chair, the Forum Secretariat also supported Member engagement in the China-Pacific Island Countries Foreign Ministers' Meeting in October 2021, the 4th Republic of Korea-Pacific Islands Foreign Ministers' Meeting in November 2021 and the 2nd China – Pacific Islands Foreign Ministers' Meeting in May 2022.

Communications and Public Affairs 2021

As COVID lockdowns continued, the Communications Team focused on driving awareness, advocacy and action on the priorities of Leaders, and promoting the work of Members and the Secretariat. Two projects improved digital presence. A website review recommended www.forumsec.org be re-designed to be more user-friendly and fit-for-purpose; the re-design will commence in 2022. A tender was also finalised to provide equipment for a dedicated Audio-Visual Studio at PIFS. Operational in early 2022, the AV Studio will support quality filming and editing of interviews and speeches by the Secretary General and Executive, Members, stakeholders and PIFS staff.

To enhance conversations with Pacific people PIFS used Facebook to livestream key events, the Blue Pacific Talanoa Webinar Series continued, and there was increased engagement on social media platforms, with 36% more Facebook followers and engagement up 23%.

Support included:

- media management at international events including COP 26
- videos and other material for the 2050 Strategy consultations
- Pacific Resilience Partnership videos and website development
- content to raise public awareness around Forum Meetings.

In publications and graphic design, three new logos were launched; one to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Pacific Islands Forum, and logos for the Pacific Resilience Facility and the Secretary General's Pacific Young Climate Leaders Alliance were designed through public competitions.

Coverage in national, regional and international media was driven by over 100 Forum statements and releases on a wide range of topics, plus opinion pieces and press conferences. PIFS also co-hosted media training workshops with the Pacific Islands News Association and the Australian-funded Pacific Media Assistance Scheme. Thirteen journalists from seven Pacific nations participated.



Legal Support and Coordination

Sea Level Rise

Recalling their commitment in 2019, Leaders noted with concern the threat posed by sea level rise to the Blue Pacific Continent and committed to conclude negotiations on maritime boundary claims and zones. Leaders also committed to ensuring that maritime zones could not be challenged or reduced by sea-level rise and climate change.

Demonstrating their commitment, in 2021 Leaders endorsed the Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-related Sea-level rise, and its Aide-Memoire. This signalled deep mutual commitment by the Forum to safeguard the homes and interests of the Pacific peoples into perpetuity.

The Declaration is an original and ground-breaking landmark declaration that defines the Blue Pacific Continent. Leaders affirmed the critical value and flagship potential of the Declaration in shaping and transforming international thinking on the issue, placing the region at the heart of international discussions, and providing a strong basis for Forum engagement and advocacy

Nuclear Issues

Japan Fukushima Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) Treated Water

On 13 April 2021, Japan announced its plans to discharge over a million tonnes of ALPS Treated Water into the Pacific Ocean. At the 9th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM9) with the Government of Japan, PIF Leaders highlighted the priority of ensuring international consultation, international law, and independent and verifiable scientific assessments with regard to Japan's announcement related to the discharge of the ALPS treated water from its Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station into the Pacific Ocean. PIF Members committed to pursue independent guidance to interpret the scientific evidence as it becomes available. In December 2021, a Panel of Independent Experts were engaged by PIF to support PIF Members in verifying and interpreting scientific information, as they become available by Japan.

South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Rarotonga Treaty)

On 15th December 2021, the first meeting of the Consultative Committee under the Rarotonga Treaty was convened following a call by State Parties in 2020 to advance the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders' 2019 decision to operationalise the Rarotonga Treaty. In pursuit of advancing the mandate of operationalising the Treaty, the Consultative Committee discussed and considered the development of Rules of Procedure for the Consultative Committee as required under the Treaty; the modernisation of outdated language and references in the Treaty; the promoting of the entire Blue Pacific as a Nuclear Free Zone as permitted under the Treaty; the Control System for verifying compliance with the Treaty; the consideration of a potential contribution by State Parties to the 10th NPT Review Conference 2021/2022 and discussions on deepening of Inter-zonal cooperation.

Nuclear legacy issues in the Pacific

To support efforts on nuclear legacy issues, a Taskforce on Nuclear Legacy Issues in the Pacific was established in August 2020. The Taskforce comprises representatives of key Forum Countries and regional agencies in the Pacific working together to advance efforts to address environmental, health and human rights impacts of the nuclear testing programmes that were conducted in the Pacific.



CAPITAL WORKS

The new Forum Fale was opened by the Honourable Josaia.V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji & Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum on 29th January, 2021. The Forum Fale is an iconic part of regionalism; our countries gather under the same roof to work as one Blue Pacific Continent on issues that affect us all.



WIDER FUNCTIONS

Pacific Trade Invest

PTI is the trade and investment promotion network of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) with offices in Auckland, Beijing, Geneva, and Sydney. PTI offices are funded through the support of host governments except for PTI Europe which is supported along with the PIFS Trade Office in Geneva by Australian government funding.

Improved management of PTI

The Secretariat continues to focus on bringing the global network of trade commission offices together as one cohesive entity, through rolling out improvements to the governance and management aspects of the network.

The position of PTI Global Network Coordinator was filled in August 2021. The position undertook a series of coordination actions, such as facilitating the finalisation of the audits into financial statements for PTI China, PTI Australia, and PTI New Zealand. Other coordination actions included embedding the use of the PTI monthly report template. This forms the basis of updates to the Audit Risk Sub-Committee. The process and the report template continue to be refined and allow tracking against metrics of the number of businesses serviced; total exports and total investments facilitated; and monthly and year-to-date expenses. The last metric, to monitor progress against annual workplans and budget, is reported in the currency of the respective funding agreements.

The Secretariat continued to advocate to Japan, on its tasking to fulfil Member desires to see the Pacific Islands Centre in Tokyo brought into the Pacific Trade Invest umbrella. Forum Members recognise there are benefits for PIC Tokyo and ultimately for the region's trading and investment aspirations, in being included and branded as part of PTI based on the value propositions of an extensive shared market knowledge supported by rich networks across the Pacific and international markets.

Governance of PTI

The year closed with a call for submissions from nationals of Member countries, to the newly established PTI Independent Advisory Board. The Board is a key part of the reforms stemming from the 2018 PTI corporate governance review. The new board will advise the Secretary General and contribute to setting the strategic direction of the PTI network. The Board membership comprises the Secretary General as Chair, and four representatives from the private sector with backgrounds in audit and risk management, as SME, as experts in trade, and as a woman business owner.

Terms of Reference for the Board were finalised and sent through Forum Officials contacts in a circular disseminated on 11th November 2021. Subsequent advocacy on the matter was undertaken with officials and with private sector bodies to encourage submissions with a total of 91 emails received and responded. A total of nine submissions were received at the end of the nomination period in November and will be interviewed and formally appointed in 2022.

Office of the Regional Authorising Officer

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) is the duly mandated regional organisation and the Secretary General is the PACP Regional Authorising Officer (RAO) for the EDF funds.

As of November 2020, 100% of the 197 million Euros allocated to the PACP region was secured under nine (9) Financing Agreements signed by the RAO on behalf of the PACP, to support the three priority areas jointly agreed under the 11th EDF Pacific Regional Indicative Programme including:

1. Regional economic integration
2. Sustainable management of natural resources and the environment and the management of waste.
3. Inclusive and accountable governance

Overview of the 11th EDF PRIP

	Priority Area		Allocation: EUR, Million
	Priority Area 1 - Regional economic integration (REI)		
1	2019	Pacific Regional Integration Support programme (PRISE)	37
	Priority Area 2 - Sustainable management of natural resources and the environment, and the management of waste		
2	2017	Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership Programme (PEUMP)	35
3	2018	Pacific - European Union Waste Management Programme (PacWaste Plus);	17
	Priority Area 3 - Inclusive and accountable governance		
4	2018	Strengthening Public Finance Management and Governance in the Pacific Project	11
5	2017	Tackling root causes of gender inequality and violence against women in the Pacific	13
6	2017	Technical Cooperation Facility/Strengthening of Regional Organisations	7
7	2020	Health Support in response to COVID-19 in the Pacific	22
	Investment Facility for the Pacific		
8	2017	Investment Facility for the Pacific (IFP)	20
9	2020	Investment Facility for the Pacific (IFP)	35
		TOTAL	197

In progressing the 11th EDF programming, formulation, and contracting, two contracts under the Pacific Regional Integration Support programme (PRISE) were signed in 2021: 1) the Strengthening Pacific Intra-Regional and International Trade Project (SPIRIT) programme implemented by PIFS and 2) the Improving Pacific Islands Customs and Trade (IMPACT) programme implemented by UNCTAD. The Office of the Regional Authorising Officer (ORAO) was directly involved in the development and finalisation of the SPIRIT programme.

The overall coordination and reporting on the 11th EDF regional Indicative programme for the Pacific programmes continued through the meetings of the regional steering committee for the Pacific. On mutual consideration between PIFS and EUD the Regional Steering Committee will meet in 2022 after the PACP Leaders meeting so that the implementation arrangements pertaining to the new EU framework - Neighborhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) can be discussed.



In 2021 it was noted that EUD had advanced with NDIC programming. The EU agreed to three priority areas for the period 2021 to 2027 - priority area 1: Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability; priority area 2: Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Development; and priority area 3: Fundamental Values, Human Development, Peace, and Security. The envisaged allocation for the Multi-Country Multi-Annual Indicative Program for the Pacific (“Pacific Multi-Country MIP”) for the 2021-2024 period is €117 million. Six programmes were submitted under the 2021 Annual Action Plan by different PACP countries and regional organisations, and for which further details will be sought from EUD. The priority areas were consulted with countries and regional organisations noting the bilateral approach under NDICI. The RAO reiterated the recommendation for a regional seminar on NDICI. Whilst the EUD indicated that none was in the pipeline, an official request was recommended.

In response to the PACP Leaders request, RAO officially requested EU for the NDICI Seminar. The Seminar was conducted on 10 December 2021 and was attended by the PACP countries, regional organisations, and Non-State Actor representative. Amongst others, the key elements covered included: Parameters guiding EU cooperation programming for 2021-2027; NDICI-Global Europe – The overview, structure, and features; Pacific Multi-Country MIP – The priorities; Actions under Annual Action Plan for 2021 and 2022 – The implementation modalities; and Roles of National and Regional Authorities –The outlook. Such a platform was deemed useful and may continue.

The Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building Facility (TECCBUF) programme continued to make available support to CROP and PACP countries including the development of an innovative initiative to provide national and regional stakeholders with ICT equipment to enable them to engage effectively via online platforms despite the COVID restrictions. Fifteen stakeholders including 11 PACP countries were given approval. The ICT equipment for the Office of the Fiji National Authorising Officer was the first to be installed in December 2021.

TECCBUF component four continued to support the Non-State Actors/Civil Society Organisations capacity building and regional policy engagement activities as well as six grants to successful NSAs. This component also supported NSA policy dialogues and briefings with PACP Members, CROP and amongst NSAs on the progress of the Post Cotonou negotiations and the 2050 strategy.

The COVID continued to impact the budget implementation. The budget figure for 2021 workplan was revised from EUR3,217,765 to EUR2,788,708. The rate of consumption within this reporting period against the 2021 workplan stands at 28%, and the cumulative budget used (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 (Jan to December) at the Delegation Agreement level represents 35% of the programme total budget.

Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner

OPOC started the year with a bang launching a new illustrated Ocean book for the children of the Blue Pacific titled “Our Sea of Islands, Our Blue Pacific.” The children’s book aims to build awareness around the richness of the ocean heritage and obligation as custodians of the biggest ocean in the world.

Also launched was the Blue Pacific Ocean Report and a suite of Ocean Finance Reports, covering taxes and subsidies and their alignment to ocean health objectives, finance models for marine protected areas, innovative insurance mechanisms for protecting ocean assets, ocean bond structures and accessibility, and financing models for different types of community managed marine areas.

The Blue Pacific Ocean Report 2021 provides an overview of the different ocean sectors. It is a stocktake on the progress of ocean policy implementation, highlighting regional progress and proposing strategies to improve ocean governance and sustainable use of ocean resources.

Pacific Islands Forum Leaders reiterated their commitment to the ocean in the 2021 Ocean Statement released this year, and in April OPOC partnered with FAA and other partners at the 14th Pacific Women Conference’s Triennial, hosting a side event on Women in Ocean Governance: Promises and Challenges.

OPOC celebrated World Ocean Day on June 8 in the virtual space. The event featured Dr Nicole Yamase from the Federated States of Micronesia, the first Pacific Islander to have been the deepest part of the ocean, the Challenger Deep in the Marianna Trench and young Fijian ocean advocate AnnMary Raduva.

OPOC advocated for global ocean policy commitments such as the SDG14 targets. Given the lack of progress and tracking of these ocean commitments, OPOC collaborated with FAO Pacific to convene a series of regional workshops for Member countries, from July to December 2021, to improve reporting on SDG14.4 – Illegal and under reported fishing, SDG14.6 – Fisheries subsidies, SDG14.7 – Economic benefits and SDG14.b – Small scale fisheries.

There was a change at the helm of ocean leadership; Commissioner Dame Meg Taylor was farewelled and the current Commissioner Henry Puna was welcomed. In July Commissioner Puna joined 190 participants from 14 Pacific countries on the virtual Vaka Moana journey organised by the Pacific Community.

“For the people of the Pacific, the sustainability of our ocean is intertwined with our culture. It is our identity and our sovereignty. It is our future. We must ensure no one is left behind as we journey, together, into this important and critical decade,”

Mr Henry Puna, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum

Despite working from home for much of the year, OPOC continued to deliver on priorities with a briefing on the treaty on biological diversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) convened. Work also commenced on a dashboard to capture the Pacific Ocean Initiatives Register. Pacific Islands Forum Leaders, through the Palau Declaration on The Ocean: Life and Future, mandated OPOC to build a comprehensive register of ocean initiatives; a project tracking tool to promote and monitor ocean related projects in the Pacific and assist Members with individual reporting obligations.

OPOC was engaged in the consultation processes for the 2050 Strategy, including providing technical inputs, participation in workshops and facilitating consultations with Members and other stakeholders.

In November OPOC were active at the UNFCCC COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland. Apart from supporting the One CROP Plus team on ocean, OPOC hosted a high level event Ocean Mana to One Blue Planet. All the speakers at the event emphasised that the ocean provides the solution to climate change, and called for its inclusion in the UNFCCC process. The Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Maritime Boundaries Declaration was also launched by Fiji’s Prime Minister and Forum Chair Hon Voreqe Bainimarama.

Commissioner Puna also participated in the Asia Pacific Ocean Summit, passionately repeating the message that the ocean is vital to our survival on this Blue Planet.



Human Resources

2021 was a very challenging year and staff showed resilience and perseverance by maintaining high productivity during this period. The HR team conducted COVID briefings, welfare checks on staff and delivered events such as the PIF 50th anniversary staff virtual party.

This year saw 27 positions recruited, 7 for the EU SPIRIT project alone. In addition nine updated or new Human Resources policies were released, as was a Learning and Development Plan 2021 – 2023. Training sessions were also delivered covering Code of Conduct, hybrid working and mental health awareness.

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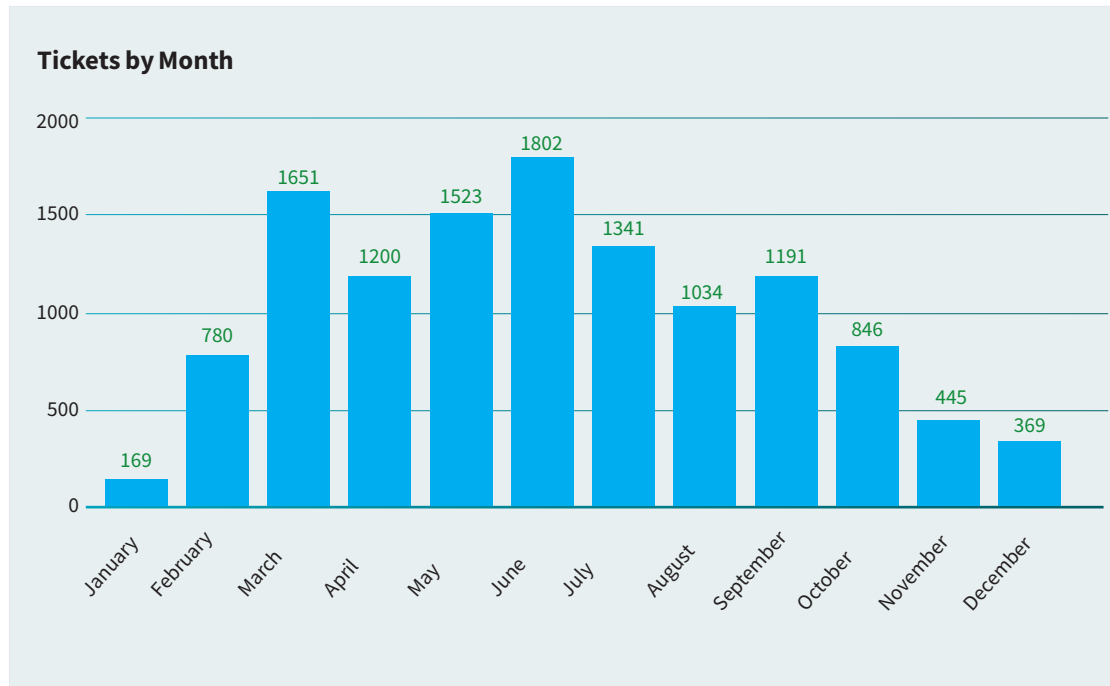
- Staff newsletter was launched
- Staff surveys were conducted to determine Business Continuity Plans
- Regular HR Updates were sent to staff
- Support provided to CROP Women of the Wave network.

Digital transformation continued with:

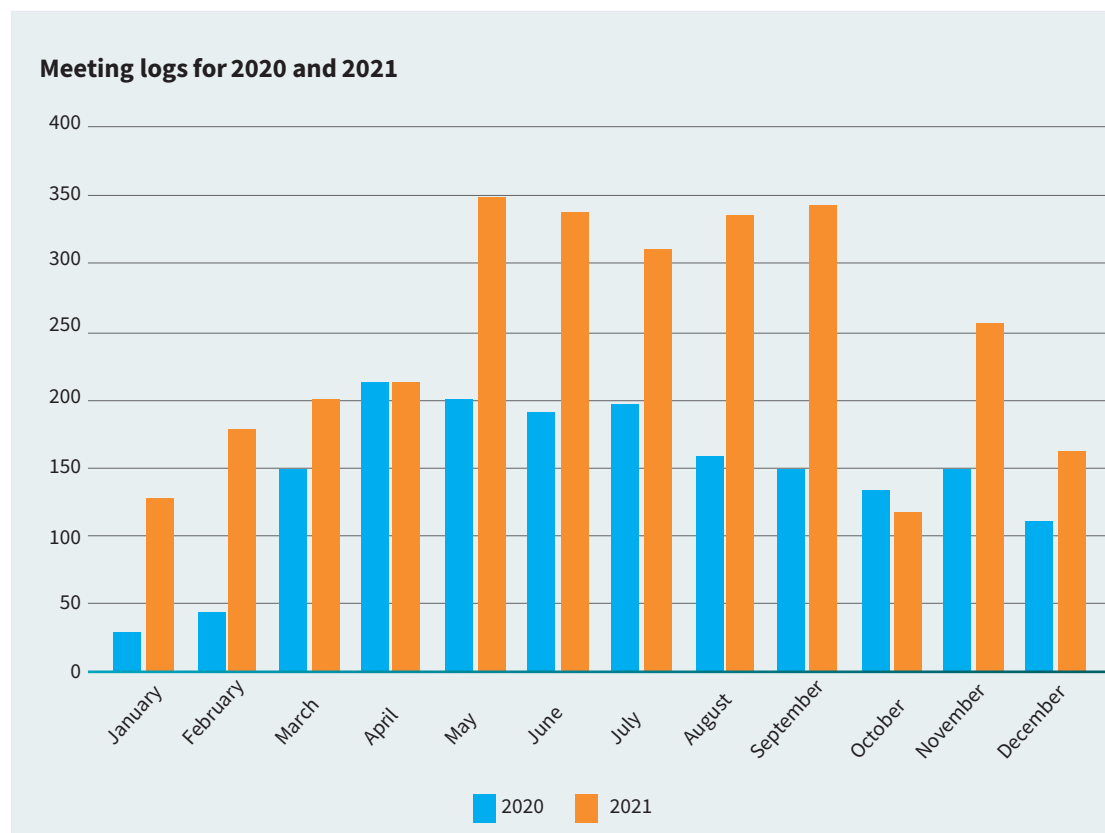
- Leave management launched – Employee Self Service
- Electronic allowances launched – Employee Self Service
- New Recruitment Software implemented – Turbo Recruit
- HR Intranet HR Dashboard launched.

Information Services Report for 2021

Support to staff and stakeholders measured through job tickets:



Support for Meetings



Information Services Report 2021

#	Successful Projects/ Activities	Benefits
1	Business continuity and work from home during the Covid lockdown.	<p>PIFS was on Covid lockdown from April 2021 until March 2022. During this period the team was able to provide Business continuity support with PIFS staff working from home and some based overseas.</p> <p>The number of virtual meetings increased during this period. 8,000 user support requests were received by the IT team, which includes 2,400 meeting requests and Information Management requests. Most users were able to conduct meetings with minimal IT support. There was a team that worked in PIFS to support management and meetings, whilst another team working from home provided support for all other staff.</p>
2	Projects	Planned projects continued despite the huge demand for operations support. Tender evaluations and discussions were all online including vendor interaction and implementation of solutions. A total of 8 tenders were managed during this period.
2.1	Internet Services	The upgrade of Internet services was completed with increase in internet bandwidth and reduced service costs. During this period we also negotiated with the internet service providers for flexibility in costs and equipment as all staff were working from home.
2.2	Mobile Services	Successfully moved all mobile services to Digicel. The benefits allowed connection of telephone networks to the mobile network free of charge, including a hardware fund for mobile devices, and lower service costs.

#	Successful Projects/ Activities	Benefits
2.3	Automation and Digitization	The availability of intranet site, library services, leave and Employee Self-service portals and other applications assisted the team in supporting staff. Other works included completion of Decentralization and Creation of Business Central User, Electronic Funds Transfer and online Bank reconciliation
2.4	Hardware refresh	Staff equipment purchased in 2017 and 2018 was refreshed to cater for new staff requirements.
2.5	Preferred suppliers	Through a competitive tender process, a list of preferred suppliers was selected to support PIFS till 2023. The list also assists to fast-track procurement of specific items to specific vendors saving procurement time of at least 3 months.
2.6	Projects that continued till 2022	Several planned projects took much time and effort during this period. These projects included the implementation of the new AV Studio, meeting room upgrades, support for the EU TECBUFF funding for CROP agencies, Electronic Documents and Records Management system and security upgrades (firewall upgrades and new Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Solution, vulnerability assessments and penetration testing, ISO27001 benchmarking and adaption.)



The Forum Secretariat offers a great environment which is versatile and flexible; open to innovative ideas and challenges. The IT team was key in ensuring that during the pandemic, our communication with members, and various stakeholders was intact and I got to be a part of that initiative. Always learning and growing!

**Laisenia Tuicakau,
Information Technology**



I joined the Forum to pursue and progress the work of gender equality in the region. PIFS is the leading policy organization in the region and I wanted to be a part of it and give back my skills and expertise on gender issues.

**Dr Fiona Hukula,
Gender Specialist**



The Ocean is at the heart of Pacific priorities, the ocean is at the centre of Pacific hearts. For me to be able to work in ocean conservation and science is extraordinary! I feel proud every day to represent and work for my region through the Forum.

**Riibeta Abeta,
Ocean Management Officer**

EVALUATING OUR WORK

In 2021 COVID-19 continued to disrupt PIFS services to Forum Members and other stakeholders due to border closures, social distancing, and related precautions. For six months the Secretariat offices were closed to all but a skeleton staff. The response was to maintain contact via virtual means and adapt work practices to suit a changed work environment. This flexibility, and the opportunities offered by innovative solutions, has allowed the PIFS and its partners to successfully continue their work programmes.

The 1st Triannual Review of the 2021 Key Result Areas (KRAs)

The Triannual KRA Review was undertaken throughout the month of April and all 29 KRAs were assessed.

The progress of each KRA was considered and discussed between the Team Leaders and Senior Management collectively, and then assessed and rated by Senior Management using a “traffic light” system. The results were:

- 72% of KRAs received a Green Rating: progress is on track as per targeted milestones
- 7% of KRAs received an Amber/Green: progress is concerning but consistent efforts have been pursued by the Team.
- 21% received an Amber Rating: progress is concerning.

Senior Management noted the challenges of working remotely during COVID, and recognised and commended all Teams on the improved quality of the policy advice and service delivery for and to the Members, including in the delivery of meetings and the significant progress made in terms of improved operational procedures. There remain areas for improvement in the cultivation of an enabling environment for robust debate and rigour in the policy development process, including better channels of communication across programmes.

To improve coherence in work processes, Senior Management agreed to

- consider and address cross-functionality issues within the organisation;
- improve communication and socialisation of specific initiatives;
- explore training opportunities for improved writing capabilities within the Secretariat; and
- explore opportunities to strengthen organisational culture and behaviour, recognising the constraints faced with working virtually.

GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Management and Reform

The PIF Secretariat continually reviews its internal policies and processes to ensure they are fit for purpose and meet, or exceed, best practice standards. This work is assisted by two subcommittees appointed by the PIF Secretariat’s governing body, the Forum Officials Committee (FOC).

The FOC subcommittee on Audit and Risk focuses on accounting, risk management, financial reporting, the integrity of the draft Budget, and assessment of non-regular revenue.

The FOC subcommittee on Prioritisation and Resourcing focuses on resourcing (human and financial) and prioritisation of the Secretariat's overall work programmes in line with its strategic framework.

Internal and External auditors are engaged to review organisational and financial operations and to provide independent advice to management on various internal control and risk management issues and whether the financial resources of the Secretariat are sufficient for the organisation to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

FOC Subcommittees

Several other subcommittees were appointed by the FOC to help deliver on Forum Leader priorities.

	FOC Sub Committee	Membership/ Composition	Responsible Director
1	Forum International Engagement and Advocacy	All Forum members	Director Governance & Engagement
2	Regional Security Cooperation	Senior Officials level of all Forum Members and Technical Expert Agencies	Director Policy
3	2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent	All Forum Members with one representative each	Director Policy
4	Prioritisation & Resourcing (Name changed from Prioritisation and Funding)	The FSPR will be open to all PIF Members and comprise at least five members, while recognising that participation in FSPR sessions is open to all PIF Members. Participating Member States will be required to nominate at least one representative to the FSPR who would be expected to participate in all FSPR meetings for any given year.	Director Operations
5	Audit and Risk Sub-Committee	Three members nominated by different member states. FOC shall appoint the members from nominations received from Member states and designate a Chair of Sub-Committee	Director Operations
6	Sea-Level Rise in relation to International Law	All Forum Members represented by senior legal, policy and Foreign Affairs Officials (from capital and/or Members' UN Permanent Missions)	Director Governance & Engagement
7	PHP-C Ministerial Action Group (MAG)	As agreed by Foreign Ministers, membership of the MAG comprises of Australia, Fiji, Nauru, NZ, RMI, Tuvalu & Vanuatu. The representative of the Forum Chair will serve as the Chair of the MAG	Director Policy
8	PHP-C Regional Taskforce	Senior Officials from Member countries represented on the MAG (details above) and PIFS, SPC Pacific Community, OCO Oceania Customs Organisation, PICP Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police, PILON Pacific Islands Law Officers Network, WHO World Health Organisation as Lead of JIMT; UNOCHA UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs as lead of the PHT	Director Policy

	Name	Membership/ Composition	Responsible Director
9	COVID-19 Economic Recovery TF	Senior Officials Forum Members	Director Programmes & Initiatives
10	The Nuclear Legacy Taskforce	Nominated representatives from relevant CROP agencies namely the Pacific Community (SPC), the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the University of the South Pacific (USP), and from Fiji, Kiribati, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.	Director Governance & Engagement
11	The Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism	<p>The SSCR will comprise eight individual members who are citizens of Forum member or associate member countries. Each member will hold one of the following allocated positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual from a Melanesian country; • An individual from a Micronesian country; • An individual from a Polynesian country; • An individual from Australia or New Zealand; • An individual from a Smaller Island State; • An individual from a civil society organisation in the Pacific; • An individual from a private sector organisation in the Pacific; and • The Secretary General (the permanent Chair of CROP), as the SSCR's Chair. 	Director Policy
12	The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Taskforce	<p>The Taskforce will consist of nominated representatives from the relevant CROP agencies, and Forum Members who have expressed their interest in serving on the Taskforce.</p> <p>The Taskforce may co-opt other technical expert agencies and relevant stakeholders to support its work.</p>	Director Policy

PIFS MANAGEMENT

Mr Henry Puna, is the 10th Secretary General of the Forum and the first Cook Islander to hold this post. Prior to taking up the regional role on May 24th, 2021, Mr Puna was Prime Minister of the Cook Islands for ten years.

Mr Puna spent his formative years witnessing the transition to self-governance for his nation. As the Cook Islands Foreign Affairs Minister and Leader, he pursued a more vigorous level of international diplomacy, extending foreign relations and formal ties to more than 50 nations. As the 43rd Forum Chair and host of the 2012 meetings and Leaders Retreat, Mr Puna invited former US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton to a milestone meeting with Forum Leaders.

As a Forum Leader championing climate change, tuna fisheries, and innovative partnerships for oceans and energy sustainability, a landmark global achievement has been the 2017 founding legislation establishing the world's largest multiple-use marine park, the Marae Moana.

In 2016, in recognition of his service to the region and academia, he received an honorary Doctorate in Law from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji, and served as Chancellor of the University from 2017-2018. Mr Puna is also the Pacific Ocean Commissioner.



Dr. Filimon Manoni was appointed Deputy Secretary General in May 2020 and was previously the PIFS International Legal Adviser from December 2018. Dr. Manoni is the former Attorney General for the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, providing both legal and policy analysis on regional and international matters, inclusive of regional and international treaty negotiations and agreements. Prior to that, Dr. Manoni served as a Legal Adviser at the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA).



Mr Zarak Khan has been the Director of Programmes and Initiatives since June 2019. His role seeks to improve the lives of Pacific Islanders through regional economic integration and connectivity in the Pacific, building sustainable and inclusive growth. He was the Fijian Consul General and Trade Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand based in Sydney, Australia from 2016-2019. He was the PIFS Trade Policy Advisor from 2011-2016. Mr Khan holds postgraduate qualifications in Management, Public Administration and Economics from the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji.



Mr Apaitia Veigo was appointed Director Operations in August 2020. Mr Veigo is an experienced senior financial executive from Fiji, and joined PIFS from Oceania Hospitals Pte Limited where he was Acting General Manager. Prior to this, Mr Veigo served for 6 years as the Chief Financial Officer for Kumul Consolidated Holdings (KCH) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, a state owned corporation and holding company for eleven major PNG state owned enterprises. Prior to this he also held senior executive positions in private and public sector entities in Fiji and PNG. Mr Veigo holds a Bachelor of Business Degree from the University of New England, Australia. He is a member of the Fiji Institute of Accountants, member of the Certified Practicing Accountants, PNG and an associate member of the Australian Society of Certified Practicing Accountants.



Mr Sione Tekiteki was appointed as the Director Governance & Engagement in 2017. He has worked for the Forum Secretariat since 2013 in adviser level roles. Prior to working for the Forum Secretariat, Mr Tekiteki was the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga during the country's political reform processes. His experience and knowledge relate to stakeholder engagement, political and democratic governance, public law, and institutional strengthening. Mr Tekiteki holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws (Hons) from the University of Auckland.



Mr. Paki Ormsby has been Director of Policy since September 2017 and is responsible for a range of international and regional security and social policy initiatives. He previously worked for the New Zealand Ministry of Health as Deputy Director, Critical Projects. He was a Private Secretary to the NZ Minister of Defence before being seconded in 2007 to the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. A 2003 recipient of a New Zealand Government Freyberg Scholarship, Paki studied defence and strategic studies at the Australian National University. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Security Studies, and a Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.







Senior Management Salary Band Levels

Position	First Name	Last Name	Band
Secretary General	Henry	Puna	18
Deputy Secretary General	Filimon	Manoni	16
Director Policy	Paki	Ormsby	15
Director Governance & Engagement	Sione	Tekiteki	15
Director Programmes & Initiatives	Zarak	Khan	15
Director Operations	Apaitia	Veioغو	14



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**PACIFIC ISLANDS
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Vision

Our Pacific Vision is for a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion, and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

Values

We value and depend upon the integrity of our vast ocean and our island resources.

We treasure the diversity and heritage of the Pacific and seek an inclusive future in which cultures, traditions and religious beliefs are valued, honoured, and developed.

We embrace good governance, the full observance of democratic values, the rule of law, the defence and promotion of all human rights, gender equality, and commitment to just societies.

We seek peaceful, safe, and stable communities and countries, ensuring full security and wellbeing for the peoples of the Pacific.

We support full inclusivity, equity and equality for all people of the Pacific.

We strive for effective, open, and honest relationships and inclusive and enduring partnerships—based on mutual accountability and respect—with each other, within our sub-regions, within our region, and beyond.

These Pacific regional values will guide all our policy-making and implementation.

Our principal objectives are:

- Sustainable development that combines economic, social and cultural development in ways that improve livelihoods and well-being and use the environment sustainably;
- Economic growth that is inclusive and equitable;
- Strengthened governance, legal, financial, and administrative systems; and
- Security that ensures stable, safe human, environmental and political conditions for all.

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Secretary General's Statement

I am pleased to present the Secretariat's financial statements and independent auditors' report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Following the Forum Officials Committee approval in 2018 to move reporting standards, 2021 is the first year of adopting the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) from the previous International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). IPSAS is a set of accounting standards designed to reflect the public sector nature of entities like ours. IPSAS is based on IFRS and therefore the move does not give rise to major changes to accounting policies – however, in some areas there are potentially significant differences, and these are explained further in the notes to the financial statements commencing from page 11 to 33.

During the year, we expended FJD21.3m from General Fund and FJD15.2m from Trust Fund, while our total cash and investment holdings at year end amounted to FJD41.7m.

I remain conscious of the responsibility entrusted to the Secretariat by Members of the Pacific Islands Forum, and by our development partners, to manage such a substantial level of funding. I therefore reaffirm our commitment to ensure that these financial statements provide an accountable and transparent summary of the Secretariat's financial activities for the 2021 financial year.

In my opinion:

- (a) the accompanying statement of financial performance is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Secretariat for the year ended 31 December 2021;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Secretariat's affairs as at 31 December 2021;
- (c) the accompanying statement of changes in funds is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the movement in funds of the Secretariat for the year ended 31 December 2021; and
- (d) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Secretariat for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- (e) the accompanying statement of comparison for budget and actual amounts is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the performance of the Secretariat for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The impacts of COVID in Fiji during the year 2021 was overwhelming. The initial closure of Fiji's borders and the high vaccination drive kept the virus at bay despite reaching peak number of cases and deaths. The Secretariat staff based in Fiji worked through a prolonged period of work from home modality following the second wave of the pandemic that started from April 2021 until the early part of 2022. Despite the current crisis and the sluggish economic environment, the Secretariat continued to support its Member States and progress the collective regional agenda by implementing its targeted priorities and work programmes through virtual platforms. Virtual meetings for 2021 was higher than the previous year.



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Secretary General's Statement (continued)

With a disciplined approach to its budget and planning activities for the next three years, the Secretariat believes it has sufficient financial resources at this time to continue its operations for the foreseeable future. The Secretariat will continue to assess progress of recovery as we navigate ourselves in a post-pandemic world and the challenges on the Secretariat's work programme into the future years.

Dated at Suva this 2 day of May 2022

**Dr Filimon M. Manoni
Acting Secretary General**



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (the 'Secretariat'), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in funds, statement of cash flows and statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Secretariat as at 31 December 2021, and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in funds, statement of cash flows and statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

Emphasis of matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the Secretariat's first time adoption of the IPSAS financial reporting framework. The Secretariat has applied certain exemptions permitted under IPSAS 33 "First time Adoption of Accrual Basis IPSASs", as part of its first time adoption of the IPSAS financial reporting framework. The exemptions applied impact the recognition of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. In our judgement, this issue is fundamental to the users' understanding of the financial statements, and the financial position and performance of the Secretariat. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Secretariat in accordance with the ethical requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Fiji, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Other information

Members and management are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Secretariat's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon).

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Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard, except that not all other information was available to us at the date of our signing.

Responsibilities of Members and Management for the Financial Statements

Members and management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IPSAS and for such internal control as the members and management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the members and management are responsible for assessing the Secretariat's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the members and management either intend to liquidate the Secretariat or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The members and management are responsible for overseeing the Secretariat's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Secretariat's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the members and management.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of the members and managements use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Secretariat's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Secretariat to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with members and management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Restriction on Use

This report is made solely to the Secretariat's Members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Secretariat and the Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants

Kaushick Chandra

3 May 2022
Suva, Fiji



**Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Note	2021 FJD
Revenue		
Contributions from members	3	5,747,578
Voluntary contribution	4(a)	13,495,051
Contribution from donors	4(b)	15,746,775
Interest income		52,837
Recoveries income		1,869,513
Administration fees received		1,109,994
Other income	5	485,705
		<u>38,507,453</u>
Expenditure		
Salary and ancillary costs	7	15,640,610
Operational costs	8	14,551,547
Audit fees		90,311
Duty travel		1,024,244
Meeting costs		370,328
Depreciation & amortisation		792,336
Bad and doubtful debts	9	2,204,229
Recoveries		1,869,513
	6	<u>36,543,118</u>
Foreign exchange (loss)		<u>(484,141)</u>
Surplus	26	<u><u>1,480,194</u></u>
Surplus is attributable to:		
General Fund Surplus		492,430
Contribution in Advance - Trust Fund (Note 18)		987,764

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 33.



**Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021 FJD
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10	34,508,403
Other financial assets at amortised cost	11	7,202,544
Receivables from members	12	419,397
Other current assets	13	151,266
Total current assets		42,281,610
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	14	5,502,008
Intangible assets	15	120,504
Total non-current assets		5,622,512
Total assets		47,904,122
Current liabilities		
Current payables & accruals	16	3,073,729
Provisions	17	1,214,183
Contributions received in advance – Trust Fund	18	29,696,351
Deferred Income – General Fund	19	338,387
Total current liabilities		34,322,650
Net assets		13,581,472
Funds		
General fund		9,320,935
Capital reserve		2,114,139
Special fund reserve		2,146,398
Total Funds		13,581,472

For the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat,

Dr Filimon M. Manoni
Acting Secretary General

Apaitia Veigo
Director Operations

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 33.



**Statement of Changes in Funds
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021 FJD
General Fund		
Balance at the beginning of the year		9,540,128
Effect of adoption of IPSAS (Note 2 (f))		10,597
Surplus		492,430
Transfer to Special Fund Reserve		(722,220)
Balance at the end of the year		<u><u>9,320,935</u></u>
Capital Reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year		2,251,860
Purchase of Trust Fund assets		93,552
Depreciation on revalued assets and PPE used for Projects		(231,273)
Balance at the end of the year		<u><u>2,114,139</u></u>
Special Fund Reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year		1,424,178
Transfer from General Fund Reserve		722,220
Balance at the end of the year		<u><u>2,146,398</u></u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 33.



Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021
		FJD
Cash flows from operating activities		
Contributions from member countries		17,913,280
Trust fund income		15,751,140
Programme and project costs		(13,991,085)
Other operational costs		(16,513,912)
Interest received		55,028
Rent and other income		1,540,703
Net cash flow generated from operating activities		4,755,154
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(581,501)
Movement in other financial asset		(4,609,195)
Net cash flow used in investing activities		(5,190,696)
Effect of exchange rate changes - Trust Fund		(172,369)
Effect of exchange rate changes - General Fund		(311,772)
Effect on exchange rate changes		(484,141)
Net decrease in cash held		(919,683)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		35,428,086
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	10	34,508,403

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 33.



**Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

	Note	Budget 2021 FJD	Actual 2021 FJD	Performance Difference 2021 FJD
Revenue				
Contributions from members		5,747,578	5,747,578	-
Voluntary contribution		11,525,528	13,495,051	(1,969,523)
Contribution from donors		34,160,654	15,746,775	18,413,880
Interest income		72,422	52,837	19,584
Recoveries income		1,831,200	1,869,513	(38,313)
Administration fees received		783,480	1,109,994	(326,514)
Other income		293,400	485,705	(192,305)
		54,414,262	38,507,453	15,906,809
Expenditure				
Salary and ancillary costs		17,909,280	15,640,610	2,268,670
Operational costs		18,566,881	14,551,547	4,015,334
Audit fees		60,000	90,311	(30,311)
Duty travel		4,049,096	1,024,244	3,024,852
Meeting costs		3,559,511	370,328	3,189,183
Depreciation & amortisation		860,000	792,336	67,664
Bad and doubtful debts		-	2,204,229	(2,204,229)
Recoveries		-	1,869,513	(1,869,513)
		45,004,768	36,543,118	8,461,650
Foreign exchange (loss)		(150,000)	(484,141)	(334,141)
Surplus		9,259,494	1,480,194	7,779,300

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 33.



Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1) Reporting entity

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (“the Secretariat”) is domiciled in Fiji. The address of the Secretariat’s registered office is Ratu Sukuna Road, Suva. The Secretariat is an international organisation established by treaty, signed, and ratified by the governments of the eighteen member countries.

The principal activity of the Secretariat during the course of the financial year was to facilitate, develop and maintain cooperation and consultation between member governments on economic development, trade, energy, legal, political, security and such other matters as the Pacific Islands Forum may direct. There were no significant changes in this activity during the year.

2) Statement of significant accounting policies

The significant policies, which have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements, are noted below.

New standards adopted by the Secretariat

For the financial year beginning 1 January 2021 the Secretariat adopted, for the first time, the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and certain standards and amendments to standards that are effective for year end 31 December 2021. The adoption of the standards and amendments did not have any material impact on the financial statements.

There are no other new or amended standards and interpretations that are issued but not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2021 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Secretariat’s financial statements.

a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Secretariat have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Public Sector Accounting Standards 33 (“IPSAS 33”). The financial statements partially comply with accrual basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (“IPSAS”). The standard IPSAS 33 allows the first-time adopter to apply transitional exemptions and provisions that impact fair presentation. The Standard also allows for a three-year transitional relief period for the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, revenue and/or expenditure.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Secretary General on 2 May 2022.

b) COVID-19 impact and going concern

The impacts of COVID in Fiji during the year 2021 was overwhelming. The initial closure of Fiji’s borders and the high vaccination drive kept the virus at bay despite reaching peak number of cases and deaths. The Secretariat staff based in Fiji worked through a prolonged period of work from home modality following the second wave of the pandemic that started from April 2021 until the early part of 2022. Despite the current crisis and the sluggish economic environment, the Secretariat continued to support its Member States and progress the collective regional agenda by implementing its targeted priorities and work programmes through virtual platforms. Virtual meetings for 2021 was higher than the previous year.



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

b) COVID-19 impact and going concern (continued)

With a disciplined approach to its budget and planning activities for the next three years, the Secretariat believes it has sufficient financial resources at this time to continue its operations for the foreseeable future. The Secretariat will continue to assess progress of recovery as we navigate ourselves in a post-pandemic world and the challenges on the Secretariat's work programme into the future years.

c) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

d) Fund accounting

The Secretariat has adopted fund accounting system for individual grants or donations for specified projects. Accordingly, it is necessary to establish a separate fund to record the amount received, expenditure incurred and the net balance of the funds available to be carried forward into the next financial period. The identification of funds is maintained within the accounting system thus providing the necessary control to ensure that each fund is used only for the purpose for which funds are received.

e) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Fiji dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar.

f) Effect of first-time adoption of IPSAS 33

This is the first set of financial statements of the Secretariat that are presented in accordance with IPSAS 33. The Secretariat adopted IPSAS 33 on 1 January 2021. The Secretariat has previously reported under International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The Secretariat did not present financial statements for previous periods in these transitional IPSAS financial statements.

The standard IPSAS 33 applies from the date of on which the first-time adopter adopts accrual basis IPSAS and during the transition period. The standard allows the first-time adopter to apply transitional exemptions and provisions that impact fair presentation. The Standard also allows for a three-year transitional relief period for the recognition and measurement of assets and liabilities.

The Secretariat has applied the following transitional exemptions in IPSAS 33 that affect the fair presentation of the financial statements and Secretariat’s ability to assess compliance with accrual basis IPSAS:

- The Secretariat recognises the revenue from contribution from members, voluntary contributions, and donor funds in these transitional IPSAS financial statements based on IFRS 15 *Revenue from contracts with customer*. For revenue recognition, refer Note 2 (j).



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Effect of first-time adoption of IPSAS 33 (continued)

The Secretariat intends to comply in full with the requirements of IPSAS 23 in relation to the recognition of revenue from contribution from members, voluntary contributions and donor funds in the 2023 financial year.

- In relation to the foreign offices, the Secretariat has not recognised its interest in the foreign offices under IPSAS 35 consolidated financial statement. The existence of control over foreign offices, is yet to determine on the arrangements regarding PTI offices (whether it controls the offices, has joint control or significant influence over the offices). The PTI offices in New Zealand, Australia and China still prepare separate audited financial statements, and are not reflected in the Secretariat's transitional financial statements on first time adoption. The Secretariat intends to comply in full with the requirements of IPSAS 35 in relation to the foreign offices in the 2023 financial year.
- The Secretariat has adopted IPSAS 20 related party disclosure whereby it presents the key information about the management personnel known at the date of adoption.

The Secretariat has applied the following transitional exemptions in IPSAS 33 that do not affect the fair presentation of the financial statements:

- IPSAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – The Secretariat has chosen not to present comparatives in this transitional financial statement. The Secretariat believes that it does not provide much benefit to add comparatives to the first-year presentation of its financials. The Secretariat has chosen to disclose budgetary information.
- IPSAS 18 Segment Reporting – The segment reporting information is presented in this transitional financial statement except the carrying amount of segment asset and liabilities. The Secretariat intends to comply in full with the requirements of IPSAS 18 in relation to the segment reporting in 2023 financial year.

The impact of adoption of IPSAS 33 on the total Funds and Surplus/(deficit) are illustrated below:

Reconciliation of Funds under the previously applied policies to IPSAS 33:

	1 January 2021
	FJD
Funds under IFRS	13,216,166
Reversal of right of use assets	(357,501)
Reversal of lease liabilities	<u>368,098</u>
Funds under IPSAS 33	<u>13,226,760</u>



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Effect of first-time adoption of IPSAS 33 (continued)

Reconciliation of Surplus/(deficit) under the previously applied policies to IPSAS 33:

	1 January 2021
	FJD
Surplus/(deficit) under IFRS	1,837,376
<i>Adjustments on transition to IPSAS 33:</i>	
Reversal of depreciation for right of use assets	(106,033)
Reversal of interest expense for lease liabilities	(28,821)
Recognition of operating lease expense	<u>126,637</u>
Restated Surplus/(deficit) under IPSAS 33	<u>1,829,159</u>

The Secretariat has applied the following transitional exemptions in IPSAS 33 that affects the fair presentation of the financial statements and intends to comply with this fully in the transitional three-year period.

- IPSAS 12 Inventories
- IPSAS 17 Property, Plant and Equipment
- IPSAS 31 Intangible Asset
- IPSAS 41 Financial Instruments
- IPSAS 19 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

g) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IPSAS 33 requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Judgements

Classification of non-financial assets as cash generating assets or non-cash-generating assets

For the purpose of assessing impairment indicators and impairment testing, the Secretariat classifies non-financial assets as either cash-generating or non-cash-generating assets. The Secretariat classifies non-financial assets as cash-generating assets if the primary objective of the asset is to generate commercial return. All other assets are classified as non-cash-generating assets.

All property, plant and equipment held by the Secretariat are classified as non-cash-generating assets. This includes assets that generate rental revenue (from hire of conferences) or other cash flows for the Secretariat, as the cash flows generated as generally not sufficient to represent commercial return on the assets.



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

g) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

The Secretariat does not hold cash-generating assets. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included in the following notes:

- Useful lives and residual value of property, plant and equipment: Note 2(i) - Property, plant and equipment
- Impairment of receivables: Note 2(o) Receivables
- Impairment of cash and non-cash generating assets: Note 2(s) Impairment of non-financial assets

h) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Fiji dollars at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated into Fiji dollars at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gains or losses on translation are recognised in surplus or deficit.

i) Property, plant and equipment

Recognition and measurement

Property, plant and equipment purchased from the General Fund are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to a working condition for their intended use, the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located and capitalised borrowing costs. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Where an asset is acquired in a non-exchange transaction for nil or nominal consideration the asset is initially measured at its fair value.

Property, plant and equipment purchased from the Trust Fund are expensed at the time of purchase. These assets, together with donated assets, are capitalised with the corresponding credit reflected in the Capital Reserve.

All additions are at VAT inclusive prices.



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

i) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation is removed from the accounts and any resultant gains or losses are taken to the statement of financial performance.

For donated assets and assets previously expensed in Contributions Received in Advance - Trust Fund (note 14), a transfer is also made from the Capital Reserve which exactly matches the net cost of donated or trust fund assets disposed of during the period. Gains or losses from the sale of donated or trust funded assets are credited as income or debited as expenditure in the General Fund statement of surplus of deficit.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent expenditure

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefit embodied within the part will flow to the Secretariat and its cost can be measured reliably. The cost of the day-to-day servicing of plant and equipment is recognised in statement of financial performance as incurred.

Depreciation

In order to ensure neutrality of donated assets and assets previously expensed in Contributions Received in Advance – Trust Fund (note 14), a transfer is made from the Capital Reserve – benefit realised from donated/trust fund assets – that exactly offsets the depreciation of those assets.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on all property, plant and equipment at rates calculated to allocate the assets' cost or valuation less estimated residual value, over their estimated useful lives.

Major depreciation periods are:

Buildings	40 years
Equipment	3 – 5 years
Furniture and fittings	3 – 5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Computer Software	10%

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted if appropriate.

j) Revenue recognition

The Secretariat recognises the revenue from contribution from members, voluntary contributions, and donor funds in these transitional IPSAS financial statements based on IFRS 15 *Revenue from contracts with customer*.



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

j) Revenue Recognition (continued)

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer. The Secretariat recognises revenue when it transfers control over a product or service to a customer. Revenue is presented net of value added tax, rebates, and discounts.

Revenue is recognised in the financial statements for the major activities as follows:

Revenue type	Nature, timing of satisfaction of performance obligations and significant payment terms
Contribution from members	This represents contribution received from the member countries. These funds are used by the Secretariat in delivering on its principal activities. Contributions from members are recognised on an annual accrual basis and the performance obligations are satisfied over time. Revenue is measured at the transaction price (membership contributions) agreed under the membership agreement.
Interest income	Any membership contribution received in advance of the year in which the contributions fall due is treated as “Deferred Income – General Fund”.
Recoveries income	This relates to the overhead recoveries which are recognised as income in the General Fund statement of profit or loss and an expense in Contributions Received in advance – Trust Fund (note 18). Recoveries income is recognised over time as the projects are carried out and the performance obligations are satisfied. Revenue is measured at the fixed transaction price (overhead rate as per the Secretariat’s management’s discretion).
Administration fees received	This relates to the fees received by the Secretariat for administering projects, which are recognised as income in the General Fund statement of profit or loss and an expense in Contributions Received in advance – Trust Fund (note 18). Administration fees are recognised over time as the performance obligation are satisfied. Revenue is measured at the transaction price (administration fees rates) as agreed under the donor agreements.
Other income	Other income represents income earned from voluntary contribution from member countries, rental of premises, donor reimbursements, hire of conferences, gain/loss from disposal of property, plant and equipment and other miscellaneous income. Other income is recognised on receipt except where a department of the Secretariat has arranged for a Secretariat invoice to be raised to a third party; the revenue associated with these invoices is recognised when the goods/services have been provided. Revenue is measured at the transaction prices (voluntary contributions, rental rates, and prices) agreed under the membership agreements, lease agreements and the Secretariats price manual respectively. Payment terms is 30 days.



Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

j) Revenue Recognition (continued)

Donor funds	<p><i>General Fund</i> Revenue is measured at the transaction prices (donor grants) agreed under the donor agreements.</p> <p><i>Trust Fund</i> Donor funds received with specific end purpose are recognised as revenue when the conditions attached to the funding have been met and performance obligation satisfied. Until those conditions are met, receipts of donor funding are accounted for as “Contributions Received in Advance” and recognised as a liability. Donor funds expenses incurred are recognised in statement of profit or loss on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the income is recognised.</p>
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k) Expenses

Expenses are recognised as and when the services are performed.

l) Income tax

The Secretariat is exempt from income tax by virtue of Article XI of the Agreement Establishing the Secretariat, which was signed and ratified by the Fiji Government, and Section 6(1) of the Diplomatic Privileges and immunities Act 1971.

m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, cash at bank and short-term deposits with original terms of three months or less.

Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Secretariat’s cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows.

n) Other financial asset at amortised cost

Other financials asset at amortised cost comprises of term deposits with original terms greater than three months and are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less the allowance for impairment losses.

o) Receivables

Receivables, including member contributions are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment losses.

Receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, significant difficulties of the debtor and default or delinquency in payments.

Impairment losses on receivables are presented as net impairment losses within operating surplus/deficit. To determine the impairment losses, refer Note 2(v). Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against same line item.



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

p) Other receivables

Other receivables including prepayments, interest receivable, sundry debtors and recoverable expenditure are initially recognised at fair value.

q) Employee entitlements

Short-term benefits

Short-term employee benefits comprising of annual leave and entitlement to the Fiji National Provident Fund are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

r) Payables

Commitments at year end include commitments for goods supplied and services rendered during the year, and any other commitments entered into, or liability incurred but not discharged, at the close of the year.

s) Impairment of non-financial assets

Impairment of non-cash generating assets

All Secretariat's non-financial assets are considered as non-cash generating assets. For these assets, the Secretariat assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that a non-cash-generating asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, the Secretariat estimates the asset's recoverable service amount. An asset's recoverable service amount is the higher of the non-cash-generating asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable service amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable service amount.

In assessing value in use, the Secretariat has adopted the depreciation replacement cost approach. Under this approach, the present value of the remaining service potential of an asset is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of the asset. The depreciated replacement cost is measured as the reproduction or replacement cost of the asset, whichever is lower, less accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost, to reflect the already consumed or expired service potential of the asset.

In determining fair value less costs to sell, the price of the asset in a binding agreement in an arm's length transaction, adjusted for incremental costs that would be directly attributed to the disposal of the asset, is used. If there is no binding agreement, but the asset is traded on an active market, fair value less cost to sell is the asset's market price less cost of disposal. If there is no binding sale agreement or active market for an asset, the Secretariat determines fair value less cost to sell based on the best available information.

All impairment losses are recognised in the statement of financial performance.

t) General Fund Reserve

General Fund maintains the surplus or deficit from Primary Budget Revenue and Expenditure. It comprises of accumulated operating surpluses, realised foreign currency gains at balance date and any specific source of funds as directed by the Forum Officials Committee.



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2) Statement of significant accounting policies (continued)

u) Special Fund Reserve

A Special Fund Reserve was setup in 2019 to quarantine net administrative fees or net management fees received on or after 1 January 2019 after offsetting project costs incurred directly in relation to administering of funds. These direct costs include the positions of staff directly required to carry out Extra Budget work in Corporate Services and will include any other cost of management of Trust Fund deemed appropriate by the Secretariat. The net administrative fee or net management fees would be carried into the General Fund Reserve and then transferred to Special Reserves.

v) Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus or minus any directly attributable transaction costs directly attributable to their acquisition or issue. Subsequent to initial recognition non-derivative financial instruments are classified and measured as follows:

Financial assets at amortised costs

The Secretariat's financial assets measured at amortised cost consist of cash and cash equivalents, term deposits with original terms greater than three months, receivables from members and other receivables.

Financial assets at amortised costs are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by any impairment losses. Interest income, gains/(losses) arising from derecognition, foreign exchange gains/(losses) and impairment losses are recognised in surplus or deficit.

The Secretariat assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit loss associated with its financial assets measured at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

Financial liabilities at amortised costs

Financial liabilities at amortised cost consist of trade and other payables.

Trade and other payables are subsequently carried at amortised cost and due to their short-term nature, they are not discounted.

w) Leases

The Secretariat recognises its existing leases as operating lease (off balance sheet) under IPSAS 13. Leases had been recognised under IFRS 16 prior to the inception of IPSAS 13. The application of rights-of-use assets and lease liabilities under the requirements of IPSAS 13 has been de-recognised effective 1 January 2021.

x) Budget information

The Secretariat budget figures are approved by Forum Officials Committee. The budget figures have been prepared using the same accounting policies as those used in the preparation of these transitional financial statements under IPSAS 1. Explanatory comments for material differences between budget and actual amount are provided in the Note 20 to the financial statements.



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	Primary Budget 2021 FJD	Trust Fund 2021 FJD	Consolidated 2021 FJD
3) Contributions from members			
Australia	1,310,952	-	1,310,952
Cook Islands	80,262	3,697	83,959
Federated States of Micronesia	80,262	3,697	83,959
Fiji	235,772	49,303	285,075
French Polynesia	238,257	8,803	247,060
Kiribati	80,262	3,697	83,959
Nauru	80,262	3,697	83,959
New Caledonia	299,484	8,803	308,287
New Zealand	1,310,952	-	1,310,952
Niue	80,262	3,697	83,959
Palau	80,262	3,697	83,959
Papua New Guinea	593,671	103,303	696,974
Republic of Marshall Islands	80,262	3,697	83,959
Samoa	177,809	42,553	220,362
Solomon Islands	171,405	42,553	213,958
Tonga	166,888	42,553	209,441
Tuvalu	80,262	3,697	83,959
Vanuatu	176,784	42,553	219,337
Tokelau (Associate)	26,754	-	26,754
Wallis and Futuna (Associate)	26,754	-	26,754
	5,377,578	370,000	5,747,578
4) a) Voluntary contribution			
Voluntary contribution - current year	13,495,051	-	13,495,051
	13,495,051	-	13,495,051
b) Contribution from donors			
Contribution from donors - current year	-	15,746,775	15,746,775
	-	15,746,775	15,746,775
5) Other income			
Rent received	224,736	-	224,736
Other income	29,689	7	29,694
Benefits from property plant & equipment		231,273	231,275
	254,425	231,280	485,705



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	Primary Budget 2021 FJD	Trust Fund 2021 FJD	Consolidated 2021 FJD
6) Expenditure			
Salary and ancillary costs	12,819,070	2,821,540	15,640,610
Operational costs	3,635,860	10,915,687	14,551,547
Audit fees	70,531	19,780	90,311
Duty travel	477,216	547,028	1,024,244
Meeting costs	163,999	206,329	370,328
Depreciation & amortisation	561,063	231,273	792,336
Bad and doubtful debts	1,973,177	231,052	2,204,229
Recoveries	1,623,013	246,500	1,869,513
	<u>21,323,930</u>	<u>15,219,189</u>	<u>36,543,118</u>
7) Salary and ancillary costs			
Salaries	8,392,827	1,879,881	10,272,708
Leave entitlement	746,943	112,974	859,917
Superannuation	742,488	186,225	928,713
Insurance - staff	660,276	83,832	744,109
Staff allowances and benefits	2,276,536	558,628	2,835,163
	<u>12,819,070</u>	<u>2,821,540</u>	<u>15,640,610</u>
8) Operational costs			
Recoverable costs	118,193	11,978	130,171
Training	4,097	148,055	152,152
Administrative cost	944,981	215,071	1,160,052
Consultant costs	1,567,284	2,904,007	4,471,291
Facilities cost	635,829	215,557	851,386
Indirect costs	-	902,467	902,467
Grants	163,523	6,386,054	6,549,577
Legal fees	2,262	-	2,262
Insurance	122,094	3,417	125,511
Capital expense	77,597	128,862	206,459
Interest	-	219	219
	<u>3,635,860</u>	<u>10,915,687</u>	<u>14,551,547</u>



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	Primary Budget 2021 FJD	Trust Fund 2021 FJD	Consolidated 2021 FJD
9) Bad and doubtful debts			
Project ineligible cost	913,140	-	913,140
Membership contributions	996,910	231,052	1,227,962
Other debtors	63,127	-	63,127
	<u>1,973,177</u>	<u>231,052</u>	<u>2,204,229</u>
10) Cash and cash equivalents			
Bank balances			
Operating accounts – FJD	328,853	-	328,853
Operating accounts – Bred - FJD	4,840	-	4,840
Operating accounts – AUD	3,762,234	-	3,762,234
Operating accounts – EURO	2,754	-	2,754
Operating accounts – NZD	3,129,463	-	3,129,463
Operating accounts – USD	9,876,847	-	9,876,847
PIFS Scholarship Fund bank account – FJD	-	2,511,825	2,511,825
Hub & Spoke bank account – FJD	-	44,652	44,652
PEC Project bank account - USD	-	-	-
PITAP bank account – EURO	-	839,940	839,940
EU Prise - Spirit - EURO	-	3,785,863	3,785,863
Human Rights bank account - EURO	-	21,565	21,565
Support to RAO bank account - EURO	-	436,076	436,076
NSA Program bank account - EURO	-	1,524,423	1,524,423
World Bank PREP Program bank account - FJD	-	40,106	40,106
Green Climate Fund bank account - USD	-	47,878	47,878
TECCBUF bank account – EURO	-	2,121,733	2,121,733
SPFMGPP bank account – EURO	-	511,312	511,312
Tackling Root Causes bank account – EURO	-	1,140,897	1,140,897
Climate Change bank account - EURO	-	1,298,245	1,298,245
Total bank balances	<u>17,104,991</u>	<u>14,324,515</u>	<u>31,429,506</u>
Cash on hand			
Petty cash	1,500	-	1,500
Total cash on hand	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Short term deposit			
Australian dollars	3,077,397	-	3,077,397
Total short-term deposit	<u>3,077,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,077,397</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>20,183,888</u>	<u>14,324,515</u>	<u>34,508,403</u>



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10) Total cash and cash equivalents (continued)

Short Term deposit of \$3,077,396 (AUD\$2,000,000) is held with ANZ Bank Australia Limited at an interest rate of 0.21% per annum maturing on 11 March 2022.

	Primary Budget 2021 FJD	Trust Fund 2021 FJD	Consolidated 2021 FJD
11) Other financial asset at amortised cost			
Australian Dollars	4,654,561	-	4,654,561
New Zealand dollars	2,547,983	-	2,547,983
Total other financial asset at amortised cost	7,202,544	-	7,202,544

Term deposit investment of \$4,654,561 (AUD \$3,000,000 and AUD \$25,000) is held with ANZ Australia and ANZ Fiji at an interest rate of 0.18% per annum maturing on 11 February 2022 and 0.25% per annum maturing on 1 September 2022 respectively.

Term deposit investment of \$2,547,983 (NZD\$1,757,853) is held with Westpac New Zealand Limited at the interest rate of 0.80% maturing on 5 January 2022.

	Primary Budget 2021 FJD	Trust Fund 2021 FJD	Consolidated 2021 FJD
12) Receivables – members			
Nauru	83,257	7,394	90,651
Niue	80,287	3,697	83,984
Palau	80,287	4,527	84,814
Papua New Guinea	1,200,386	206,631	1,407,017
New Caledonia	295,935	8,803	304,738
	1,740,152	231,052	1,971,204
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	(1,320,754)	(231,052)	(1,551,806)
Net receivables- members	419,397	-	419,397
13) Other receivables and prepayments			
Recoverable expenditure	7,388	-	7,388
Prepayments	65,395	-	65,395
Prepaid franking machine	3,000	-	3,000
Bonds held	31,572	-	31,572
Interest receivable	22,882	-	22,882
	130,237	-	130,237
Sundry debtors	16,362	-	16,362
Consumable inventories	4,667	-	4,667
Total other receivables and prepayments	151,266	-	151,266



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14) Property, plant and equipment

	Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Motor Vehicle	Total
	FJD	FJD	FJD	FJD	FJD
<i>Cost/Valuation</i>					
Balance at 1 January 2021	10,817,594	5,302,750	701,238	146,860	16,968,441
Acquisitions	186,942	418,653	30,602	39,900	676,098
Disposals	(3,510)	(599,088)	(17,322)	-	(619,920)
Balance at 31 December 2021	11,001,026	5,122,315	714,518	186,760	17,024,619
<i>Accumulated Depreciation</i>					
Balance at 1 January 2021	6,449,918	4,171,285	629,622	107,054	11,357,878
Depreciation charge for the year	247,789	473,548	29,550	28,699	779,585
Disposals	-	(599,532)	(17,322)	-	(614,853)
Balance at 31 December 2021	6,697,707	4,047,301	641,850	135,752	11,522,611
<i>Carrying Amount</i>					
Balance at 1 January 2021	4,367,676	1,131,465	71,616	39,806	5,610,564
At 31 December 2021	4,303,319	1,075,014	72,669	51,007	5,502,008

	2021
	FJD
15) Intangible Assets	
Computer software	
<i>Cost</i>	
Balance at 1 January 2021	396,247
Additions	-
Disposals	(15,324)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	380,923
<i>Amortisation and impairment</i>	
Balance at 1 January 2021	262,354
Amortisation charge for the year	13,389
Disposals	(15,324)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	260,420
<i>Carrying amount</i>	
Balance at 1 January 2021	133,893
Balance as at 31 December 2021	120,504



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	Primary Budget	Trust Fund	Consolidated
	2021	2021	2021
	FJD	FJD	FJD
16) Current payables			
Trade creditors and commitments	1,302,343	3,946	1,306,289
Employee entitlement	873,235	132,286	1,005,521
Other accrued expenses	497,165	42,975	540,140
Sundry creditors	193,848	27,931	221,779
	<u>2,866,591</u>	<u>207,138</u>	<u>3,073,729</u>

	2021
	FJD
17) Provision	
Provision for project ineligible expenditures	<u>1,214,183</u>

The provision for project ineligible expenditures represents the audit financial findings of the European Union Pacific Integration Technical Assistance Program (PITAP). Refer to Note 21, on contingent liabilities.

18) Contribution in Advance - Trust Fund	2021
	FJD
Opening Balance	28,708,587
Movement during the year	<u>987,764</u>
Closing Balance	<u>29,696,351</u>

The Secretariat has adopted fund accounting system for individual grants or donations for specified projects. The movement represents the net movement in the grant or donations received and the expenditure incurred with the net balance of the funds available to be carried forward into the next financial period. (A detailed outline of the expenditure is also represented in Note 6).

The identification of funds is maintained within the accounting system thus providing the necessary control to ensure that each fund is used only for the purpose for which funds are received.

	2021
	FJD
19) Deferred income – General Fund	
Income in advance - indirect cost	<u>338,387</u>
	<u>338,387</u>

Income in advance consists of administration fee for the projects ending beyond 2021.



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20) Budget Commentary

The Secretariat budget figures are approved by Forum Officials Committee. The budget figures have been prepared using the same accounting policies as those used in the preparation of these financial statements. Higher income was noted mostly due to increase in the portion of voluntary contribution. Overall Primary Budget expenditure was higher than budget given the increase in Provisioning for member country debts and recognition of EU project ineligible.

The Trust Fund expenditure was low due to slow implementation of projects and initiatives as a result of COVID related restrictions. These activities are now year marked for 2022 period.

21) Commitments and contingent liabilities

a) Contingent liabilities

i) Pacific Integration Technical Assistance Program (PITAP)

The European Union project entitled Pacific Integration Technical Assistance Program (PITAP) was established with the signing of a Contribution Agreement between the European Commission (EC) and Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in April 2011. PIFS later entered into a funding agreement with Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) and Office of the Trade Adviser (OCTA) in 2014 for the same project. PITAP was then audited by an EU engaged auditor, EY India in 2016 for the period from 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2015 for PIFS, from 14 February 2014 to 31 December 2015 for MSG and from 07 February 2014 to 31 December 2015 for OCTA and the auditors' report was finalised in July 2017. The auditors reported financial findings totalling EUR 233,577 (of which EUR 91,759 relates to PIFS, EUR 120,929 relates to OCTA and EUR 20,889 relates to MSG).

The EC further engaged EY Réviseurs d'Entreprises SRL to audit the remaining project period from 1 January 2016 to 14 March 2017, including revisiting the previous findings from EY India's report. Based on correspondence received in early 2022, the auditors concluded that the previous findings remain, and PIFS as such has fully provided for EUR 233,577 (FJD 560,271; 2020: \$301k)

The EU auditors had also communicated in early 2022, draft findings in relation to the 2016-2017 audit period of EUR 828,267 (of which EUR 252,544 relates to PIFS, EUR 272,616 relates to OCTA and EUR 303,107 relates to MSG). PIFS has fully provided for OCTA findings of EUR 272,616 (FJD 653,912) (2020: Nil) noting that the OCTA office is no longer in existence. PIFS and MSG have provided additional supporting documentation to the auditors in 2022 to potentially reduce the level of draft findings, which currently is being recorded as a contingent liability.

ii) Ratification and Implementation of Human Rights Treaties (IHRT)

The European Union project entitled Assistance towards increasing the rate of Pacific Islands' ratification and implementation of Human Rights Treaties (IHRT) was established with the signing of a Contribution Agreement between the European Commission (EC) and Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in February 2021. PIFS later entered into a funding agreement with Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in February 2013 for the same project. IHRT was then subject to a mid-term audit by an EU engaged auditor, EY Belgium in 2016 for the period from 21 February 2012 to 30 April 2016 and the auditors' report was finalised in October 2016. The auditors reported financial findings totalling EUR 21,054 relating to SPC's component of the project which in their opinion are considered ineligible expenditures. SPC has refunded these amounts to PIFS but this is



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a) Contingent liabilities (continued)

yet to be disbursed to the EC. The EC is currently performing a desktop audit of the project closure period and the settlement to EC is expected in 2022, upon conclusion of the desktop audit.

(iii) Other projects

A number of European Development Fund (EDF) 10 and EDF 11 projects funded by the European Union were subjected to EU audits in 2021. Draft findings for these projects have been communicated to PIFS in early 2022 for which additional supporting documentation is currently being retrieved, to reduce the exposure for ineligible expenses. These currently stand at EUR1,311,276 (pending completion of audits) and is being recorded as contingent liabilities.

b) Capital expenditure commitments

Expenditure approved and committed amounted to \$620,087 as at 31 December 2021

Capital Expenditure	Commitment
	FJD
Hardware & Infrastructure	344,073
Furniture & Equipment	83,942
Building & Grounds	192,072
Total	620,087

22) Related party

Transactions with related parties

The Secretariat's executive officers are the only related party of the Secretariat.

All related party transactions that the Secretariat entered into during the year occurred within a normal client/supplier relationship and under terms equivalent to those that prevail in arm's length transactions in similar circumstances.

Key management personnel

During the year the following persons were the executives identified as key management personnel with the greatest authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Secretariat:

Henry Puna	Secretary General (from 31 August 2021)
Dame Meg Taylor	Secretary General (until 21 May 2021)
Filimon Manoni	Deputy Secretary General
Apaitia Veigo	Director Operations
Sione Tekiteki	Director Governance and Engagement
Irvine Paki Ormsby	Director Policy
Zarak Khan	Director Programmes and Initiatives



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22) Related party (continued)

The aggregate compensation of the key management personnel comprises of short-term benefits only and is set out below:

	2021 FJD
Short-term benefits	\$2,432,738
Number of persons on a full-time equivalent basis	7

23) Risk Management Policies

Financial risk management objective and policies

The Secretariat's principal financial instruments comprise cash, short-term deposits, and receivables. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for the Secretariat's operations.

As a result of the Secretariat's operations and sources of finance, it is exposed to exchange rate risk, credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk.

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset and financial liability are disclosed in Note 2 to the financial statements.

(i) Foreign exchange risk

Exchange rate risk relates to the risk of loss arising from changes in the exchange rates against the Fiji dollar. The Secretariat receives funding from various member countries and donors in foreign currency. The Secretariat utilises these foreign currencies to transact in Fiji dollars. This exposes the Secretariat to foreign exchange risk. In order to reduce the exposure to foreign exchange risks, the Secretariat operates various foreign currency bank accounts (such as Australian, New Zealand, United States and Euro dollar accounts) and transacts where required in these currencies.

The Secretariat's exposure to foreign currency risk was as follows based on notional amounts:

	2021
AUD	2,445,076
NZD	2,159,016
USD	4,686,455
EURO	4,870,562

The following significant exchange rates applied during the year:

	Reporting date rate 2021
AUD	0.6499
NZD	0.6899
USD	0.4722
EURO	0.4169



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i) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis:

A 10 percent strengthening or weakening of the foreign currency against the Fiji dollar as at 31 December 2021 would have increased or decreased respectively equity and income by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2019.

	AUD		NZD		USD		EURO	
	Equity	Income	Equity	Income	Equity	Income	Equity	Income
2021	376	376	313	313	992	992	1168	1168

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Forward Contract Policy

The Secretariat established a Forward Contracts Policy and Procedures in 2015 as a tool for managing foreign currency risks and it is designed to control risks associated with entering into Forward Contract arrangement. As part of managing its foreign currency risk, the Secretariat entered into three forward contracts in 2021 with ANZ Bank for FJ\$1million each. Two of these have been utilized to convert AUD Funds to FJD the remaining had been utilized to convert NZD Funds to FJD. All the forward contracts have been settled (redeemed) to meet the operational cashflow requirements.

The net overall impact of these transactions was a foreign exchange gain of FJD30,800. The Secretariat will continue to seek opportunities to enter into forward contracts when forward rates are favorable.

(ii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential risk for loss arising from failure of Members to meet their agreed contributions. The Secretariat's receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis in order to reduce any exposure to bad debts. This is not considered a significant risk.

The Secretariat does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through surplus of deficit. Therefore, a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect the statement of comprehensive income. Furthermore, the financial assets and financial liabilities are carried at amortized costs in the balance sheet and is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date to recognized financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of these assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

The Secretariat applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses for receivables from members.



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ii) Credit risk (continued)

To measure the expected credit losses, receivables from members have been grouped based on shared risk characteristics and the days past due. The Secretariat uses the 'net flow rate' model based on the probability of trade receivables following the movement of cash outstanding from payment status of current through all delinquency buckets until write off. Loss rates are based on historical credit losses experienced within this year. These rates are then adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information based on macroeconomic factors and the Secretariat's internal evaluation of receivables from members over their expected lives.

Movement in the allowance for impairment losses on membership receivable and sundry debtors is summarized as follows:

	2021
	FJD
Balance at beginning of year	(323,844)
Impairment losses recognised – membership receivable	(1,227,962)
Impairment losses recognised – sundry debtors	-
Balance at end of year	<u>(1,551,806)</u>

The following table provides analysis about the exposure to credit risk and expected credit losses for trade receivables as at 31 December 2021:

	<u>Gross carrying amount</u>	<u>Loss allowance</u>
	\$	\$
Membership receivable		
Accounts individually assessed	1,971,609	1,551,806
Total	<u>1,971,609</u>	<u>1,551,806</u>

While cash and cash equivalents and other financial asset at amortised cost are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, the impairment loss is deemed immaterial due to short term maturities and/or low expected credit risks and a lack of delinquency.

(iii) Interest rate risk

The Secretariat's held to maturity investments are generally at fixed interest rates, and accordingly exposure to interest rate risk is not considered material.

(iv) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Secretariat will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Secretariat's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risky damage to the Secretariat's reputation.

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash, marketable securities and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities.

The Secretariat's financial liabilities are all payable within the next 12 months. The Secretariat has minimal exposure to liquidity risk.



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24) Events subsequent to year end

The Grant Agreement between the Government of Australia (GOA) represented by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and PIFS was signed on 25th March 2022. The agreement relates to the core funding of the Secretariat for the three (3) years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024.

A draft report on the audit findings of an EDF 10 EU funded project was received by the Secretariat on 4th March 2022. While this report does not impact on the 2021 financials, it will have a likely impact on the Secretariat's future Primary Budget performance.

The Fiji Government started opening its borders for international travel from December 2021, with restrictions being lifted on a phased basis from February 2022. As the regional and international borders open to travel, the Secretariat will continue to assess its impact on the operations of the Secretariat.

25) Segment information

For management purposes, the Secretariat is broadly organised into units based on the nature of the services they provide. The Secretariat has two primary reportable segments:

a) General Fund Segment

This Secretariat utilises the funds provided through Assessed Contributions, Voluntary Contributions and Other Income to carry out its core functions and general (operational) activities as set out in the Agreement, and as prioritised for the period under the Strategic Plan.

- The General Fund segment, which amounts to a surplus of \$492,430

b) Trust Fund Segment

The Secretariat performs the role of a trustee in maintaining the trust funds used to account for either donor or member contributions received in advance. The Secretariat maintains two funds to record these contributions. The contribution in advance comprises of work programme funds (subject to the respective funding agreements) which the Secretariat performs the role of a trustee for on behalf of the donors. The voluntary contributions provide for the Secretariat's role as a trustee on behalf of the members as these funds are provided by the members in support of the General Fund.

- The Trust Fund segment, which amounts to a surplus of \$987,764

The Secretariat does not monitor segments geographically.

Management monitors the operating results of its units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on non-financial metrics and the segment's operating surplus or deficit measured consistently with the accounting policies applied in the financial statements.



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26) Segment Reporting - 2021

	Note	Consolidated 2021 FJD	Primary Budget 2021 FJD	Trust Fund 2021 FJD
Revenue				
Contributions from members	3	5,747,578	5,377,578	370,000
Voluntary contribution	4 (a)	13,495,051	13,495,051	-
Contribution from donors	4 (b)	15,746,775	-	15,746,775
Interest income		52,837	52,837	-
Recoveries income		1,869,513	1,869,513	-
Administration fees received		1,109,994	1,078,727	31,267
Other income	5	485,705	254,425	231,280
		38,507,453	22,128,131	16,379,322
Expenditure				
Salary and ancillary costs	7	15,640,610	12,819,070	2,821,540
Operational costs	8	14,551,547	3,635,860	10,915,687
Audit fees		90,311	70,531	19,780
Duty travel		1,024,244	477,216	547,028
Meeting costs		370,328	163,999	206,329
Depreciation & amortisation		792,336	561,063	231,273
Bad and doubtful debts	9	2,204,229	1,973,177	231,052
Recoveries		1,869,513	1,623,013	246,500
	6	36,543,118	21,323,929	15,219,189
Foreign exchange (loss)		(484,141)	(311,772)	(172,369)
Surplus		1,480,194	492,430	987,764
Segmented Assets		47,903,398	33,578,884	14,324,514
Segmented Liabilities		34,322,650	3,204,978	31,117,672

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Suva, Fiji

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Supplementary Information

Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure – Trust Fund (Sum by Donors)

As at 31 December 2021

Donor	2020 Carry Forward	2021 Reallocations	2021 Funding Balance c/f	2021 Funding Received	Total 2021 Funds Available	2021 Expenditure	2021 Carry Forward
Australia	4,572,572	312,698	4,885,270	2,427,144	7,312,414	2,939,109	4,373,306
Australian Federal Police	7,513	-	7,513	-	7,513	-	7,513
Co-Funding: Australia, New Zealand, China	297,345	-	297,345	349,985	647,330	89,875	557,455
Co-Funding: SPC, SPREP	-	-	-	165,278	165,278	-	-
Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Org	(1,247)	-	(1,247)	-	(1,247)	-	(1,247)
Commonwealth Secretariat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservation International	(96,622)	-	(96,622)	-	(96,622)	-	(96,622)
DT Global	183,542	-	183,542	744,616	928,159	430,599	497,559
European Union	8,575,860	-	8,575,860	4,940,041	13,515,901	3,627,996	9,887,906
French Polynesia	363,632	-	363,632	200,000	563,632	261,531	302,101
GICH	21	-	21	-	21	-	21
Green Climate Funds	38,926	-	38,926	-	38,926	1,904	37,022
Internl Economics Cons	16,270	-	16,270	-	16,270	-	16,270
Internl Federation Red Cross	9,829	-	9,829	-	9,829	-	9,829
Japan	368,514	-	368,514	87,114	455,628	400	455,228
Korea	3,668,230	-	3,668,230	3,172,165	6,840,395	3,607,776	3,232,619
Member Country	101,942	-	101,942	849,245	951,187	553,789	397,398
New Zealand	596,368	(312,698)	283,670	719,796	1,003,466	61,481	941,985
Peoples Republic of China	1,824,852	-	1,824,852	1,796,356	3,621,208	845,744	2,775,464
Republic of China - Taiwan	6,348,436	-	6,348,436	-	6,348,436	1,685,778	4,662,659
Romania	75,320	-	75,320	-	75,320	-	75,320
Safe Ground	3,968	-	3,968	-	3,968	-	3,968
SPAIN	315,344	-	315,344	-	315,344	9,033	306,310



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Donor	2020 Carry Forward	2021 Reallocations	2021 Funding Balance c/f	2021 Funding Received	Total 2021 Funds Available	2021 Expenditure	2021 Carry Forward
Standing Funds	5,157	-	5,157	-	5,157	-	5,157
Trade Advocacy Fund	2,464	-	2,464	-	2,464	-	2,464
Turkey	-	-	-	64,103	64,103	-	64,103
UN Office Project Services	1,072,795	-	1,072,795	-	1,072,795	42,822	1,029,973
UNDP	28,830	-	28,830	-	28,830	-	28,830
UNESCO	8,988	-	8,988	-	8,988	-	8,988
UNIFEM	12,457	-	12,457	-	12,457	-	12,457
United States	348,568	-	348,568	-	348,568	-	348,568
University South Pacific	977	-	977	-	977	-	977
Women's Env & Dev Organisation	1,002	-	1,002	-	1,002	-	1,002
World Bank	(38,304)	-	(38,304)	600,932	562,628	600,861	(38,233)
World Trade Organisation	37,885	-	37,885	-	37,885	-	37,885
Benefits derived from property, plant and equipment	-	-	231,273	231,273	231,273	231,273	-
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	(42,848)	-	(42,848)	-	(42,848)	172,547	(215,396)
Total	28,708,586	-	28,939,859	16,348,048	45,056,635	15,162,518	29,728,839



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Supplementary Information
Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure – Trust Fund (Detail by Donors)
As at 31 December 2021

Donor	Project Name	Project Code	KRA	Prog	Budget Type	2020 Carry Forward	2021 Reallocation	2021 Funding Balance c/f	2021 Funding Received	Total 2021 Funds Available	2021 Expenditure	2021 Carry Forward
Australia	PACER Plus Signatories Meeting (Pacific)	1222	KRA2.08	PI	XB	3,989		3,989	-	3,989	-	3,989
Australia	PACER Plus Meetings	1223	OPT2.08	EG	XB	(33,484)		(33,484)	-	(33,484)	-	(33,484)
Australia	PACER Plus Rules of Origin Workshop	1224	OPT2.10	PI	XB	39,922		39,922	-	39,922	-	39,922
Australia	Intellectual Property - Trademarks, Admin	1304	OPT2.10	PI	XB	44,022		44,022	-	44,022	-	44,022
Australia	Aid For Trade Workshops	1376	OPT2.10	PI	XB	2,181		2,181	-	2,181	-	2,181
Australia	WTO Contribution GOA-PIFS	1383	OPT2.11	PI	XB	1,025,416		1,025,416	1,747,298	2,772,714	762,555	2,010,159
Australia	Trade Advisor - Trade Policy & Aid for Trade (Geneva)	1383A	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	-	-	230,480	(230,480)
Australia	Administrative Assistant (Geneva)	1383B	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	-	-	74,482	(74,482)
Australia	Trade Representative (Geneva)	1384	PER1.1	PI	XB	408,855		408,855	429,369	838,224	373,736	464,488
Australia	Trade Policy Officer WTO (Geneva)	1385	PER1.1	PI	XB	424,265		424,265	437,421	861,686	8,146	853,540
Australia	PT&I Geneva Operations	1386	TCAF1.03	PI	XB	210,805		210,805	209,920	420,725	82,798	337,927
Australia	PIF Geneva Operations (DFAT Funds, Reserves)	1387	KRA2.08	PI	XB	381,858		381,858	(381,858)	-	-	-
Australia	DFAT-Pacific Quality Infrastructure Initiative-Ph2	1394	KRA2.08	PI	XB	686,400		686,400	-	686,400	289,696	396,704
Australia	Support to PT&I Review Implementation - DFAT	1911	TCAF1.03	MS	XB	-		-	-	-	-	-
Australia	Trade Office - Sydney	2120	TCAF1.03	PI	XB	117		117	-	117	-	117
Australia	PT&I - General Manager	2150	PER1.1	EG	XB	(7,376)		(7,376)	-	(7,376)	-	(7,376)
Australia	Conflict Prevention and Peace Election Observation PNG - DFAT	2220	OPT1.11	GE	XB	33,718		33,718	-	33,718	-	33,718
Australia	Pacific Legislative Drafters' Technical Forum	2432	OPT1.03	GE	XB	(96,111)		(96,111)	-	(96,111)	-	(96,111)
Australia		2525	OPT1.11	GE	XB	3,921		3,921	-	3,921	-	3,921

Donor	Project Name	Project Code	KRA	Prog	Budget Type	2020 Carry Forward	2021 Reallocation	2021 Funding Balance c/f	2021 Funding Received	Total 2021 Funds Available	2021 Expenditure	2021 Carry Forward
Australia	FOC-SC: Regional Security & Pacific Fusion Centre	2527	OPT1.03	PD	XB	6,641		6,641	-	6,641	-	6,641
Australia	Climate Change Resourcing Project	3460	OPT2.01	PD	XB	3,711		3,711	-	3,711	-	3,711
Australia	Support for Pacific Resilience Working Group -DFAT	3469	KRA2.02	ST	XB	459,564		459,564	-	459,564	111,218	348,346
Australia	Support to Aus. Dev. Partner Peer Review	3624	OPT1.02	PD	XB	732		732	-	732	-	732
Australia	Forum Compact Implementation/Phase II - AUS	3684	OPT1.14	PD	XB	69,085		69,085	-	69,085	-	69,085
Australia	Support to IT Infrastructure	4011	OPT3.02	CS	XB	(37,497)		(37,497)	-	(37,497)	-	(37,497)
Australia	ICT Services Upgrade Project	4020	OPT3.02	CS	XB	5,563		5,563	-	5,563	-	5,563
Australia	Support Pac Reg Education Framework	4704	OPT2.05	GE	XB	30,841		30,841	-	30,841	-	30,841
Australia	PEDE M&E Framework - AUSAID	4708	OPT1.10	PD	XB	150		150	-	150	-	150
Australia	Social Inclusion Advisor	4721	PERI.1	PD	XB	-		-	-	-	-	-
Australia	Pacific Plan Adviser Support	5538	OPT1.02	PD	XB	104,902		104,902	-	104,902	-	104,902
Australia	Pacific Plan Review (XB)	5541	OPT1.02	PD	XB	911		911	-	911	-	911
Australia	Review of Governance & Financing	5542	OPT1.13	ST	XB	(25,140)		(25,140)	-	(25,140)	-	(25,140)
Australia	Enhancing Pacific Ocean Governance - DFAT	5654	ASF1.02	ST	XB	72,563		72,563	-	72,563	-	72,563
Australia	Support for PIF Members attendance at BBNJ	5655	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	58,762		58,762	(15,007)	43,756	15	43,741
Australia	Support to OPOC -DFAT Funding	5656	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	693,284	(219,836)	473,448	-	473,448	473,448	-
Australia	Ocean Analyst & Manager	5691	PERI.1	MS	XB	-	218,323	218,323	-	218,323	218,323	-
Australia	Ocean Communications Officer	5692	PERI.1	MS	XB	-	140,895	140,895	-	140,895	140,895	-
Australia	Ocean Management Officer	5693	PERI.1	MS	XB	-	173,316	173,316	-	173,316	173,316	-
Australia Total						4,572,572	312,698	4,885,270	2,427,144	7,312,414	2,939,109	4,373,306
Australian Federal Police	VAW Scoping Study	2256	OPT1.15	GE	XB	6,392		6,392	-	6,392	-	6,392
Australian Federal Police	Inter-Agency Border Training	2547	OPT1.15	GE	XB	1,122		1,122	-	1,122	-	1,122
Australian Federal Police Total						7,513	-	7,513	-	7,513	-	7,513



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Co-Funding: Australia, New Zealand, China	Support to PT&I Governance Reforms	1911A	TCAF1.03	MS	XB	297,345		297,345	110,985	408,330	7,645	400,685
Co-Funding: Australia, New Zealand, China	Global Coordinator - PT&I Network	1911B	PER1.1	MS	XB	-		-	231,000	231,000	81,674	149,326
Co-Funding: Australia, New Zealand, China	PTI Network Finance & Administration Officer	1911C	PER1.1	MS	XB	-		-	8,000	8,000	556	7,444
Co-Funding: Australia, New Zealand, China Total						297,345	-	297,345	349,985	647,330	89,875	557,455
Co-Funding: SPC, SPREP	COP 26 Political Climate Change Champions	3649D	KRA2.02	PI	XB	-		-	165,278	165,278	-	165,278
Co-Funding: SPC, SPREP Total						-	-	-	165,278	165,278	-	165,278
Commonwealth Scientific Indust. Research Org.	SOI Regional Capacity Development Workshop	5653	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	(1,247)		(1,247)	-	(1,247)	-	(1,247)
Commonwealth Scientific Indust. Research Org Total						(1,247)	-	(1,247)	-	(1,247)	-	(1,247)
Conservation International	Conservation International Sup. for Pac Ocean Comm.	5652	ASF1.02	ST	XB	(96,622)		(96,622)	-	(96,622)	-	(96,622)
Conservation International Total						(96,622)	-	(96,622)	-	(96,622)	-	(96,622)
DT Global	DFAT E-commerce AFT Fund	1458	KRA2.08	PI	XB	183,542		183,542	512,294	695,836	430,599	265,237
DT Global	Samoa E-Com. Strategy & Training E-Com Negotiation	1459	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	232,322	232,322	-	232,322
DT Global Total						183,542	-	183,542	744,616	928,159	430,599	497,559
European Union	L1: Eff Coord & oversight of action	1002A	OPT2.14	PI	XB	265,773		265,773	-	265,773	-	265,773
European Union	L2: Eff Implementation EDF11-Final closure & FA	1002B	OPT2.14	PI	XB	54,227		54,227	-	54,227	-	54,227
European Union	L3: Eff monitoring o/sight & reporting-Prog implementation-comms & vis	1002C	OPT2.14	PI	XB	12,965		12,965	-	12,965	612	12,353



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European Union	2.1: Office, ICT, CV Eqpt & Maintenance	1002D	KRA2.11	PI	XB	55,016		55,016	-	55,016	18,360	36,656
European Union	3.1.4: Core Staff Costs-Recovery	1002E	OPT2.14	PI	XB	80,041		80,041	-	80,041	-	80,041
European Union	3.2: Operating Costs	1002F	OPT2.14	PI	XB	41,885		41,885	-	41,885	45	41,841
European Union	3.3: Operating (local) transportation cost	1002G	OPT2.14	PI	XB	1,995		1,995	-	1,995	-	1,995
European Union	4: Bank Charges & Exch rate differences	1002H	OPT2.14	PI	XB	5,314		5,314	-	5,314	315	5,000
European Union	PEM Programme Administrator	1003	PER1.1	PI	XB	23,554		23,554	-	23,554	128,572	(105,018)
European Union	PEM Administrative & Finance Assistant	1004	PER1.1	PI	XB	39,891		39,891	-	39,891	25,641	14,249
European Union	PEM Research Officer	1008	PER1.1	PI	XB	47,930		47,930	-	47,930	24,549	23,381
European Union	PRP Coordinator (50%/Project Coordinator-1.1.1)	3475	PER1.1	PI	XB	21,720		21,720	98,930	120,650	222,906	(102,257)
European Union	Private Sector Cl Change-Finance Officer-1.1.2	3476	PER1.1	PI	XB	123,378		123,378	81,726	205,104	141,013	64,091
European Union	Finance Officer - 1.1.3	3477	PER1.1	PI	XB	(6,993)		(6,993)	30,281	23,287	73,783	(50,496)
European Union	Administration Assistant - 1.1.5	3479	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	-	-	-	-
European Union	Travel & Subsistence - 1.2	3480	KRA2.02	PI	XB	(4,763)		(4,763)	-	(4,763)	28,480	(33,244)
European Union	Office Costs - 1.3	3481	OPT2.02	PI	XB	100,843		100,843	36,224	137,067	24,263	112,804
European Union	Est Reg Cooridin in CC-DR_PRP	3482	KRA2.02	PI	XB	166,017		166,017	374,216	540,233	182,073	358,159
European Union	PACRES-Swiss Co-Funding TWG on Human Mobility	3482A	KRA2.02	PI	XB	-		-	102,397	102,397	42,863	59,534
European Union	Rev & Dev CC-DR NAPs & Low Emission Dev Act 2.1	3484	KRA2.02	PI	XB	-		-	7,714	7,714	994	6,720
European Union	Dev FRDP's M&R Framework - Act 2.2	3485	KRA2.02	PI	XB	55,520		55,520	-	55,520	32,742	22,778
European Union	Sth-Sth Collab-1K&Cap shng-Climate Action-Act 4.1	3486	OPT2.02	PI	XB	31,993		31,993	-	31,993	(600)	32,593



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European Union	Strategic Engagement & Dialogue-Private Sector-Bldg CC&DR -Act 6.1	3487	KRA2.02	PI	XB	366,261		366,261	210,335	576,596	26,399	550,197
European Union	Access Ptv Sector-CC & DR Info & Cap-KS-Act 6.2	3488	KRA2.02	PI	XB	77,249		77,249	77,424	154,673	381	154,292
European Union	Admin Cost/Fee (PACRES) Technical Corporation	3489	OPT2.02	PI	XB	65,523		65,523	-	65,523	54,271	11,252
European Union	Facility PE 1- EDF 10 Technical Advisor - EU/RAO	3508	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(19,907)		(19,907)	-	(19,907)	-	(19,907)
European Union	Programme Officer - EU/RAO	3511	ASF1.01	ST	XB	(259,929)		(259,929)	-	(259,929)	-	(259,929)
European Union	TA - Short Term - EU/RAO	3512	ASF1.01	ST	XB	(369,056)		(369,056)	-	(369,056)	-	(369,056)
European Union	Equipment & Operations - EU/RAO	3513	ASF1.01	ST	XB	2,608,609		2,608,609	-	2,608,609	-	2,608,609
European Union	Travel & Meetings - EU/RAO	3516	ASF1.01	ST	XB	88,316		88,316	-	88,316	-	88,316
European Union	Visibility - EU/RAO	3517	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(2,048,276)		(2,048,276)	-	(2,048,276)	(102)	(2,048,175)
European Union	Indirect Costs - EU/RAO	3518	ASF1.01	ST	XB	219,840		219,840	-	219,840	-	219,840
European Union	Technical Cooperation Facility PE 2- EDF 10	3519	ASF1.01	ST	XB	(181,767)		(181,767)	-	(181,767)	-	(181,767)
European Union	PITAP Recoveries & Sundries	3596	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(48,139)		(48,139)	-	(48,139)	-	(48,139)
European Union	PICTA Technical Assistance	6005	CS00	CS	XB	(1,321,467)		(1,321,467)	-	(1,321,467)	-	(1,321,467)
European Union	PICTA Travel and Meetings	6011	OPT2.08	EG	XB	(1,674)		(1,674)	-	(1,674)	-	(1,674)
European Union	PICTA Indirect Costs	6012	OPT2.08	EG	XB	72,605		72,605	-	72,605	-	72,605
European Union	EPA Technical Assistance	6019	OPT2.10	PI	XB	12,160		12,160	-	12,160	-	12,160
European Union	EPA Travel and Meetings	6021	OPT2.08	EG	XB	272,178		272,178	-	272,178	-	272,178
European Union	EPA Visibility	6022	OPT2.10	PI	XB	508		508	-	508	-	508
European Union	Trade Policy Officer ACP/EU	6024	OPT2.08	EG	XB	25,000		25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000
European Union	EPA Indirect Costs	6026	PER1.1	PI	XB	(2,035)		(2,035)	-	(2,035)	-	(2,035)
European Union	WTO Technical Assistance	6029	OPT2.10	PI	XB	44,449		44,449	-	44,449	-	44,449
European Union		6031	OPT2.10	EG	XB	(1,563)		(1,563)	-	(1,563)	-	(1,563)



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European Union	Trade Policy Officer WTO (Geneva)	6034	PER1.1	EG	XB	241,240		241,240	-	241,240	-	241,240
European Union	WTO Indirect Costs	6039	OPT2.10	PI	XB	29,161		29,161	-	29,161	-	29,161
European Union	Trade Policy Technical Assistance	6041	OPT2.08	EG	XB	(6,164)		(6,164)	-	(6,164)	-	(6,164)
European Union	Trade Policy Long-Term Consultant	6045	OPT2.10	PI	XB	133,507		133,507	-	133,507	-	133,507
European Union	Trade Policy Indirect Costs	6049	OPT2.10	PI	XB	16,706		16,706	-	16,706	-	16,706
European Union	PIPSO Technical Assistance	6051	OPT2.08	EG	XB	(1,784)		(1,784)	-	(1,784)	-	(1,784)
European Union	PIPSO Travel and Meetings	6052	OPT2.10	PI	XB	(1,210)		(1,210)	-	(1,210)	-	(1,210)
European Union	PIPSO Indirect Costs	6059	OPT2.10	PI	XB	9,437		9,437	-	9,437	-	9,437
European Union	PT & I Technical Assistance	6061	OPT2.09	EG	XB	177,119		177,119	-	177,119	-	177,119
European Union	PT & I Travel and Meetings	6062	OPT2.10	PI	XB	(2,737)		(2,737)	-	(2,737)	-	(2,737)
European Union	Trade Representative (Geneva)	6066	PER1.1	EG	XB	163,369		163,369	-	163,369	-	163,369
European Union	PT&I Indirect Costs	6069	OPT2.10	PI	XB	58,806		58,806	-	58,806	-	58,806
European Union	Aid for Trade Technical Assistance	6071	OPT2.08	EG	XB	269,445		269,445	-	269,445	-	269,445
European Union	Project Accountant	6077	PER1.1	PI	XB	10,422		10,422	-	10,422	-	10,422
European Union	Aid for Trade Indirect Costs	6079	OPT2.10	PI	XB	22,071		22,071	-	22,071	-	22,071
European Union	Programme Monitoring Officer	6087	PER1.1	PI	XB	221		221	-	221	-	221
European Union	Forum Support Indirect Costs	6089	OPT2.10	PI	XB	5,985		5,985	-	5,985	-	5,985
European Union	OCTA Technical Assistance	6091	OPT2.10	PI	XB	898		898	-	898	-	898
European Union	OCTA Travel and Meetings	6092	OPT2.10	PI	XB	65,074		65,074	-	65,074	-	65,074
European Union	OCTA Equipment and Operations	6093	OPT2.10	PI	XB	90,721		90,721	-	90,721	-	90,721
European Union	OCTA Visibility	6094	OPT2.08	EG	XB	(21,907)		(21,907)	-	(21,907)	-	(21,907)
European Union	MSG Technical Assistance	6095	OPT2.10	PI	XB	(62,799)		(62,799)	-	(62,799)	-	(62,799)
European Union	MSG Equipment and Operations	6097	OPT2.10	PI	XB	55,472		55,472	-	55,472	-	55,472
European Union	MSG Visibility	6098	OPT2.08	EG	XB	(17,139)		(17,139)	-	(17,139)	-	(17,139)

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European Union	OCTA/MSG Indirect Costs	6099	OPT2.10	PI	XB	72,516		72,516	-	72,516	-	72,516
European Union	Monitoring of Intern. Human Right Treaties Project	6111	OPT1.15	GE	XB	(81,458)		(81,458)	-	(81,458)	-	(81,458)
European Union	HRO Training Costs	6114	OPT1.12	GE	XB	18,152		18,152	-	18,152	-	18,152
European Union	TECBUF Senior Technical Advisor to the RAO Office	6203	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(82,812)		(82,812)	-	(82,812)	4,251	(87,064)
European Union	TECBUF EU-Programme Officer	6204	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	21,175		21,175	-	21,175	194,613	(173,438)
European Union	TECBUF Monitoring & Communications Officer	6205	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	12,741		12,741	-	12,741	-	12,741
European Union	TECBUF Admin & Finance Assistant	6206	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(21,574)		(21,574)	-	(21,574)	49,118	(70,692)
European Union	Annual Programme Audit	6207	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	6,913		6,913	-	6,913	1,535	5,379
European Union	Office & IT Equipment	6208	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	53,948		53,948	-	53,948	88	53,860
European Union	Consumables & Office supplies- faxes, print, freight	6209	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	29,555		29,555	-	29,555	40	29,515
European Union	Project Office Telecommunications	6210	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	18,080		18,080	-	18,080	-	18,080
European Union	Bank Charges	6211	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	13,986		13,986	-	13,986	467	13,520
European Union	Coordination meeting & Workshops- FRDP-SDGs & Other	6214	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	3,018		3,018	-	3,018	-	3,018
European Union	Travel for participants-per diem & Accommodation	6215	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	12,000		12,000	-	12,000	-	12,000
European Union	Workshops & Meeting-PIFS, CROP,PACP, CSO & Others	6217	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(15,157)		(15,157)	-	(15,157)	1,361	(16,518)
European Union	Travel for Staff & Participants-Per diem & Accom	6218	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(128,957)		(128,957)	-	(128,957)	-	(128,957)
European Union	Pacific Islands Rep to ACP Group & EU	6219	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	27,469		27,469	-	27,469	10,624	16,845
European Union	Provision of STEs for sector analysis & advisory	6221	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	51,792		51,792	-	51,792	-	51,792



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European Union	Workshops & Meetings relating to Programming proce	6222	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	1,036		1,036	-	1,036	-	1,036
European Union	Workshops/conference/seminars CROP	6226	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	102,303		102,303	-	102,303	-	102,303
European Union	Workshops/conference/seminars PACP	6226B	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(1,832)		(1,832)	-	(1,832)	-	(1,832)
European Union	Workshops/conference/seminars PRIP	6226C	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	2,021		2,021	-	2,021	-	2,021
European Union	Participant & staff travel-CROP	6227	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	302,021		302,021	-	302,021	-	302,021
European Union	Participant & staff travel-PACP	6227B	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(247,089)		(247,089)	-	(247,089)	-	(247,089)
European Union	Participant & staff travel-PRIP	6227C	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	354		354	-	354	-	354
European Union	TA support to CROP	6228	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	1,421,375		1,421,375	-	1,421,375	37,635	1,383,740
European Union	TA support to PACP	6228B	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	93,225		93,225	-	93,225	-	93,225
European Union	TA support to PRIP	6228C	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(162,784)		(162,784)	-	(162,784)	-	(162,784)
European Union	Travel etc-Pacific Rep in COP, IMO, ICAO & Others	6230	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	191,159		191,159	-	191,159	88,541	102,618
European Union	Participant travel -PRIP & EDF 11 Initiatives	6232	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	12,000		12,000	-	12,000	-	12,000
European Union	Participant Travel, Including per diem & Accom	6235	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	25,073		25,073	-	25,073	-	25,073
European Union	Catering & Entertainment	6236	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	3,194		3,194	-	3,194	70	3,124
European Union	Equipment Hire-TCT Equipment etc..	6237	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	5,168		5,168	-	5,168	-	5,168
European Union	Other logistics Costs -transport etc..	6238	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	3,326		3,326	-	3,326	-	3,326
European Union	Workshops & Meeting -Policy Dialogue-PRIP	6240	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	3,018		3,018	-	3,018	-	3,018
European Union	Travel -Policy dialogue on PRIP areas	6241	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(44)		(44)	-	(44)	-	(44)
European Union	Workshops & Meeting -Policy Dialogue promoting PRIP	6243	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	1,568		1,568	-	1,568	-	1,568
European Union	Travel in relation policy dialogue in relation-PRIP	6244	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	15,000		15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000

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European Union	TECBUF - NSA Team Leader	6248	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(73,275)		(73,275)	-	(73,275)	90,012	(163,287)
European Union	TECBUF - NSA Program Support Officer	6249	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	18,153		18,153	-	18,153	831	17,322
European Union	TECBUF - Grant Management Officer	6250	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(143,512)		(143,512)	-	(143,512)	179,266	(322,778)
European Union	Communication & Visibility activities	6252	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	22,445		22,445	-	22,445	-	22,445
European Union	Workshops & Meeting	6256	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	59,460		59,460	-	59,460	-	59,460
European Union	Travel, per diem & accommodation	6257	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	28,361		28,361	-	28,361	-	28,361
European Union	Consultants (design & Delivery training)	6258	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	68,439		68,439	-	68,439	44,726	23,713
European Union	Grants inclusive of related components	6260	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	1,759,646		1,759,646	-	1,759,646	1,125,962	633,683
European Union	Workshops & Meetings	6262	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(13,052)		(13,052)	-	(13,052)	-	(13,052)
European Union	TA Support	6263	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	208,202		208,202	-	208,202	-	208,202
European Union	Regional CSO Forum	6265	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(174,533)		(174,533)	-	(174,533)	-	(174,533)
European Union	Travel related to coordination	6266	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(13,475)		(13,475)	-	(13,475)	500	(13,975)
European Union	Workshops and meetings	6269	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(50,811)		(50,811)	-	(50,811)	-	(50,811)
European Union	Travels	6270	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(13,749)		(13,749)	-	(13,749)	215	(13,965)
European Union	Facilitation & Technical Support	6271	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	(14,836)		(14,836)	-	(14,836)	-	(14,836)
European Union	CI- CV Materials & Equipment	6273	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	2,147		2,147	-	2,147	-	2,147
European Union	CI- Newsletters, brochures, pamphlets etc..	6274	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	2,247		2,247	-	2,247	1,371	876
European Union	CI- Video Production	6275	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	10,661		10,661	-	10,661	-	10,661
European Union	CI- White Board Animation	6276	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	9,861		9,861	-	9,861	-	9,861
European Union	CI- Travel relating to CV activities	6277	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	9,000		9,000	-	9,000	-	9,000
European Union	Admin Cost (7%)	6279	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	281,845		281,845	-	281,845	127,823	154,022
European Union	Internal NSA WG Planning & Coordination	7111	OPT1.11	GE	XB	101		101	-	101	-	101



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European Union	Thematic Mapping of Regional NSAs	7112	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(5,559)		(5,559)	-	(5,559)	-	(5,559)
European Union	PIFS NSA Engagement & Coordination	7113	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(3,696)		(3,696)	-	(3,696)	-	(3,696)
European Union	Professional Staff	7121	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(304,211)		(304,211)	-	(304,211)	-	(304,211)
European Union	Staff operations costs	7122	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(5,502)		(5,502)	-	(5,502)	-	(5,502)
European Union	PSC/Oversight Meetings Capacity Building Training & Resource Materials	7123	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(34,511)		(34,511)	-	(34,511)	-	(34,511)
European Union	Mentoring Support	7211	OPT1.11	GE	XB	(54,093)		(54,093)	-	(54,093)	-	(54,093)
European Union	Support Cross Regional Exchanges	7212	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(9,499)		(9,499)	-	(9,499)	-	(9,499)
European Union	Regional Policy Engagement Process Training	7213	OPT1.11	GE	XB	29,000		29,000	-	29,000	-	29,000
European Union	Support Thematic Policy Awareness Workshops	7214	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(20,629)		(20,629)	-	(20,629)	-	(20,629)
European Union	Equipment, Software & Services	7221	OPT1.11	GE	XB	11,419		11,419	-	11,419	-	11,419
European Union	PIFS Programmes Consultations	7231	OPT1.11	GE	XB	(15)		(15)	-	(15)	110	134,506
European Union	National Level Policy Dialogue	7232	OPT1.05	ST	XB	100,032		100,032	-	100,032	-	100,032
European Union	Regional NSA Fora	7233	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(205,686)		(205,686)	-	(205,686)	-	(205,686)
European Union	NSA Engagement with Leaders	7234	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(87,305)		(87,305)	-	(87,305)	-	(87,305)
European Union	Support for NSA Capacity Building Meetings	7242	OPT1.11	GE	XB	(173)		(173)	-	(173)	-	(173)
European Union	Assessment & Institutional Strengthening	7243	OPT1.05	ST	XB	40,415		40,415	-	40,415	-	40,415
European Union	Grants	7311	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(146,199)		(146,199)	-	(146,199)	-	(146,199)
European Union	M&E System for Grant Facility	7314	OPT1.05	ST	XB	1,038,549		1,038,549	-	1,038,549	-	1,038,549
European Union	Visibility and Communications	7315	OPT1.05	ST	XB	978,095		978,095	-	978,095	-	978,095
European Union	Indirect Costs	7411	OPT1.05	ST	XB	21,755		21,755	-	21,755	-	21,755
European Union	Audits & Evaluation	7511	OPT1.05	ST	XB	(215,949)		(215,949)	-	(215,949)	-	(215,949)
European Union	EVAW - Gender Specialist	7701	KRA1.07	GE	XB	76,561		76,561	-	76,561	-	76,561
European Union	EVAW - Team Leader (50%)	7702	KRA1.07	GE	XB	(205,095)		(205,095)	-	(205,095)	163,760	(368,856)
European Union	PfJ support Officer (M&E, reporting, coms)-@50%	7703	KRA1.07	GE	XB	7,801		7,801	-	7,801	21,458	(13,657)
European Union					XB	27,876		27,876	-	27,876	64,228	(36,353)



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European Union	Contribution to TECCBUF Project Accountant Services	7704	KRA1.07	GE	XB	73,065		73,065	-	73,065	-	73,065
European Union	Trvl: Design and ME (Accountability/Monitoring)	7705	KRA1.07	GE	XB	56,099		56,099	-	56,099	4,218	51,881
European Union	Direct office costs	7706	KRA1.07	GE	XB	89,243		89,243	-	89,243	16,759	72,485
European Union	Visibility	7707	KRA1.07	GE	XB	(737)		(737)	-	(737)	1,153	(1,890)
European Union	Indirect Cost - 7%	7710	OPT1.08	GE	XB	112,232		112,232	-	112,232	37,827	74,406
European Union	Local Caslty: Dsgn GE/EVAW	7721A	KRA1.07	GE	XB	6,176		6,176	-	6,176	1,736	4,440
European Union	Acetbty/Mntrg Tlkt	7721B	KRA1.07	GE	XB	4,508		4,508	-	4,508	-	4,508
European Union	Focus Wkshp - Testg GE/EVAW	7722A	KRA1.07	GE	XB	44,572		44,572	-	44,572	35,453	9,120
European Union	Reg Cpcity Bldg Cslty: NSA-led GE/EVAW Mntrg	7722B	OPT1.08	GE	XB	19,990		19,990	-	19,990	122	19,869
European Union	Tech Fcs Grp Wkshp-Cap Bldg:NSA-led GE/EVAW Mntrg	7722C	KRA1.07	GE	XB	13,606		13,606	-	13,606	21,684	(8,079)
European Union	Reg Capacity Bldg Wkshp - NSA-led GE/EVAW Mntrg	7722D	KRA1.07	GE	XB	1,034,309		1,034,309	-	1,034,309	217,297	817,012
European Union	Grants Facility: Supp toward NSA-led GE/EVAW Mntrg	7731A	KRA1.07	GE	XB	59,146		59,146	-	59,146	-	59,146
European Union	National Gender Peer Reviews	7731B	KRA1.07	GE	XB	27,188		27,188	-	27,188	-	27,188
European Union	Election Monitoring Missions	7731C	KRA1.07	GE	XB	12,954		12,954	-	12,954	-	12,954
European Union	SGBV Reference Group Meeting - Country Visits	7731D	KRA1.07	GE	XB	30,272		30,272	-	30,272	-	30,272
European Union	EVAW Experts Engagement CSO Dialogues	7732A	KRA1.07	GE	XB	15,283		15,283	-	15,283	-	15,283
European Union	Side Events	7732C	KRA1.07	GE	XB	30,272		30,272	-	30,272	5,537	24,735
European Union	Bldg a Cadre of GE/EVAW	7733A	KRA1.07	GE	XB	12,614		12,614	-	12,614	-	12,614
European Union	Advocates amongst Pac Leaders	7733B	KRA1.07	GE	XB	20,893		20,893	-	20,893	-	20,893
European Union	Strategic Planning Mig: GE/EVAW											
European Union	Advocates amongst Pac Leaders	7733B	KRA1.07	GE	XB	20,893		20,893	-	20,893	-	20,893



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European Union	Engmt:HL Meetings: GE/EYAW Advocates amongst Pac Leaders	7733C	KRA1.07	GE	XB	30,272		30,272	-	30,272	-	30,272
European Union	Team Leader - PRISE SPIRIT	7740	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	240,289	240,289	3,203	237,085
European Union	Project Support Officer - PRISE SPIRIT	7741	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	58,846	58,846	632	58,214
European Union	Finance and Admin Officer - PRISE SPIRIT	7742	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	58,846	58,846	632	58,214
European Union	Sub-Reg Trade Adviser (Spoke), Melanesia PRISE	7743	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	176,538	176,538	3,121	173,417
European Union	Sub-Reg Trade Adviser (Spoke), Micronesia PRISE	7744	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	176,538	176,538	3,121	173,417
European Union	Sub-Reg Trade Adviser (Spoke), Polynesia PRISE	7745	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	176,538	176,538	3,151	173,387
European Union	One Short Term Technical Expert - PRISE SPIRIT	7746	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	49,038	49,038	30,060	18,978
European Union	Database Officer - PRISE SPIRIT	7747	PER1.1	PI	XB	-		-	82,385	82,385	632	81,753
European Union	Recruitment costs	7748A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	11,769	11,769	-	11,769
European Union	Equipment and IT services including telecommunications	7748B	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	132,404	132,404	-	132,404
European Union	Office Operating Costs	7748C	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	23,538	23,538	-	23,538
European Union	Bank Charges	7748D	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	11,769	11,769	187	11,582
European Union	Activity Budget -Team Leader SPIRIT	7750A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	102,981	102,981	-	102,981
European Union	Activity Budget -Adviser in Melanesia SPIRIT	7750B	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	98,077	98,077	-	98,077
European Union	Activity Budget -Adviser in Micronesia SPIRIT	7750C	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	95,135	95,135	-	95,135
European Union	Activity Budget -Adviser in Polynesia SPIRIT	7750D	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	95,135	95,135	-	95,135
European Union	Short Term TA SPIRIT	7750E	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	49,038	49,038	-	49,038
European Union	Workshops to evaluate the EPA implementation	7751A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	196,154	196,154	-	196,154
European Union	Private Sector outreach	7751B	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	122,596	122,596	-	122,596

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European Union	TA on EU Standards and requirements	7751C	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	196,154	196,154	-	196,154
European Union	TA to strengthen competent authorities	7751D	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	98,077	98,077	-	98,077
European Union	Business Reform Committees	7751E	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	49,627	49,627	-	49,627
European Union	EPA Joint Committee Meetings	7751F	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	73,558	73,558	-	73,558
European Union	TA to review the Trade regulatory and policies	7752A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	78,462	78,462	-	78,462
European Union	Workshop and Seminars and publication of the legal	7752B	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	68,654	68,654	-	68,654
European Union	National consultations	7752C	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	19,615	19,615	-	19,615
European Union	TA on new EU market access policy	7752D	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	39,231	39,231	-	39,231
European Union	TA on EU REX System	7753A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	63,750	63,750	-	63,750
European Union	EPA consultations and Workshops	7753B	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	73,558	73,558	-	73,558
European Union	TA for EPA accession	7753C	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	88,269	88,269	-	88,269
European Union	PAFTS booklets and pamphlets	7754A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	9,808	9,808	-	9,808
European Union	International Meetings	7754B	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	235,385	235,385	2,030	233,354
European Union	PACP Meetings	7754C	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	78,462	78,462	-	78,462
European Union	PAFTS Mid-term Review	7754D	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	12,260	12,260	-	12,260
European Union	Pacific QI Project Implementation	7755A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	305,019	305,019	-	305,019
European Union	Peer learning	7755C	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	68,654	68,654	-	68,654
European Union	TA Regional Trade Statistic Database Officer	7756A	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	119,163	119,163	-	119,163
European Union	Communication and Visibility - PRISE SPIRIT	7757	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	29,211	29,211	-	29,211



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European Union	Indirect Costs - PRISE SPIRIT	7758	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-	-	-	256,264	256,264	3,275	252,989
European Union Total						8,575,860	-	8,575,860	4,940,041	13,515,901	3,627,996	9,887,906
French Polynesia	Support to OPOC - FRENCH POLYNESIA Funding	5658	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	363,632		363,632	200,000	563,632	261,531	302,101
French Polynesia Total						363,632	-	363,632	200,000	563,632	261,531	302,101
GICH	Addressing ERW Contamination in Pacific - GICHD	2583	OPT1.15	GE	XB	21		21	-	21	-	21
GICH Total						21	-	21	-	21	-	21
Green Climate Funds	Green Climate Fund Dialogue	3466	OPT2.01	PI	XB	1,744		1,744	-	1,744	-	1,744
Green Climate Funds	Nauru GCF Readiness Grant	3470	KRA2.02	GE	XB	37,182		37,182	-	37,182	1,904	35,277
Green Climate Funds Total						38,926	-	38,926	-	38,926	1,904	37,022
Internal Economics Cons	Regional Workshop on Trade Mainstreaming	1423	OPT2.09	EG	XB	16,270		16,270	-	16,270	-	16,270
Internal Economics Cons Total						16,270	-	16,270	-	16,270	-	16,270
Internal Federation Red Cross	Legislating for Climate Smart DRM	5801	OPT1.15	GE	XB	9,829		9,829	-	9,829	-	9,829
Internal Federation Red Cross Total						9,829	-	9,829	-	9,829	-	9,829
Japan	Japan Contribution FY2019 (PALM)	3711A	KRA1.06	GE	XB	129,444	(129,444)	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	Japan Contribution FY2020 (PALM)	3711B	KRA1.06	GE	XB	239,069	(239,069)	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	Japan Contribution FY2021-PQJ Project	3711C	KRA1.06	GE	XB	-	368,514	368,514	87,114	455,628	400	455,228
Japan Total						368,514	-	368,514	87,114	455,628	400	455,228

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Korea	ROK-PIF 2014-2016 Coop. Fund	3622	OPT1.05	ST	XB	12,713		12,713	-	12,713	-	12,713
Korea	ROK/RPCF2018-2020 - Climate Prediction Services	3633	KRA1.06	GE	XB	1,261,136		1,261,136	-	1,261,136	1,086,912	174,224
Korea	ROK/RPCF2018-2020 - Trade, Tourism & Promotion	3634	KRA2.09	GE	XB	479,896		479,896	-	479,896	456,163	23,733
Korea	ROK/RPCF2021-2023- Coastal and Marine Project	3634A	KRA2.09	PI	XB	-		-	1,282,599	1,282,599	-	1,282,599
Korea	Multisensory Remote Sensing-Control IUU Fishing	3637	KRA1.06	GE	XB	1,276,324		1,276,324	1,259,710	2,536,034	1,089,588	1,446,446
Korea	ROK-PIF COVID-19 Recovery Project	3638	KRA1.06	GE	XB	638,162		638,162	-	638,162	517,637	120,525
Korea	Enhancing E-Commerce Opportunities for Pacific MSM	3639	KRA2.09	PI	XB	-		-	629,855	629,855	457,475	172,380
Korea Total						3,668,230	-	3,668,230	3,172,165	6,840,395	3,607,776	3,232,619
Members	WTO Office - Operational Costs	1375	KRA2.08	PI	XB	72,030		72,030	270,000	342,030	110,862	231,168
Members	PT&I Trade Commissioner - Beijing	2102	PER1.1	PI	XB	(137,976)		(137,976)	479,245	341,269	341,269	-
Members	PIC Tokyo National Security Policy Development Workshop	2125	TCAF1.03	MS	XB	37,447		37,447	100,000	137,447	101,658	35,789
Members	Support to Internal Reform Priorities	2207	OPT1.03	PD	XB	(4,453)		(4,453)	-	(4,453)	-	(4,453)
Members	Miscellaneous Historic XBs	3726	OPT3.05	CS	XB	41,169		41,169	-	41,169	-	41,169
Members Total						101,942	-	101,942	849,245	951,187	553,789	397,398
New Zealand	PACER Plus Activities	1226	OPT2.10	PI	XB	7,294		7,294	-	7,294	-	7,294
New Zealand	PACER Informal Meeting	1227	OPT2.10	PI	XB	54,139		54,139	-	54,139	-	54,139
New Zealand	PACER Mini Trade Ministers Meeting	1228	OPT2.10	PI	XB	51,534		51,534	-	51,534	-	51,534
New Zealand	Regional Trade Facilitation Support	1232	OPT2.10	PI	XB	2,278		2,278	-	2,278	-	2,278
New Zealand	Special FTMM	1244	OPT2.10	PI	XB	82,611		82,611	-	82,611	-	82,611

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New Zealand	Triennial Review-PIFIC Auckland	2116	TCAF1.03	PI	XB	7,614		7,614	-	7,614	-	7,614
New Zealand	PT&I Trade Commissioner - Auckland (XB)	2161	PER1.1	PI	XB	(47,346)		(47,346)	-	(47,346)	(51,136)	3,790
New Zealand	Forum Chair Support (PIFS/NZ)-UNGA69	2238	OPT1.11	GE	XB	14,393		14,393	-	14,393	-	14,393
New Zealand	New Zealand Human Rights	2422	OPT1.15	GE	XB	734		734	-	734	-	734
New Zealand	Regional Security Fund	3630	OPT1.10	GE	XB	6,003		6,003	-	6,003	-	6,003
New Zealand	Regional Security Fund - NZ	3631	OPT1.10	GE	XB	152		152	-	152	-	152
New Zealand	Forum Ministerial Contact Group - NZ	3632	OPT1.10	GE	XB	1,258		1,258	-	1,258	-	1,258
New Zealand	Cairns Compact Implementation - NZ	3697	OPT1.14	PD	XB	1,800		1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800
New Zealand	FBEAP Review	4706	OPT1.11	PD	XB	2,548		2,548	-	2,548	-	2,548
New Zealand	Support for Forum Meetings -XB	5108	KRA1.05	PS	XB	47,886		47,886	-	47,886	25,818	22,068
New Zealand	Regional Youth Art Competition	5117	OPT3.02	MS	XB	13,040		13,040	-	13,040	-	13,040
New Zealand	OPOC-DFAT: MFAT Component	5656NZ	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	350,431	(312,698)	37,733	-	37,733	37,733	-
New Zealand	OPOC-MFAT 2021 (Bridging Fund)	5659	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	-		-	677,883	677,883	1,922	675,961
New Zealand	Ocean Analyst & Manager	5691NZ	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	-		-	18,872	18,872	18,872	-
New Zealand	Ocean Communications Officer	5692NZ	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	-		-	7,876	7,876	7,876	-
New Zealand	Ocean Management Officer	5693NZ	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	-		-	15,165	15,165	20,396	(5,231)
New Zealand Total						596,368	(312,698)	283,670	719,796	1,003,466	61,481	941,985
Peoples Republic of China	Pacific Resilience Facility-China XB	1034	KRA2.07	PI	XB	399,365		399,365	-	399,365	-	399,365
Peoples Republic of China	Trade Office - Beijing - XB	2105	TCAF1.03	MS	XB	703,503		703,503	1,829,387	2,532,891	845,684	1,687,207

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Peoples Republic of China	Deputy Trade Commissioner - PT&I Beijing	2108	PER1.1	PI	XB	357,516		357,516	(357,516)	-	-	-
Peoples Republic of China	Support PTI Network including Review of Structure	2112		PI	XB	14,388		14,388	-	14,388		14,388
Peoples Republic of China	Trade Development (XB)	2141	KRA2.09	PI	XB	18,617		18,617	-	18,617	60	18,557
Peoples Republic of China	Pacific Humanitarian Pathway-XB (PHP-C)-PRC	2224	KRA1.02	PD	XB	330,118		330,118	324,484	654,602	-	654,602
Peoples Republic of China	China Scholarship Publicity	3681	KRA2.05	PD	XB	1,346		1,346	-	1,346	-	1,346
Peoples Republic of China Total						1,824,852	-	1,824,852	1,796,356	3,621,208	845,744	2,775,464
Republic of China - Taiwan	Pacific Humanitarian Pathway-XB (PHP-C)	2234	KRA1.02	PD	XB	1,475,842		1,475,842	-	1,475,842	696,922	778,920
Republic of China - Taiwan	Review of Leaders Decision on Fisheries	2741	KRA2.03	PI	XB	-	86,815	86,815	-	86,815	87,195	(380)
Republic of China - Taiwan	Aid Management and Capacity Building (XB)	3404	OPT1.11	PD	XB	1,286		1,286	-	1,286	-	1,286
Republic of China - Taiwan	FS Fellowship Scheme	3608	OPT1.11	PD	XB	7,975		7,975	-	7,975	-	7,975
Republic of China - Taiwan	Taiwan ROC Scholarship Fund	3615	KRA1.06	GE	XB	2,735,656	(1,210,963)	1,524,692	-	1,524,692	250,568	1,274,124
Republic of China - Taiwan	SIS Attachment Programme	3628	KRA1.09	GE	XB	(38,342)		(38,342)	-	(38,342)	60,991	(99,333)

Donor	Project Name	Project Code	KRA	Prog	Budget Type	2020 Carry Forward	2021 Reallocation	2021 Funding Balance c/f	2021 Funding Received	Total 2021 Funds Available	2021 Expenditure	2021 Carry Forward
Republic of China - Taiwan	Taiwan-ROC Regional Development Assistance	3629	KRA1.12	GE	XB	61,935		61,935	-	61,935	48,219	13,716
Republic of China - Taiwan	Secure Limits Blue Pacific – Sea Level Rise Baseline	3649A	KRA1.10	GE	XB	213,858		213,858	-	213,858	-	213,858
Republic of China - Taiwan	Review of Economic Returns - Fisheries	3649B	KRA2.03	PI	XB	213,858	(86,815)	127,043	-	127,043	-	127,043
Republic of China - Taiwan	COP26 Advocacy and Engagement	3649C	KRA2.02	PI	XB	207,542		207,542	-	207,542	236,414	(28,871)
Republic of China - Taiwan	Programme Implementation Officer	3650	PER1.1	ST	XB	337,039		337,039	-	337,039	187,539	149,500
Republic of China - Taiwan	Joint CROP-SISAP Project	3657	KRA1.09	GE	XB	201,136	475,240	676,376	-	676,376	110,730	565,646
Republic of China - Taiwan	CROP Oceans Advocacy & Engagement Programme	3657B	KRA1.09	GE	XB	927,757		927,757	-	927,757	5,000	922,757
Republic of China - Taiwan	Development of the 2050 Strategy of the Blue Pacific	3657C	KRA1.01	PD	XB	-	104,210	104,210	-	104,210	2,200	102,010
Republic of China - Taiwan	Nuclear Issues Expert	3657D	KRA1.09	GE	XB	-	625,261	625,261	-	625,261	-	625,261
Republic of China - Taiwan	Enhancing Regional Communications and Advocacy	3657E	KRA1.09	GE	XB	-	6,253	6,253	-	6,253	-	6,253
Republic of China - Taiwan	Cairns Compact Implementation - XB	3694	OPT1.14	PD	XB	2,895		2,895	-	2,895	-	2,895
Republic of China - Taiwan Total						6,348,436	0	6,348,436	-	6,348,436	1,685,778	4,662,659

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Romania	Miscellaneous (Voluntary Contributions)	3711	CS00	MS	XB	75,320	-	75,320	-	75,320	-	75,320
Romania Total						75,320	-	75,320	-	75,320	-	75,320
Safe Ground	Pacific Regional ERW Workshop	2582	OPT1.15	GE	XB	3,968	-	3,968	-	3,968	-	3,968
Safe Ground Total						3,968	-	3,968	-	3,968	-	3,968
Spain	Support to OPOC -SPANISH Funding	5657	TCAF1.02	MS	XB	315,344	-	315,344	-	315,344	9,033	306,310
Spain Total						315,344	-	315,344	-	315,344	9,033	306,310
Standing Funds	Regional Natural Disaster Relief Fund	3610	OPT1.11	PD	XB	5,157	-	5,157	-	5,157	-	5,157
Standing Funds Total						5,157	-	5,157	-	5,157	-	5,157
Trade Advocacy Fund	Trade Advocacy Fund (TAF) UK AID	1378	OPT2.10	PI	XB	2,464	-	2,464	-	2,464	-	2,464
Trade Advocacy Fund Total						2,464	-	2,464	-	2,464	-	2,464
Turkey	Pacific Resilience Facility- Turkey	1034A	KRA2.07	PI	XB	-	-	-	64,103	64,103	-	64,103
Turkey Total						-	-	-	64,103	64,103	-	64,103
UN Office Project Services	EIF Pacific Quality Infrastructure Initiative Phase2 LDC	1396	KRA2.08	PI	XB	1,072,795	-	1,072,795	-	1,072,795	42,822	1,029,973
UN Office Project Services Total						1,072,795	-	1,072,795	-	1,072,795	42,822	1,029,973
UNDP	Trade Negotiation Support	1209	OPT2.10	PI	XB	18,029	-	18,029	-	18,029	-	18,029
UNDP	Health & Recreational Trust Fund	4470	OPT3.04	MS	XB	6,808	-	6,808	-	6,808	-	6,808
UNDP	SDG Localization Project	5683	OPT1.02	ST	XB	3,993	-	3,993	-	3,993	-	3,993
UNDP Total						28,830	-	28,830	-	28,830	-	28,830
UNESCO	Regional EMIS Workshop	4707	OPT1.04	ST	XB	2,792	-	2,792	-	2,792	-	2,792
UNESCO	PEDF M&E Framework	4709	OPT1.10	PD	XB	6,196	-	6,196	-	6,196	-	6,196
UNESCO Total						8,988	-	8,988	-	8,988	-	8,988



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UNIFEM	Global Forums - Gender	4954	OPT2.04	PD	XB	12,457	-	12,457	-	12,457	-	12,457
UNIFEM Total						12,457	-	12,457	-	12,457	-	12,457
United States	Joint Study - PICS-US Dev. Oriented Trade & Invest	1307	OPT2.08	EG	XB	348,568	-	348,568	-	348,568	-	348,568
United States	Support to USAID Climate Change Project Operations	3468	KRA2.02	PI	XB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States Total						348,568	-	348,568	-	348,568	-	348,568
University South Pacific	CROP Grant Support Pac. Dev. Goal Taskforce	5682	OPT1.02	PD	XB	977	-	977	-	977	-	977
University South Pacific Total						977	-	977	-	977	-	977
Women's Env & Dev Organisation	WEDO Pacific Workshop	3471	OPT2.01	PD	XB	1,002	-	1,002	-	1,002	-	1,002
Women's Env & Dev Organisation Total						1,002	-	1,002	-	1,002	-	1,002
World Bank	Logistics RC	7610	KRA2.02	PI	XB	607,863	-	607,863	22,063	629,925	42,927	586,998
World Bank	Expertise Triggered on TOR	7611	KRA2.02	PI	XB	38,941	-	38,941	-	38,941	-	38,941
World Bank	Risk Financing	7612	OPT2.02	ST	XB	(3,760)	-	(3,760)	-	(3,760)	-	(3,760)
World Bank	Others (Including MTR)	7613	OPT2.02	ST	XB	2,490	-	2,490	-	2,490	-	2,490
World Bank	PREP Regional Coordinator	7614	KRA2.02	PI	XB	(544,156)	-	(544,156)	347,675	(196,481)	300,958	(497,439)
World Bank	Monitoring & Communications Officer	7615	KRA2.02	PI	XB	(68,310)	-	(68,310)	160,676	92,366	137,048	(44,682)
World Bank	PREP Finance & Administrative Officer	7616	KRA2.02	PI	XB	(9,714)	-	(9,714)	63,406	53,692	66,039	(12,346)
World Bank	PREP Resilience & Dev Officer	7617	PER1.1	ST	XB	(38,085)	-	(38,085)	-	(38,085)	(106)	(37,979)
World Bank	Risk Finance & Insurance Specialist	7618	KRA2.02	PI	XB	(23,573)	-	(23,573)	-	(23,573)	106	(23,679)
World Bank	PREP Resilience Financing Analyst	7619	KRA2.02	PI	XB	-	-	-	7,113	7,113	53,889	(46,776)
World Bank Total						(38,304)	-	(38,304)	600,932	562,628	600,861	(38,233)

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World Trade Organisation	PIFS-WTO Regional Workshop: MC11 Outcomes	1312	OPT2.10	PI	XB	3,903		3,903	-	3,903	-	3,903
World Trade Organisation	WTO PIFS Reg. W/Shop on Trade Facilitation	1313	OPT2.10	PI	XB	24,562		24,562	-	24,562	-	24,562
World Trade Organisation	WTO-Reg. W/Shop S & P Measures	1316	OPT2.10	PI	XB	642		642	-	642	-	642
World Trade Organisation	10th WTO Ministerial Conference -Nairobi(MC10)	1321	OPT2.10	PI	XB	8,779		8,779	-	8,779	-	8,779
World Trade Organisation Total						37,885	-	37,885	-	37,885	-	37,885
Benefits derived from property, plant and equipment	Recoveries & Sundries - Benefit from PPE	9995	CS00	CS	XB	(28,633,267)		(28,633,267)	231,273	(28,401,994)	231,273	(28,633,267)
Benefits derived from property, plant and equipment Total						(28,633,267)	-	(28,633,267)	231,273	(28,401,994)	231,273	(28,633,267)
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	Public Finance Management & Governance	1002	KRA2.11	PI	XB	30,265		30,265	-	30,265	14,266	15,999
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	PACRES Recoveries & Sundries	3490	OPT2.02	PI	XB	45,406		45,406	-	45,406	24,834	20,572
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	RAO Recoveries & Sundries	3503	CS00	CS	XB	(30,488)		(30,488)	-	(30,488)	8,959	(39,448)
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	TCF EDF 10 Recoveries & Sundries	3504	CS00	CS	XB	(5,685)		(5,685)	-	(5,685)	-	(5,685)
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	EU Non-State Actor Recoveries & Sundries	5709	CS00	CS	XB	(75,686)		(75,686)	-	(75,686)	31,311	(106,997)



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Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	PITAP Recoveries & Sundries	6005	CS00	CS	XB	19,213		19,213	-	19,213	17,251	1,962
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	IHRT Sundries & Recoveries	6105	CS00	CS	XB	(15,213)		(15,213)	-	(15,213)	445	(15,659)
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	Recoveries and Sundries - TECBUF	6273A	TCAF1.01	MS	XB	13,829		13,829	-	13,829	80,570	(66,740)
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	Recoveries & Sundries - EVAW	7707A	OPT1.08	GE	XB	(24,489)		(24,489)	-	(24,489)	31,361	(55,850)
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange	PRISE SPIRIT - Recoveries and sundries	7760	KRA2.08	PI	XB	-		-	-	-	(36,449)	36,449
Net Effect of Foreign Exchange Total						(42,848)	-	(42,848)	-	(42,848)	172,547	(215,396)
Grand Total						75,320	-	75,320	16,348,048	16,423,368	15,162,518	1,260,850



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Outcomes

The 2021 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM) was convened virtually on 13 & 14 July 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Seve Paeniu, Minister for Finance of Tuvalu, and supported by Mr Henry Puna, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum.

2. The following Forum Member Countries were represented: Australia, Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

3. FEMM Observer representatives included: Asian Development Bank, European Commission's Delegation for the Pacific, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative Office, Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO), Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC), Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agencies (FFA), Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO), Pacific Community (SPC), Pacific Island Development Programme (PIDP), Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO), United Nations Residence Coordinators Office and UN agencies (ESCAP-Pacific Office), University of the South Pacific (USP), and World Bank Group.

4. Forum Economic Ministers also had their annual dialogue with the Pacific's Private Sector and Civil Society Organisation (CSO) representatives on 14 July 2021. Economic Ministers acknowledged their contribution towards building a resilient Pacific economy post-COVID-19 with a range of socio-economic and trade propositions and ideas. CSO and PIPSO Statements are included in **Annex 1**.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY

5. Forum Economic Ministers considered the work carried out by the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Taskforce (CERT) to support Forum Island Countries (FICs) efforts to combat the impacts of COVID-19. The initiatives proposed by CERT included a monitoring and evaluation framework, options to address FIC debts, and regional freight assistance scheme.

6. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Commended** the CERT for the progress achieved so far in developing the proposed initiatives intended to strengthen resilience and provide immediate support to the region in its efforts to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and to continue in the important role of supporting FEMM in this area;

Monitoring & Evaluation Framework

- (i) **Discussed** the progress of COVID-19 response measures as provided by the selected indicators on humanitarian, social and economic interventions across the region;
- (ii) **Endorsed** the Secretariat's close collaboration with Members, regional agencies and partners, particularly the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) Taskforce in further updating and combining the monitoring templates into an amalgamated monitoring and evaluation framework to inform future work; and
- (iii) **Endorsed** the Secretariat to develop policy recommendations emanating from the findings of the monitoring process that are consistent with and support the recommendations encapsulated in the proposals on debt financing and freight costs.

Options to Address FIC Debts

- (i) **Noted** FICs debt profile and **considered** policy options to address the high Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA) rating profile of countries in the region;
- (ii) **Noted** some Members have benefitted from the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) and IMF's Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT) and **directed** the Secretariat to explore options and strategies in addressing FIC debts, including debt swap initiatives;
- (iii) **Emphasised** the need for instruments to be simple, manageable and implementable given FICs' limited resources, the time-bound nature of debt instruments and the increasingly constrained development finance landscape worldwide; and
- (iv) **Endorsed** the convening of a regional debt conference between FICs and their Creditors to discuss and explore options for debt relief and **directed** the Secretariat to carry out further work including on a regional strategy and negotiating positions of the FICs prior to the debt conference.

Regional Freight Assistance Plan

- (i) **Noted** the Pacific Humanitarian Pathway on COVID-19 (PHP-C) mechanism and the potential to support the exports of high value products from FICs and **directed** the Secretariat to carry out an assessment for further analysis and discussion by FICs which would lead to the establishment of viable, time-bound and sustainable mechanisms facilitating the movement of goods at subsidised rates in support of Pacific SME businesses during disasters and economic shocks;
- (ii) **Encouraged** Members to provide required data to support the Secretariat in seeking freight assistance for its Members from development partners and donors;
- (iii) **Reiterated** the need for evidence-based policy decisions, and **directed** the Secretariat, in consultation with Members and partners, to carry out research on supply-chain disruption and its economic impact on the businesses in FICs, due to the pandemic; and

- (iv) **Directed** the Secretariat, through the Pacific Trade and Invest Network, to identify potential options to mobilise funding from development partners to temporarily subsidise freight costs for Pacific SME businesses through established mechanisms for their respective markets in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SOCIAL IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

7. Forum Economic Ministers discussed a regional assessment carried out by CROP-led (SEIA) Taskforce, which was established by 2020 FEMM. The regional assessment covered the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 in the Pacific. Ministers noted that the pandemic-driven crisis is still evolving and will have long-term consequences, and that updated information on response efforts will be an ongoing process.

8. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Commended** the SEIA Taskforce for the regional assessment and valuable information provided on the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in the region;
- (ii) **Acknowledged** the importance of accessing data on national key socio-economic indicators of COVID-19, recognising the varying levels of data collection and surveys being conducted in the region;
- (iii) **Tasked** the Secretariat, in finalising the report, to include appropriate analysis and monitoring frameworks that capture the impacts of the pandemic on vulnerable communities, including domestic coping mechanisms; and
- (iv) **Endorsed** the CROP COVID-19 Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Report incorporating feedback from Members

BLUE PACIFIC ECONOMIC STRATEGY

9. Forum Economic Ministers discussed a Concept Note for a proposed Blue Pacific Economic Strategy (BPES) which presented a medium-term strategic framework in support of regional economic development in the Pacific. Ministers discussed the proposed BPES which aims to cover key thematic areas, among others, economic policy advisory and technical advice, sustainable development of the ocean /blue economy, and building economic resilience to climate change, disasters and shocks, which are crucial for economic development in the region. While acknowledging the importance and urgency of the proposed BPES, in terms of building resilience and capabilities to better respond to current and future economic shocks, Members noted that given the current focus on combating the impacts of COVID-19, the proposed BPES be sequenced with the completion of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

10. Forum Economic Ministers

- (i) **Noted** the unprecedented scale of the economic scarring from COVID-19 and **reaffirmed** the urgent need to explore innovative and collective approaches to address the economic impacts of the pandemic and position the region to enhance future regional responses to such events; and
- (ii) **Agreed** to sequence this work with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and

recognised the importance of ensuring coherence and complementarity with current and future related initiatives.

LEVERAGING CLIMATE CHANGE FINANCE OPPORTUNITIES

11. An update on regional enabling approaches which will support Members to leverage new sources of finance to address the climate change crisis facing Pacific Island Countries and promote a COVID-19 recovery pathway that is climate-sensitive and more resilient was considered by Forum Economic Ministers.

12. Ministers noted that access to climate finance is critical to unlock the ‘triple dividend’ of resilience, which in this context are: (i) reduce losses and damage from climate change impacts; (ii) stimulate socio-economic recovery; and (iii) achieve resilient development outcomes.

13. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Commended** the progress achieved by the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Climate Finance and Public Financial Management and **directed** the TWG to develop a workplan to support FICs with annual progress updates to FEMM.
- (ii) **Agreed** to formalise the role of the TWG as an expert advisory group to FEMM on relevant issues including climate finance and public financial management.
- (iii) **Supported** the Secretariat’s effort in assisting national private sector organisations to access Green Climate Fund readiness and project funding; and
- (iv) **Noted** options for innovative opportunities to attract new sources of financing for a sustainable and resilient recovery, including Debt-for-Climate Swaps, Carbon Emissions Levy, Coral Reef financing, Green bond, Blue bond, and Forest Carbon Facility, and **directed** the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Micronesian Centre for Sustainable Transport, to undertake further analysis and consultation with Members on the benefits and challenges of these options, taking into account the concerns raised by some Member countries.

LEVERAGING DISASTER RISK FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES

14. Forum Economic Ministers considered an overview of the region’s disaster risk financing landscape and the opportunities to improve coordination and collaboration between regional partners and Members with a view to strengthening the financial protection and resilience of FICs against disasters, as well as on how best the regional architecture for disaster risk financing (including PIFS) can best support FICs to strengthen their financial protection and resilience against disasters.

15. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Commended** the collaborative work of the Pacific Resilience Partnership Working Group on Disaster Risk Finance (PRPWG) as a regional-level mechanism for Disaster Risk Finance support to FICs and **tasked** the Secretariat to provide a progress update in 2022.

- (ii) **Agreed** that the PRPWG serve as an expert group for advisory support to FEMM on Disaster Risk Finance and, **encouraged** all Members to join the Working Group; and
- (iii) **Tasked** the Forum Secretariat to coordinate partners supporting Disaster Risk Finance capacity building for FICs, and
- (iv) **Noted** the objectives and strategic direction being pursued by the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company (PCRIC) in furtherance of the 2015 FEMM mandate, with oversight support from FICs that are part of PCRIC through its Council.

PACIFIC RESILIENCE FACILITY

16. An update on the progress of the Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF) (including a short video on the PRF), since the last FEMM was considered by FEMM, and noted the importance of lending support to the Secretariat to mobilise development partners and donors' support for the PRF, leading up to a Global Pledging Event to capitalise the PRF.

17. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Acknowledged** the Office of the Forum Chair, the PRF Technical Working Group, and the Secretariat for the progress of work undertaken on the PRF since the last FEMM.
- (ii) **Acknowledged** New Zealand's willingness to confirm a financial contribution in advance of the pledging conference with the aim of encouraging donor support.
- (iii) **Agreed** to advocate to donors and development partners to solicit their support for the PRF.
- (iv) **Agreed** for the Secretariat to liaise with the Office of the UN Secretary General to determine a suitable date and associated next steps to convene a Global Pledging Event to capitalise the PRF; and
- (v) **Tasked** the Forum Secretariat to report back on progress at the next Forum Economic Ministers meeting or the next appropriate opportunity.

IMPROVING FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN THE PACIFIC – THE MONEY PACIFIC GOALS 2025

18. FEMM considered a final update on regional efforts to support financial inclusion and awareness in the Pacific under the Money Pacific Goals 2020 and proposed a new set of regional commitments to improve financial inclusion, the Money Pacific Goals 2025. FEMM also noted efforts by the governments of FICs, with the support of Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme in association with the Alliance for Financial Inclusion Pacific Islands Regional Initiative and the South Pacific Central Bank Governors, to improve financial inclusion, literacy and awareness in the region.

19. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Noted** the progress on improving financial inclusion made by Pacific countries to achieve the Money Pacific Goals 2020.
- (ii) **Endorsed** the new Money Pacific Goals 2025 to further improve financial inclusion and literacy in the Pacific; and
- (iii) **Requested** that the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) as the convening agency for the new programmes, Pacific Digital Economy Programme (PDEP) and Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme (PICAP), (successors to PFIP) provide an annual progress report to FEMM with inputs from the respective Pacific Central Banks, relevant Ministries, and other agencies of FICs.

OBSERVER APPLICATION BY PACIFIC CATASTROPHE RISK INSURANCE COMPANY (PCRIC)

- (i) Forum Economic Ministers **endorsed** PCRIC's application to be a Special Technical Observer at FEMM.

CORRESPONDENT BANKING ISSUES IN THE PACIFIC

20. Members noted that correspondent banking relationships (CBRs) globally are in decline due to rising risk management and compliance costs resulting from anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) requirements, general profitability and reputational risks. This trend is known as de-risking.

21. While the factors driving de-risking are global, the impact in the Pacific is more acute, including limiting a nation's access to the global financial system, in the extreme case, and with it the ability to perform the basic payment and currency exchange transactions which facilitate remittance and trade. Many people could lose access to payment and remittance services, while others might turn to unregulated payment options outside of the formal banking sector. Even if the extreme case is avoided, continued decline in access to correspondent banking in the Pacific could see prices for cross-border banking services rise, and may increase financial stability risks.

22. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Noted** the challenges facing the banking sector across a number of Member countries;
- (ii) **Agreed** to consider policy actions to strengthen the Pacific's financial and banking sector, including reforms to improve the risk profile of Member jurisdictions; and
- (iii) **Agreed** for the Secretariat to work with Members, leveraging existing resources where possible, to identify opportunities for engagement by Economic Ministers, as policy makers and legislators, and report back to the next Forum Economic Ministers Meeting.

EU NON-COOPERATIVE JURISDICTION FOR TAX

23. Forum Economic Ministers noted that the Pacific is disproportionately singled out by the European Union (EU) despite its minute share of potential tax avoidance and illicit financial flows. The Pacific countries are also subject to additional scrutiny of their international

financial transactions and can be subject to sanctions on investment and development assistance flows by the EU, which would, among others, increase the cost of doing business, and affect resource mobilisation and the capacity to implement economic development strategies.

24. Economic Ministers also noted the ongoing efforts through the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) process, including through a common OACPS Strategy to dialogue with EU, and encouraged Members to leverage other international and regional fora to highlight and advocate for Pacific Members on this matter.

25. Forum Economic Ministers also noted regional efforts, including the recruitment of an expert to provide support on regional assessment and bilateral technical support to relevant Members in partnership and collaboration with agencies such as PIFS, PITAA, and UNDP, as well as to engage with OACPS and facilitate information exchange amongst relevant parties.

- (i) Forum Economic Ministers **directed** the Secretariat to follow developments closely, including at the regional level, as well as through the OACPS process, and provide requisite support to Member countries on issues related to EU Non-Cooperative Jurisdiction for Tax.

INFORMATION PAPERS

- (i) Forum Economic Ministers **noted** the Information papers.

NEXT FEMM

26. Forum Economic Ministers:

- (i) **Noted** that the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the FEMM Charter meeting cycle.
- (ii) **Agreed** that should borders of all Pacific Island Forum Member countries open to quarantine-free international travel in 2022, Vanuatu will host the 2022 FEMM, and the meeting cycle shall revert to the FEMM Charter for 2023 and beyond; and
- (iii) **Agreed** that in such rare and exceptional circumstances as a global pandemic or any other disasters which may prevent face-to-face hosting/convening of FEMM in a year (including by a Forum Member or the Forum Secretariat), the decisions of Forum Economic Ministers should take precedence over the provisions of the FEMM Charter.

*Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
14 July 2021*

ANNEX 1



PRIVATE SECTOR DIALOGUE WITH FORUM ECONOMIC MINISTERS
Wednesday 14 July 2021
10:00am – 10:40am
Virtual

STATEMENT TO THE FORUM ECONOMIC MINISTERS
PIPSO VICE CHAIRPERSON – JENNIFER ULA-FRUEAN

- The Honourable Minister for Finance of Tuvalu, the Chair of the 2021 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting;
- Honourable Forum Economic Ministers;
- The Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat;
- Representatives of the Private Sector; and
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Talofa lava and greetings from Samoa.

Honourable Ministers, it gives me great pleasure to represent the Pacific private sector and business communities here today alongside our PIPSO members from Australia, Fiji, Cook Islands, Tuvalu and from the Association South Pacific Airlines.

This year's dialogue is happening again amidst continuing unprecedented business losses and damage due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year when we had the dialogue, the Pacific countries faced closed borders and circumstances brought on by the health crisis beyond our region. This year however, it is vastly different in some countries in our Oceania region are facing a severe health crisis. Our condolences to all the families whose lives have been affected by personal loss.

As we have in the past, we value and appreciate this opportunity to dialogue with you about emerging common private sector issues of importance to the region for which regional solutions can be discussed, and actioned. This year, even more than 2020 because business disruption has now continued unabated for almost one and a half years, is hinged on economic recovery, but we can all agree, that this is needed even more now with greater urgency and much needed fervour.

Honourable Ministers, at our dialogue last year we highlighted how Pacific Businesses are faced with a crisis. That situation has become more dire. We recognise the urgent health attention brought about by the pandemic, and that the safety and wellness of all our people is paramount! However, we equally recognise that business resumption also needs the same level of attention. A dwindling dual crisis is something we just cannot afford. The stakes are indeed high!

We know that private sector organizations and business collectives have been having consultations and lobbying Governments at national level. However today, we come united as a regional business collective and reiterate that business survivability is on the line and that enabling people and businesses to move around safely and resume operations, including employment, is essential. Employment and labour issues concerning movement/mobility and costs (amid COVID protocols and compliance) is a confronting and very real barrier.

Rest assured, the Pacific private sector will do its part in supporting our Governments in the vaccinations programme roll out. We wholly support and advocate for this knowing that:

(i) the safety and well-being of our employees, customers and those along the supply chain is paramount; and

(ii) that businesses and border re-openings will be founded on herd immunity, and populations in our countries being vaccinated. The science clearly indicates to us that vaccine efficacy will have an impact on herd immunity thresholds. Currently, our countries in the region are at varying degrees of vaccine roll out and we know that figures estimate from 60% to 80% being quoted as ideal stages in which to consider near normal resumption and/or considerations for borders opening.

A pathway for economic recovery has been on the forefront of Governments and development partner agendas – what we would like to be more definitive, is what this pathway would look like, post-vaccination period. How will business and tourism bubbles be created intra-regionally? What systems and facilitation is needed to get this off the ground and working practically, cost-effectively and most importantly, safely? We in the private sector are still of the view that there seems to be no reasonable forecast for when we can do business again beyond our borders, and intra-regionally. Of particular interest is business travel and engagement, albeit a phased or transitional approach - which in our view is at the heart of economic recovery. **Beyond COVID recovery, we are also very mindful that whilst the most immediate attention is this, climate change is still the biggest threat to us and to Pacific private sector.** We are looking forward to more work and effort and specific engagement with the private sector on climate financing and the ongoing suite of issues with private sector – example, insurance, investments, - and in relation to the recently launched Pacific Resilience Facility.

Pacific economies had negatively contracted in 2020, particularly tourism reliant economies such as Fiji, Cook Islands, and Vanuatu which are facing further baseline reductions in GDP. We are aware of Government and development partner interventions – as many of us have been in some of these consultations – however, relaxing strict border entry policies and or opening borders alone will not necessarily deliver immediate economic benefits. Core and fundamental to these recovery policies is the need to work and collaborate with us, the private sector and look at interventions to ensure a more sustainable economic recovery.

We look to our Pacific brothers and sisters the Cook Islands, and their recent bubble with New Zealand as a great example of a plan to promote intra-regional ‘travel bubbles’, but highly dependent on safe and sustained containment, improved testing mechanisms, tracing and the roll out of vaccines. For the Pacific region, what will this ‘evolving normal’ look like – noting that what was normal 2 years ago, is no longer normal now, and will have to be further examined in another 2 year’s time. What will this mean for the costs to general international travel requirements and protocols for businesses, advocates for travel and increased mobility?

Two weeks ago, we took note of our Forum Leaders meeting with the Government of Japan at the annual PALM Meeting. We acknowledge the Honourable Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea’s statement and echo his call to Japan, Australia and New Zealand to open up an

‘economic bubble’ with Pacific Island Nations as part of their interventions in the fight against COVID-19 by operating a specific trade and economic bubble so that our countries’ economies can survive through these tough times.

A trade and economic bubble can be stimulated by national governments and donors bringing forward sustainable infrastructure and building and construction projects of varying scale to create local economic activity through employment and supply chains including in the SME sector.

Honourable Ministers, we also take this opportunity to call on our Governments to look at the transportation issues facing the region – airlines have been grounded and indeed are facing an existential crisis of solvency, while shipping and freight costs have increased exponentially. While the question of shipping and freight costs has been an ongoing cost of business issue pre-pandemic it has been exacerbated by COVID-19 and those relating to crew costs, fuel, maintenance, containers, port compliance is not looking to be alleviated anytime soon.

The airlines are facing the brunt of the pandemic. But let us not also forget the broader aviation business entities – our aviation authorities, and the like. Depleting and poorly maintained airport and airways infrastructure in the long term will mean flight restrictions into our countries as airlines will be unable for safety and regulatory reasons to fly into our airports. As a tourism dependent region this cannot be allowed to happen.

We note reports from the very recent Regional Aviation Minister’s Meeting (RAMM) and its Port Moresby Declaration which gives renewed focus to implementing a holistic and collaborative regional approach to achieving sustainable aviation safety and security, and to the Secretary-General’s comments about the importance of building a sustainable aviation sector for our region; and one which promotes the spirit of the Blue Pacific while respecting national jurisdictions and development aspirations. We recommend that governments give priority to implementing the outcomes agreed at the RAMM.

Increased freight costs have further limited exporter opportunities. The 2020 Pacific Islands Export Survey highlighted freight costs as one of the top three barriers to export – and was further exacerbated when COVID-19 drastically affected shipping routes, delays in consignments and inflated costs. At this juncture, we do acknowledge the grant facility by the Pacific Trade Invest

(PTI) Australia which has helped to alleviate some of these costs for businesses. This type of assistance is highly appreciated, and we call our Governments and partners to support like-minded large-scale initiatives where businesses are currently facing tremendous cash flow issues. Freight shipping at these exorbitant costs will remain a deterrent for trade and business, and remain a barrier under economic recovery post- COVID-19 unless similar initiatives like these are developed and rolled out. We note that this has also been an issue raised at your Ministerial meeting this week and look forward to some promising outcomes.

We come as the Pacific private sector today knowing that as a region, we can garner major benefits for all in working together as a block. We again reiterate the need for business confidence and recovery and especially call on Governments to provide businesses the opportunity to find their space and be successful again.

Honourable Ministers, I thank you for your indulgence and again hereby reaffirm our support as the Pacific private sector, and PIPSO Members, to working with you all towards a greater resilience for our Pacific economies and businesses post-COVID-19.

Talafa lava and thank you.

PIPISO Secretariat, Suva, Fiji



PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT

FORUM ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING DIALOGUE WITH CSOs

Theme: “Building Pacific Economic Resilience Post COVID- 19”

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Suva Fiji.

14 July 2021

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS STATEMENT

A. Introduction

1. Good morning Honourable Ministers, Excellencies and distinguished colleagues,
2. My name is Teri Tuxson. I work for the Locally Managed Marine Area Network International and I am based in Suva, Fiji. It is an honour to be selected by our hardworking civil society organisations from around the Pacific to deliver this statement at today’s Forum Economic Ministers Meeting and we acknowledge the opportunity that we have been given to contribute to this year’s meeting.

B. Background

3. By way of background, civil society organisations remain committed to adding value to this open and constructive dialogue and wish to continue this dialogue and engagement in all regional mechanisms, including the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate members on the review of the Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration.
4. We realise that due to the pandemic and ongoing border closures there has been a slowdown of trade and economic activities in the region and this has exacerbated socio-economic losses for communities, especially those from urban poor, rural and maritime areas.

C. Key Issues

5. Honourable Ministers, with your indulgence, I now wish to turn to the key issues that Pacific CSOs would like to raise for your consideration as you start to deliberate on key economic recovery options for a resilient Pacific economy post Covid 19.
6. Civil society **supports** the need to seek viable options for sustainable financing for our Member countries including potential financing relief and concessions to address short-term and medium-term economic recovery as well as **promoting a framework of economic justice** to ensure people-centred and sustainable recovery.
7. Excellencies, CSOs would like to **urge countries to reconsider** the continued irresponsible extraction of our natural resources that threatens livelihoods, undermines accountable governance and inclusive growth, which has the potential for regional instability and conflict and we **recommend** that livelihood security and safeguarding be the main frame of natural resource use for economic recovery, focusing on community action and resilience.

D. Building empowered, sustainable and resilient communities through innovative economic recovery

8. Esteemed ministers, on regional economic recovery options, we **support** the proposed Debt Conference as an important initiative to bring together all stakeholders to discuss the viability and effects of key financing options for the Pacific region. We **note** the multi stakeholder approach and **urge** the full engagement of civil society in all stages of development and implementation of the Debt Conference. We also **call** for specific spaces and processes for community consultations.

9. Recalling the Teieniwa Vision and acknowledging the need for a system change in debt management, we **call** for a better understanding of Public Finance Management as a transition to Citizen Budgeting, in particular robust engagement in the budgetary processes and anti-corruption mechanisms to ensure due diligence, especially with multinational corporations and extractive industries.

E. Financial Inclusion – Money Pacific Goals 2025

10. Your excellencies, our Pacific civil society organisations **acknowledge** the initiative to improve Financial Inclusion in the Pacific through the proposed Money Pacific Goals 2025. However, we **note** that consultations have primarily been with banking institutions rather than with communities and community based organisations. We therefore **call** for inclusive consultations with communities and localised research on saving mechanisms, microfinancing and cooperatives to better inform processes.

11. We also **recognize** that financial literacy is a key component of financial inclusion, noting that it is a means of ensuring governance and accountability. Civil society organisations also **recognise** the connection between financial literacy and education systems as a catalyst for mind-set change, thus we make a **call** for renewed efforts to include financial literacy in school curricula.

F. Socio-economic impacts assessment report

12. Honourable Ministers, CSOs wish to **note** with appreciation the **CROP Taskforce report on the Socio-economic Impact Assessment on Covid19** before you.

13. CSOs continue **reaffirm** that agriculture is a key sector in the immediate to medium-term economic recovery, as an alternative livelihood option to address unemployment due to job losses and to ensure food security, and therefore, we **call** for greater investment and support for community agriculture.

14. Furthermore, CSOs are **concerned** that the economic impacts of Covid19 have exacerbated the overfishing of coastal fisheries due to little or no management or enforced regulations especially in urban and peri-urban areas.

15. Your excellencies, Civil society organisations wish to **reaffirm** the need to invest in coastal fisheries management, particularly community-led or community-based management,

to ensure that coastal fisheries are sustainably managed or restored and thus strengthening food security for communities and countries.

16. As such, CSOs **call** for improving transparency and accountability in the governance of coastal and other fisheries; **noting** that improved governance of high value fisheries such as beche de mer could result in more than doubling the value of those fisheries for both government and communities.

17. Honourable Ministers, CSOs note the emotional toll the pandemic has had on people of the Pacific in particular women, children and the marginalised. Not only do our communities struggle with the psychosocial impacts post Covid19, but the subsequent economic effects are real and getting worse and thus we **call** for increased funding for mental health services and mental health training for both preparedness and recovery work.

18. Your excellencies, we must also **emphasise** the importance of responsible business conduct and as such, Pacific CSOs **call** for a reexamination of the Public Private Partnership and the privatization of essential services which has seen the increase in costs affecting Pacific peoples including vulnerable groups.

G. Labour Mobility

19. Honourable Ministers, it would be amiss for CSOs not to **reiterates** its call for the protection of workers in labour mobility programmes and further **request** the **consideration** of setting up a mechanism to discuss and propose regional guidelines and standards around labour mobility across Forum Island Countries (FIC) including receiving countries.

H. Conclusion

20. Finally, Your Excellencies we would like to congratulate the Forum for the publication and launch of the Pacific Resilience Facility Prospectus in May this year. We recognise that this has set in place the necessary mechanism for the global pledging conference for the Pacific Resilience Facility later this year. We would like to call for a strong, effective and inclusive governance mechanism both at the regional and national level to ensure that the facility is truly a Pacific owned initiative that promotes equitable sharing and caring for each other.

21. Thank you for providing the space and opportunity for our civil society organizations to collectively contribute to this very important dialogue.

22. The team is more than happy to clarify on any of the points mentioned above and we hope to receive consideration on these matters.

Vinaka vaka levu, fa'afetai, malo 'aupito, meitaki, and tenkyu tumas

JOINT FORUM TRADE AND ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING (JFTEMM)

**Building Pacific
Economic Resilience and
Competitiveness
Post-COVID 19**

**16 July 2021
Virtual Meeting**



PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT

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“Building Pacific Economic Resilience and Competitiveness Post-COVID 19”

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OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

The Joint Forum Trade and Economic Ministers Meeting (JFTEMM) was convened virtually on 16 July 2021. The meeting was co-chaired by Fiji and Tuvalu respectfully, and was attended by Australia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu.

2. The meeting was also attended by the following Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies: the Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO), the Pacific Community (SPC), South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) and the University of South Pacific (USP). The Technical agencies and additional Observers present were the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO), the Pacific Islands Development Programme (PIDP), the World Bank Group, and the UN Resident Coordination Office of the Pacific, and UN ESCAP.

STRENGTHENING REGIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION UNDER THE 2050 STRATEGY FOR THE BLUE PACIFIC CONTINENT

(a) JOINT INITIATIVE ON DIGITAL ECONOMY AND E-COMMERCE

3. Ministers reflected on the emerging outcomes of the regional consultations on the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent* and the emerging importance of digitalization of economies in this COVID-19 environment. Ministers also discussed the related progress of existing initiatives and strategies, including the *Pacific Aid for Trade Strategy 2020-2025*, and the *Pacific e-Commerce Strategy and Roadmap*. In light of these discussions, and while reaffirming the importance of digital transformation in the context of economic recovery, Ministers also noted the importance of having a clear strategy going forward, in terms of a *digital economy concept*. Accordingly, Ministers agreed to dialogue further to fully understand the parameters of a regional coordination mechanism for a Pacific Digital Economy Initiative. Further, Ministers also discussed the value of sequencing such an initiative with the ongoing work of the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*.

4. Ministers urged that existing regional mechanisms relating to digital transformation, including the *Pacific E-commerce Strategy* (PIFS), the UNCDF *Pacific Digital Economy Program* (PDEP) and the SPC *Digital Empowerment Initiative* should be utilised and coordinated to avoid duplication of efforts.

5. Forum Trade and Economic Ministers:

- (i) **endorsed** the Concept Note for the establishment of a coordination mechanism for the Pacific Digital Economy Initiative between Trade and Economics and **agreed** that it be aligned to the ongoing development of the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*;
- (ii) **reaffirmed** the role of E-commerce and the digital economy as future drivers of growth in the Pacific region to mitigate and recover from the economic impact of COVID-19; and
- (iii) **directed** the Secretariat to develop the Terms of Reference of the regional coordination mechanism in consultation with Members, CROP Agencies, and other technical Agencies.

(b) BLUE PACIFIC ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGENDA

6. Ministers discussed the proposed concept for a *Blue Pacific Economic Strategy* as an instrument that will provide greater coherence and complementarity noting the strong linkages between economic and trade issues. Ministers noted the intent of the Strategy, that is, to serve as a medium to long-term instrument that captures short-term initiatives identified by the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Taskforce* (CERT) and the Pacific Aid for Trade Strategy, and to provide a platform to initiate measures towards achieving the long-term goals of the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*. Further, Ministers recognised the value of the *Blue Pacific Economic Strategy* in guiding the economic policy, advisory and advocacy work of the Secretariat, in collaboration with Members, regional agencies and stakeholders.

7. Forum Trade and Economic Ministers:

- (i) **noted** the decisions of the Forum Economic Ministers at their meeting held on 13 and 14 July 2021;
- (ii) **tasked** the Secretariat to consider resourcing and governance implications of the proposed *Blue Pacific Economic Strategy* for Member governments consideration; and
- (iii) **recognising** the importance of ensuring coherence and complementarity with current and future related initiatives, **agreed** to sequence this work with the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. Forum Trade and Economic Ministers **considered** and **endorsed** the proposal to release meeting papers to the public.

CONCLUSION

9. The Co-Chairs acknowledged the Forum Trade and Economic Ministers, Senior Officials, the Secretary General and the Secretariat team and experts for their participation and contribution to these discussions and commended the spirit of cooperation that was evident throughout the meeting.

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
16 July 2021

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PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

27 July 2021
Virtual Meeting



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2021 PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

27 July 2021
Virtual Meeting

OUTCOMES

The 2021 Pacific Islands Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting was convened virtually on 27 July 2021.

2. The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Simon Kofe, Minister for Justice, Communications and Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu, and attended by the Honourable Dalton Tagelagi, Premier of Niue, and Ministers from Australia, the Cook Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Solomon Islands. Fiji was represented by its Special Envoy to the Pacific Islands Forum, and the Federated States of Micronesia, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu were represented by Senior Officials.

3. The Pacific Aviation Safety Authority (PASO), the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP), the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), the Pacific Community (SPC), the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), and the University of the South Pacific (USP) attended as members of the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP). The full List of Participants is at [Annex A](#).

OFFICIAL OPENING

4. The Chair welcomed Ministers to the Meeting, and highlighted the unprecedented circumstances in which the meeting was held. The Chair reaffirmed the region's unity and shared ownership – *kaitasi* – in regional and mutual efforts to combat the effects of COVID-19 throughout our Blue Pacific, and commended the steps taken in response to COVID-19 and a range of other key issues, including climate change, sea-level rise, and ocean safety.

5. Secretary General Henry Puna, in his inaugural statement to Foreign Ministers, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the region and people. The Secretary General also referred to the complex and heightened geostrategic context, and encouraged Ministers' support to continue to shape the engagement of the Forum on issues of key importance, including in working together to ensure regional solidarity moving forward.

6. The full statements by the Chair and the Secretary General are at [Annex B](#) and [Annex C](#), respectively.

7. Ministers **expressed** congratulations and well wishes to the Honourable Fiaame Naomi Mata'afa, the new Prime Minister of Samoa, and **acknowledged** with gratitude the leadership and contribution of former Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, to Samoa and to the region.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT, AND COVID-19

8. Ministers considered the regional and international context, including progress made through various regional mechanisms established by Forum Members to manage the region's response to the COVID-19, including the Pacific Humanitarian Pathway on COVID-19 (PHP-C), the Covid Economic Recovery Taskforce, and the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Taskforce. Ministers provided further guidance to improve the region's collective response and recovery efforts over the next 6 to 12 months.

9. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **noted** the current status of the COVID-19 situation in the region, and **expressed** their grave concern with the fast transmission of the delta variant in the region;
- (ii) **expressed** condolences to Pacific families and friends that have lost loved ones during the global pandemic;
- (iii) **acknowledged** Members' updates on efforts to manage the COVID-19 pandemic at the national level, including progress on vaccination plans across the region;
- (iv) **reaffirmed** the importance of access to COVID-19 vaccinations to economic recovery from the pandemic across the region;
- (v) **acknowledged** the ongoing support of Australia, New Zealand, SPC and the Pacific Joint Incident Management Team, including the COVAX facility, in supporting Members with their national response measures as well as ensuring ongoing access to COVID-19 vaccines, and **reaffirmed** the importance of continued collaboration and coordination through existing mechanisms;
- (vi) **noted** and **reaffirmed** the decisions of the Forum Economic and Forum Trade Ministers Meeting in relation to COVID-19 recovery strategies, including their support for a WTO TRIPS waiver for COVID-19 vaccines;
- (vii) **reaffirmed** the importance of close collaboration across the region to address the socio-economic challenges posed by the pandemic, and **emphasised** the importance of access to timely data to inform inclusive and wellbeing-focused recovery measures, as highlighted through the report on the *Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of COVID-19 in the Pacific*;
- (viii) **reaffirmed** the ongoing importance of the PHC-P, and **supported** the proposal to further explore a harmonised approach to vaccination certification across the region to also support ease of regional travel moving forward; and
- (ix) **requested** that the PHP-C issue regular updates on COVID-19 vaccination implementation across the region to monitor progress towards achieving comprehensive coverage and support discussions on possible travel bubbles, whilst emphasising the importance of caution.

DECLARATION ON PRESERVING MARITIME ZONES IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED SEA-LEVEL RISE

10. Ministers recalled Forum Leaders' 2019 commitments to collective efforts on climate change-related sea-level rise and maritime zones, recognising that climate change is the single greatest threat to our region, and that securing our maritime zones is the defining issue that will underpin the full realisation of our Blue Pacific Continent as envisaged by our Leaders.

11. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **noted** the progress made to implement the Leaders' commitments to secure the maritime zones of the Blue Pacific Continent against the threat of sea-level rise and to preserve Members' existing rights and entitlements stemming from maritime zones, and **further noted** Members' progress to conclude outstanding negotiations on maritime boundaries claims and zones;
- (ii) **commended** the FOC Specialist Sub-Committee on Sea-level rise in relation to International Law for its work to develop the draft *Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-related Sea-level rise*, and Aide-Memoire, which provide a strong basis for Forum engagement and advocacy on the Leaders' commitment to secure the region's maritime zones against climate-change related sea-level rise;
- (iii) **recommended** for formal endorsement by Forum Leaders the draft Declaration and its Aide-Memoire, at the Opening Leaders Retreat of the 51st Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings on 6 August 2021;
- (iv) **recognised** the critical value and flagship potential of the Declaration in shaping global consideration of the issue of climate change-related sea-level rise impacts on maritime zones, and in reaffirming and elevating the Blue Pacific region's global leadership on Oceans; and
- (v) **welcomed** advice on immediate next steps, following Leaders' consideration and formal endorsement, to ensure strengthened advocacy, visibility and recognition of the Declaration at the global level, including at the upcoming UN General Assembly on 14 – 30 September 2021 and the COP 26 negotiations on 1 – 12 November 2021.

CLIMATE CHANGE – PREPARATIONS FOR COP 26

12. Ministers discussed the critical importance of COP 26 in relation to actioning and securing global commitments under the Paris Agreement. Ministers stressed the importance of effective participation by all Forum Members to ensure that global leaders truly heard the appeal of the Blue Pacific, despite the obstacles presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

13. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **reaffirmed** the urgency of the climate change crisis facing Pacific Island Nations, and **called** on all country Parties to the Paris Agreement to conclude negotiations on the Paris Rulebook at COP 26 to enable the full implementation of the Paris Agreement;

- (ii) **noted** the progress achieved in preparing Pacific countries to strategically engage at COP 26, and **directed** the Secretariat and the One CROP+ team to identify technical and financial resources to implement the two complementary approaches;
- (iii) **requested** the One CROP+ team to develop detailed negotiation briefing papers on priority issues for COP 26, including monthly preparatory briefings and delegation of support on the key thematic priorities for the Pacific to COP 26;
- (iv) **reaffirmed** the importance of climate diplomacy and **supported** regional initiatives to strengthen the capacity of Forum Island Countries to strategically participate at COP 26, at the senior political level, including through the COP 26 Political Climate Champions, in accordance with the region's position in the *Kainaki II Declaration on Urgent Climate Action Now* and **noted** the interest by Fiji to champion Oceans or Climate Finance;
- (v) **recognised** the importance of engaging Pacific youth from Forum Members in climate change projects and advocacy in the lead up to COP 26, and **requested** the Secretariat to invite all Forum Members to nominate youth representatives that can contribute to this work;
- (vi) **acknowledged** the relevant outcomes of the 2021 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting, and **tasked** the Secretariat to work with the relevant CROP or international organisations to ensure consistent agreed positions, where relevant, and to support Members' agreed advocacy priorities on climate change to pursue efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and in other appropriate fora such as the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO);
- (vii) **noted** the progress made at the 47th Session of the Human Rights Commission in relation to a Special Procedure mandate holder on human rights and climate change;
- (viii) **noted** that the Pacific Regional Dialogue of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) will be held in September 2021; and
- (ix) **supported**, for Leaders consideration, the following to be reflected as key messages in their Communique ahead of COP 26:
 - **Reaffirm** that climate change is the single greatest threat facing the Blue Pacific and recommit to the goals of the Paris Agreement;
 - **Reiterate** that COVID-19 must not delay global climate action but should promote recovery investments that are climate-smart and in line with a low emissions development pathway;
 - **Welcome** the 47th G7 Summit in June and **note** its outcomes, **welcome** the Leaders' Summit on Climate in April, and **welcome** accelerating efforts to cut green-house gas emissions and keep the 1.5 degree Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement within reach;

- **Call** on all global major emitters to urgently commit to stronger climate action, and to formulate and communicate mid-century long-term low emissions development strategies, which may include commitments and strategies to achieve net zero carbon by 2050, taking into account the urgency highlighted by the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degree Celsius, and establish the necessary policy, financing and governance mechanisms required to achieve this;
- **Urge** all Parties to the Paris Agreement to ensure that COP 26 concludes negotiation on the Paris Rulebook, delivers an outcome that promotes stronger transparency and pursues efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and mobilises scaled-up climate finance for adaptation from all sources, and **reiterate** our call in the *Kainaki II Declaration* for the international community to continue efforts towards meeting their climate finance commitment of US \$100 billion per year from a variety of sources and accelerate support for the work of the *Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts*;
- **Urge** all Parties to the UNFCCC to ensure that COP 26 advances the work on Oceans in the UNFCCC, recognising its centrality to the Blue Pacific Continent; and
- **Support** regional approaches to strengthen Forum Island Countries' strategic participation at COP 26, including through the COP 26 Political Climate Champions.

JAPAN FUKUSHIMA ALPS TREATED WATER

14. Ministers considered key developments since Japan's announcement to discharge Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) Treated Water into the Pacific Ocean and were deeply concerned over the implications such a decision would have on the health and wellbeing of the Blue Pacific Continent. Ministers emphasised the critical role of the Forum as custodians of the Blue Pacific Ocean.

15. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **noted** Japan's announcement on 13 April 2021 of its plans to discharge over a million tonnes of ALPS Treated Water into the Pacific Ocean, and **reiterated** Forum Leaders' concerns on the potential significant threat of nuclear contamination to the Blue Pacific;
- (ii) **noted** the concerns surrounding the seriousness of this issue in relation to the potential threat of further nuclear contamination of our Blue Pacific and the potential adverse and transboundary impacts to the health and security of the Blue Pacific Continent, and its peoples over both the short and long term;
- (iii) **acknowledged** the collective effort by Members to date, through the PALM9 process, to raise their concerns with the Government of Japan;

- (iv) **recalled** the Forum Leaders' undertaking at the PALM9 Leaders Meeting, as reflected in the Declaration, highlighting the priority of ensuring international consultation, international law, and independent and verifiable scientific assessments and guidance, and **noted** Japan's undertaking it would provide Forum Members with explanations based on scientific evidence, in a highly transparent and timely manner and in close cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);
- (v) **supported** Policy Option 2 as the approach for continued Forum engagement on this issue, and noting that Forum Members have committed to pursue independent guidance to interpret the scientific evidence as it becomes available;
- (vi) **tasked** the Secretariat and CROP agencies to coordinate continued analysis of this issue to support Members to put in place the necessary measures and safeguards to secure the Blue Pacific Continent, noting the urgent timelines involved, and **further noted** Australia's offer to provide technical expertise to interpret information as they become available;
- (vii) **supported** the utilisation of all existing Forum and CROP mechanisms, and mechanisms under relevant regional treaties and conventions, including the convening of experts as required to progress consideration of policy options and related activities as agreed to in (vi) above; and
- (viii) **noted** the important role of the IAEA, and **agreed** to propose the nomination of a Pacific region nuclear expert, Mrs Rhea Moss-Christian, Chairperson of the Republic of the Marshall Islands National Nuclear Commission, to participate and provide regional perspectives in the IAEA Taskforce on Safety Related Aspects of Handling ALPS Treated Water at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, while noting.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE 2050 STRATEGY FOR THE BLUE PACIFIC CONTINENT

16. Ministers considered an update on the progress of the comprehensive work undertaken to develop a progressive, carefully considered and inclusive strategy for the Blue Pacific. Ministers looked forward to considering the Strategy over the course of the 51st Pacific Islands Forum.

17. Forum Foreign Ministers **noted** progress made to develop the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, and **endorsed** the next steps and updated work plan for the 2050 Strategy.

OTHER MATTERS

New Zealand Country Initiative: Strategic Discussion on Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Meeting

18. As the Chair of APEC, New Zealand provided an update on its work so far and highlighted its intent to leverage its role to also progress mutual Forum priorities, in particular COVID-19 recovery, labour mobility, climate change and Oceans.

19. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **congratulated** and **welcomed** New Zealand's chairing of the APEC and its efforts to ensure that the Pacific voice and priorities are heard and considered in the APEC forum, in particular, initiatives relating to COVID-19 economic recovery efforts across the Pacific region;
- (ii) **welcomed** the opportunity for the Forum Chair to present a Forum Statement at the APEC, on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum, and **tasked** the Secretariat to consult with Members and coordinate accordingly;
- (iii) mindful of the emerging priority of digitalisation during this pandemic, **called** on APEC to consider expediting its discussions and efforts on the digital agenda, as championed by Papua New Guinea in 2018; and
- (iv) **welcomed** APEC's consideration on the strengthened advocacy against the trade of illicit drugs and transnational crime.

Country Paper by Tonga: Weather Ready Pacific Decadal Programme of Investment

20. Tonga provided a paper on strengthening disaster readiness to severe weather, water and ocean events across the Pacific.

21. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **endorsed** the Weather Ready Pacific Decadal Programme of Investment, which seeks to reduce the human and economic cost of severe weather, water and ocean events across Pacific Island communities, by strengthening national meteorological and hydrological organisations and their partnerships with national disaster management organisations;
- (ii) **recognised** that the Decadal Programme of Investment is a comprehensive approach and responds to the needs of the Pacific region;
- (iii) **directed** the Secretariat to bring the Decadal Programme of Investment to the attention of Leaders for their endorsement, and for sharing with Forum Dialogue Partners; and
- (iv) **requested** SPREP as the secretariat of PMC to continue to seek funding for the Weather Ready Pacific Decadal Programme of Investment, and report back to FOC on progress.

Country Paper by Tuvalu: A Proposed Call to Revitalise the CROP ICT Working Group

22. Tuvalu tabled a paper stressing the significance of ICT in the face of COVID-19, and the importance of a well-coordinated CROP effort to respond to Members' needs.

23. Ministers **recommended** that Members call on the CROP ICT Working Group to provide development updates and an update on the progress of the PRISAP through this paper,

which will be tabled at the FOC Meeting, the Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting (FFMM), and/or the Forum Leaders Meeting for comment and endorsement and to be shared with all members of CROP.

Country Paper by Tuvalu: Proposed Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting Joint Statement on Blue Pacific Leadership in pre-Pandemic and pre-Disaster Planning

24. Tuvalu proposed the development of a statement on importance of early pandemic and disaster planning.

25. Forum Foreign Ministers **noted** the content of the paper, and **welcomed** the development of a Forum Foreign Ministers Statement to be further considered by the Committee before being tabled with the Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting for final endorsement, and **further noted** that the paper would be tabled at the next FFMM for noting.

Arrangements for the 2021 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting and Related Meetings

26. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **strongly commended** Tuvalu for its exemplary leadership and Chairmanship of the Forum from 2019 – 2021, and its stoic and resilient tenure in the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the region;
- (ii) **congratulated** Fiji as incoming Chair, and **welcomed** Fiji's preparations and plans for the 51st Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings, in particular the convening of the virtual Forum Leaders Meeting on 6 August 2021, and a face-to-face Forum Leaders Meeting in January 2022 subject to developments relating to COVID-19; and
- (iii) **supported** the proposal by Fiji for the conduct and modalities of the 51st Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings.

MATTERS ENDORSED THROUGH OUT-OF-SESSION CONSIDERATION

Report of the Forum Officials Sub-Committee on International Engagement and Advocacy

27. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **welcomed** the work of the FOC Sub-Committee for Forum International Engagement and Advocacy in driving strategic and proactive international advocacy on the Forum's policy priorities; and
- (ii) **agreed** to refocus the Forum's international advocacy priorities towards: a) 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent; b) COVID-19 response and recovery; c) climate change and resilience; d) sustainable ocean management, use and conservation; and e) regional security, with a key focus on maritime boundaries and sea level rise, and nuclear legacy issues as cross-cutting issues.

Review of Criteria and Guidelines for Forum Dialogue Partners and Observers & Forum Dialogue Partner applications

28. Forum Foreign Ministers:

- (i) **considered** and **endorsed** the revised Criteria and Guidelines for Forum Observers;
- (ii) **considered** and **endorsed** the revised Criteria and Guidelines for Forum Dialogue Partners;
- (iii) **recommended** further consideration and potential reform of the Forum's partnership mechanisms within the context of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and as part of the Review of the Regional Architecture, to ensure the right mix of partners and partnership mechanisms to strengthen Pacific regionalism and support delivery of the 2050 Strategy;
- (iv) **considered** and **supported** applications for Forum Dialogue Partner status from Chile, Norway, and Singapore as against the draft revised Criteria and Guidelines for Forum Dialogue Partners;
- (v) **recommend** the PIF Secretary General write to Chile, Norway and Singapore and all Forum Dialogue Partners to affirm their ongoing interest and intent in being a Forum Dialogue Partner based on the revised Criteria and Guidelines, ahead of Forum Leaders' consideration of this matter; and
- (vi) **supported** a moratorium on new applications for Forum Dialogue Partner and Forum Observer status until finalisation of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and scheduled Review of the Regional Architecture.

Review of the Pacific Islands Development Program CROP Membership

29. Forum Foreign Ministers **recommended** to Leaders that the Pacific Islands Development Program remain a CROP member, subject to the adoption of the CROP Charter at the December 2021 meeting of the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders Standing Committee.

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Secretary General, Honourable Ministers and Senior Officials, and representatives from CROP agencies and Forum Observers – thank you all for joining the 2021 Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting.

At the outset, I would like to highlight the unprecedented circumstances in which today's meeting is being held—unprecedented circumstances that have followed us for much of the past year. As a region, we stand together in our mutual efforts to combat the effects of COVID-19 throughout our Blue Pacific. I would like to express my deepest concern and condolences to all of our Members who are currently, or who have in the past, suffered trauma and loss of life due to the virus.

However, I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the steps we, as a region, have been taking in response not only to COVID-19 but to a range of issues, including climate change, sea-level rise, and ocean safety. I am of the firm view that the only way forward for our Blue Pacific Continent is through region-oriented and future-looking initiatives that seek to overcome the problems we face in innovative ways. It is clear from today's agenda, that the Pacific Islands Forum is progressing this region-oriented and future-looking approach for the benefit of all Members. The 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent is a true mark of this.

During this meeting, we will discuss various regional efforts to combat COVID-19, as well as moves to ensure that our region clearly expresses its commitment to pre-pandemic and pre-disaster planning both now and beyond the COVID-19 era. We will look at paths forward for strengthening our collective responses to the COVID-19 crisis, including through vaccinations and harmonized approaches to vaccination certification. We will only be successful with regard to COVID-19 if we work together, put in place firms plans of action, and think long-term and toward the future.

Our consideration today of the normative declaration on sea level rise and maritime zones is another outstanding example of the future-looking strides currently guiding our region. Our Leaders' have committed to securing our maritime zones against the threat of sea-level rise because they recognize the long-term existential threats of climate change. In progressing this work, we, as a region, are taking concrete action to safeguard our nations and our future generations against all possible climate-change scenarios. In response to climate change, we must act now to protect ourselves in the present and into the future. This includes working collectively to ensure ambitious climate action and full implementation of the Paris Agreement is secured at the 26th COP this November.

Our response to the ALPS treated water issue is a further, clear example of the region-oriented and future-looking approach shaping today's meeting. As a region, as an interconnected Pacific continent, we are committed to protecting our oceans. As stewards of the Pacific, we recognize how bleak our future will be if we do not exercise the utmost care in safeguarding our sea—our cultural and economic sustenance. In Tuvalu, we speak of *kaitasi* or shared ownership. We—and our partners—must take shared responsibility for our lands, our peoples, and our oceans. Our caution and diplomacy on this issue underscores both our appreciation for our partners and our solidarity in protecting our region.

I am gratified to be chairing today's meeting, especially in light of the important matters we will discuss and how they promise to shape our region into the future. I look forward to our discussions today and thank you all once again.

**INAUGURAL STATEMENT FOR THE
FORUM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING**

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His Excellency, Dalton Tagelagi, Premier of Niue

Excellencies and Senior Officials

Heads of CROP Agencies

Ladies and gentlemen

Intro and personal vision

It is my distinct privilege to address you today in my capacity as Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum.

I realise that I assume this role at one of the most challenging times in our organisation's history. Despite this, I remain grateful for the opportunity to serve our region and our people.

I make no pretence of my belief that my previous role has prepared me to lead our Forum Family through the challenges before us, instead, allow me to assure you of my utmost commitment to undertake, to the best of my ability, the responsibility entrusted to me by our Leaders to work with all our Members to navigate a way forward through our challenges.

Strategic Context

Honourable Ministers, we find ourselves today, at the cusp of our 50th anniversary and in a world that has been unravelled by a raging health pandemic amidst our own ongoing battle with a climate crisis.

The meetings of forum economic and trade ministers a fortnight ago reaffirmed the grim economic reality that we are faced within our region and taking this into account, they emphasised the importance of seizing every opportunity available to support our region's recovery from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indeed, most pertinent at this time is the challenge that we face to our own solidarity as a Forum Family.

As I had reflected on with our senior officials this past week, I have always believed that dialogue can resolve any difference. Differences in views and opinions are not new – rather, it is a mark of our humanity and diversity that brings us together.

The position taken and questions posed by our Micronesian Leaders open up a necessary political conversation that our leadership needs to have, and perhaps the time is ripe for us to engage and discuss these issues more fully as colleagues and in full respect of each other's views.

I believe that regionalism, just like life, is an evolving journey and we must not shy away from frank discussions that may need to be had – but at the same time, I am hopeful that we will all continue to endeavour to uphold the very vision of our founding fathers when they created the Pacific Islands Forum, 50 years ago.

The Forum is not about a singular entity nor individual countries; it is about all of us, as a collective, and how we work together to create opportunities for the greater good of our people.

It is with this in mind, Honourable Ministers, that I will rely on your diplomacy and your understanding of our current geopolitical context, to nuance, advise and support our Forum Leaders and myself in charting a way forward that will ensure the ongoing solidarity of our Pacific Islands Forum.

2050 Strategy

Yes, the future is uncertain. It remains a complex world with heightened geopolitical competition and limited resourcing.

As such, now more than ever, it is imperative that we are clear about our aspirations as a collective and how we will work together to achieve this.

The 2050 Strategy will be the articulation of our collective aspirations as the Pacific Islands Forum. Once concluded, the onus will be on you Honourable Ministers and our Forum Leaders, to continue to ensure that the strategy carries the political support and leadership it requires to realise its aspirations.

Climate Change

We have demonstrated the value and strength of our collective advocacy time and time again, most especially on climate action. Indeed, this remains the single greatest existential threat before us.

We may not always agree on how we approach the issue of climate change as a region, but we are all in acknowledgment of its ongoing impacts on our countries and our people. It is imperative that we step-up our efforts and advocacy for stronger and more urgent climate action now.

Indeed, the very future of our children depends on this.

The discussions today will consider three specific issues that will strengthen our targeted advocacy on climate action; elevate our global leadership on oceans governance to secure our home and our prospects in the face of sea level rise and emerging threats to our ocean environment; and strengthen a multi-stakeholder platform on resilience in the face of climate change and disasters.

Conclusion

Honourable Ministers, your considerations today will shape the engagement of the Forum on issues of key importance to us all. It will also inform the political advice that Leaders will consider in preparation for the 51st Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings, beginning with the Retreat in the coming week.

With these few words, Honourable Ministers, I wish you well in your deliberations.

Meitaki maata. Vinaka vakalevu, and I thank you.



51st Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Retreat

6 August 2021
Virtual Meeting

FIFTY – FIRST PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM COMMUNIQUÉ

The Fifty-First Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Retreat was held virtually on 6 August 2021, and was attended by the Heads of State, Government, and Territories of Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Solomon Islands was represented at Ministerial level, and French Polynesia and Tonga by Special Envoys.

Forum Leaders expressed their deep appreciation to the Honourable Josaia V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji, for hosting the historic 51st Pacific Islands Forum during extraordinary times, and conveyed their sincere condolences to the Government and people of Fiji for the lives lost during the COVID-19 pandemic and current outbreak.

Leaders strongly commended the Honourable Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, for the strong leadership and tenacity shown during his tenure as Chair of the 50th Pacific Islands Forum, for two consecutive years (2019 – 2021) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tuvalu's leadership is unprecedented, particularly as a Smaller Island State. Leaders further expressed profound gratitude to Prime Minister Natano, and the Government and people of Tuvalu for their unwavering service to the Blue Pacific.

Leaders welcomed the Honourable Fiame Naomi Mataafa, the Prime Minister of Samoa, and also welcomed His Excellency Louis Mapou, the President of the Government of New Caledonia. Leaders also acknowledged the distinguished tenure of the Honourable Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, and his able leadership of Samoa and the region over the last 22 years.

The Forum Chair welcomed Secretary General Mr Henry Puna, and Leaders reiterated their appreciation and gratitude to former Secretary General, Dame Meg Taylor, for her strong leadership, exceptional stewardship of Pacific regionalism, and contribution to the Blue Pacific during her tenure.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM

Leaders commemorated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Pacific Islands Forum, celebrating 50 years of Pacific regionalism and collective action, and paid tribute to the vision of the founding Leaders, and in the context of the theme of the 51st Pacific Islands Forum – Security and Prosperity in Unity: 50 Years of the Pacific Islands.

In honouring the region's collective achievements, Leaders reflected on successes, lessons learnt, as well as the strategic imperative of the Pacific Islands Forum in the context of present and future challenges.

The Forum's many successes have included: supporting self-determination and statehood; the assertion of Pacific interests in the shaping of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; the establishment of a Nuclear Free Zone in the Pacific through the 1985 Treaty of Rarotonga; the proactive institution of oceans governance measures at all levels to protect the health and resilience of the oceans and its resources, gaining recognition as leaders in oceans governance; the establishment of dedicated regional agencies for fisheries and the environment; strengthening regional security through the 2000 Biketawa Declaration and the 2018 Boe Declaration; the common advancement of economic and trade interests within the region and further abroad; and global advocacy on climate change culminating in our positioning within the Paris Agreement.

The 50th Anniversary places the Pacific Islands Forum at a critical juncture in its history. Whilst looking to the future through the development of the 2050 Strategy for a Blue Pacific Continent, the region is faced with a set of extraordinary circumstances which interact with, and in many cases exacerbate, existing vulnerabilities and challenges. These being the COVID-19 pandemic (the worst to hit the world in a century), significant economic challenges, an intensifying climate crisis facing Pacific Island countries, which will lead to severe climate change impacts for the region over time, as well as an increasingly multipolar world and an intensification of geopolitical competition in the Pacific region. The strength and solidarity of the Forum family is also being tested.

As was the case with the founding Leaders of the Forum, Leaders firmly believed in the Pacific Way of dialogue, which embodies the principles of empathy, mutual respect and dignity that enables the

resolution of these challenges at this critical moment in our history. Leaders emphasised the strength in the collective, and as stewards of our shared Pacific Ocean, which forms one third of our planet's surface. The Forum has proven to be the strongest collective demonstration of our aspirations, priorities and advocacy, and it continues to be the strongest political representation of the people we serve across our Blue Pacific Continent.

Leaders recognised that the 2050 Strategy will be at the heart of our very ambition as a region. It will encapsulate how we can best work together to achieve our shared vision and realise our share aspirations. At its core, it will be based on the firm recognition of the strategic, cultural, and economic value that our Blue Pacific region holds when we have a shared commitment to protect and leverage this value.

In a fast-evolving world, how we act as a collective, as well as how and who we engage with, must protect our own unique interests. The 2050 Strategy will set the tone and articulate the quality and type of Pacific regionalism that will emerge from our current challenges in the region, and will place the region in good stead to meet our future challenges, and to leverage and act on the opportunities that emerge.

The President of the United States of America, Joseph R. Biden Jr., joined Leaders in commemorating the 50th Anniversary and reaffirmed the value placed by the US on its relationship with the Pacific Islands Forum, and Forum Members. President Biden thanked Fiji for its leadership of the Forum through a time of significant challenge to the region and to the world, emphasising collective action to address the most immediate threat of COVID-19. He reiterated his Government's commitment to global leadership on climate change, highlighting his announcement in April 2021 to commit to dramatically reducing economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, and to building resilience in vulnerable communities globally.

COVID-19 RECOVERY EFFORTS

Leaders re-emphasised that the COVID-19 pandemic has posed significant challenges to all our governments, severely impacting our development progress, and remains a direct threat to the livelihoods and wellbeing of our people.

Leaders recalled their discussions at their Special Leaders Retreat in February 2021, where they emphasised the importance of ensuring the distribution of safe and effective vaccines in the Pacific region, and reiterated their call to global leaders to support the equitable and affordable distribution of safe and effective COVID-19 treatments and vaccines to all Pacific peoples to mitigate health concerns, improve their wellbeing and facilitate early economic recovery.

Reflecting on the threat posed by the Delta variant and its impact on several Member countries, as well as the discussions of their Economic, Trade and Foreign Ministers, Leaders emphasised the following key messages: the importance of COVID-19 vaccination roll-out to our region's recovery, including the resumption of regional travel; the stretched resources at the national level and the need to utilise existing mechanisms, including the Pacific Humanitarian Pathway on COVID-19 (PHP-C), to streamline coherent support to all Members' to support recovery plans; and the importance of leveraging emerging opportunities to support our regional recovery efforts, in particular, the growing prominence and utility of digitalisation.

Leaders commended the work of the PHP-C and the Economic Recovery Taskforce which, together, have assisted the region in strengthening our COVID-19 responses, and economic recovery efforts.

Leaders recognised the efforts put in place at the national level to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, including the ongoing support of Australia, New Zealand and development partners to ensure access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Leaders committed to continue to advocate and engage with global leaders for timely and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, to call for a WTO TRIPS waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, and to strengthen regional and global early pandemic and disaster planning and resilience building efforts, including through the Pacific Resilience Facility.

Leaders further committed to continue to collectively ensure comprehensive vaccination coverage is achieved for our Pacific peoples by setting a target of 80% of the eligible population for the Pacific region subject to country readiness by the first quarter of 2022.

Leaders endorsed the notion of streamlining the collective responses to COVID-19, and to focus on utilising existing mechanisms such as the PHP-C to support efforts for comprehensive vaccine coverage, and to continue discussions on harmonised approaches for regional vaccination certification and travel bubbles as and when conditions allow.

To facilitate the transit and return of fishing crew and seafarers to their countries, Leaders encouraged all Forum governments to prioritise the vaccination of fishing crew and seafarers in their national vaccination programs.

Leaders recognised the importance of vaccine certification for reopening borders and supporting economic recovery. Leaders welcomed Australia's intentions to work with all members to establish robust and practical processes for vaccine certification, including digital vaccination certificates, and Australia's announcement that it would aim to double the number of Pacific workers in Australia by March 2022, resulting in an additional 12,500 Pacific workers having the opportunity to work in Australia.

DECLARATION ON PRESERVING MARITIME ZONES IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED SEA-LEVEL RISE

Leaders welcomed the progress made relating to their commitments to secure the maritime zones of the Blue Pacific against the threat of sea-level rise and to preserve Members' existing rights and entitlements stemming from maritime zones, a defining issue that underpins the full realisation of our Blue Pacific Continent. Leaders further welcomed Members' progress to conclude outstanding negotiations on maritime boundaries claims and zones.

Leaders commended the FOC Specialist Sub-Committee on Sea-level Rise in relation to International Law for its work to support progress and advocacy on these commitments, including through the development of the draft Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-related Sea-level rise, and the supporting Aide Memoire.

Recalling their commitments in 2019, and recognising the threat of climate change-related sea-level rise to our maritime zones, and indeed to the Forum's identity, future economic development strategies and nation building aspirations, Leaders considered and endorsed the Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-related Sea-level rise and its Aide-Memoire. In doing so, Leaders noted the centrality of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of Sea as providing the basis for the Declaration.

The endorsement of the Declaration on the 50th Anniversary of the Forum is befitting of the occasion, demonstrating the important value of the Forum family and signalling deep mutual commitment by the Forum to safeguard the homes and interests of the Pacific peoples into perpetuity. The Declaration will pave a solid foundation to support, and underpin, the development and implementation of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

The Declaration recalls and underlines the history, the relevant provisions, and the key principles of legal stability, security, certainty, predictability, equity, fairness and justice, which underpin the Convention, to clarify the Forum's shared understanding that the relationship between climate change-related sea-level rise and maritime zones was not contemplated by the drafters of the Convention at the time of its negotiation. And that the Convention was premised on the basis that, in the determination of maritime zones, coastlines and maritime features were generally considered to be stable.

The Declaration contains important affirmations, records, and declarations, culminating in a strong proclamation that Forum Members' maritime zones, as established and notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with the Convention, and the rights and entitlements that flow from them, shall continue to apply, without reduction, notwithstanding any physical changes connected to climate change-related sea-level rise.

Leaders welcomed the Declaration as an original and ground-breaking landmark that frames and defines the Blue Pacific Continent. Leaders affirmed the critical value and flagship potential of the Declaration in shaping and transforming international thinking on the issue, placing the region at the heart of international discussions, and providing a strong basis for Forum engagement and advocacy.

Leaders committed under the banner of this regional flagship initiative, to leading the advocacy, visibility and recognition of the Pacific Islands Forum's position at the global level, including at the upcoming UN General Assembly on 14 – 30 September 2021 and the COP 26 negotiations on 1 – 12 November 2021. Leaders called on all Forum Dialogue Partners to support the Declaration.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND PREPARATIONS FOR COP26

Leaders:

- noted the update on preparations for COP26, and re-affirmed their commitment for senior political level participation and COP26 Political Champions at COP26;
- endorsed the key messages for the region's engagement and advocacy ahead of and during COP26 as below:
- Reaffirm that climate change is the single greatest threat facing the Blue Pacific and recommit to the goals of the Paris Agreement;
- Reiterate that COVID-19 must not delay global climate action but should promote recovery investments that are climate-smart and in line with a low emissions development pathway;
- Welcome the 47th G7 Summit in June and note its outcomes, welcome the Leaders' Summit on Climate in April, and welcome accelerating efforts to cut green-house gas emissions and keep the 1.5 degree Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement within reach;
- Call on all global major emitters to urgently commit to stronger climate action, and to formulate and communicate mid-century long-term low emissions development strategies, which may include commitments and strategies to achieve net zero carbon by 2050, taking into account the urgency highlighted by the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degree Celsius, and establish the necessary policy, financing and governance mechanisms required to achieve this;
- Urge all Parties to the Paris Agreement to ensure that COP 26 concludes negotiation on the Paris Rulebook, delivers an outcome that promotes stronger transparency and pursues efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and mobilises scaled-up climate finance for adaptation from all sources, and reiterate our call in the Kainaki II Declaration for the international community to continue efforts towards meeting their climate finance commitment of US \$100 billion per year from a variety of sources and accelerate support for the work of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;
- Urge all Parties to the UNFCCC to ensure that COP 26 advances the work on Oceans in the UNFCCC, recognising its centrality to the Blue Pacific Continent; and
- Support regional approaches to strengthen Forum Island Countries' strategic participation at COP 26, including through the COP 26 Political Climate Champions.

FRAMEWORK FOR RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC (FRDP) AND THE PACIFIC RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP (PRP)

Leaders endorsed the extension of the PRP governance arrangements up to 2030, subject to yearly progress updates on the FRDP and PRP as well as the FRDP Mid Term Review in 2023, and noted the update on the draft FRDP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

POLITICAL DIALOGUE MECHANISM

Leaders considered the update provided by the outgoing Forum Chair, the Honourable Kausea Natano,

Prime Minister of Tuvalu, on the Political Dialogue Mechanism which seeks to secure the solidarity and unity of the Forum family.

Leaders reaffirmed the importance of, and committed to, ongoing and focused dialogue at the political level on the issues raised by the Micronesian Presidents Summit and other leaders. Leaders emphasised the importance of developing a balanced reform package that respects the equality of all Members and to which all members can agree. Leaders considered this essential for strengthening the Pacific family.

REGIONAL GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Leaders:

- endorsed the revised Criteria and Guidelines for Forum Dialogue Partners and Forum Observers, and directed the Secretary General to write to existing Forum Dialogue Partners and Forum Observers to affirm their commitment to act in accordance with the revised Criteria and Guidelines;
- endorsed further consideration of the Forum's partnership mechanisms within the context of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and the scheduled Review of Regional Architecture;
- endorsed, in principle, Forum Dialogue Partner applications from Chile, Norway and Singapore, subject to their written commitment to act in accordance with the revised Criteria and Guidelines for Forum Dialogue Partners;
- endorsed the Policy Statement on the Pacific Islands Forum Troika, noting the Statement may need further revisions arising from the development of the Secretary General selection and appointment procedures; and
- endorsed the ongoing CROP membership of the Pacific Islands Development Program, subject to the adoption of the CROP Charter at the December 2021 meeting of the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders Standing Committee.

WEATHER READY PACIFIC DECADAL PROGRAMME OF INVESTMENT

Leaders endorsed the Weather Ready Pacific Decadal Programme of Investment, which seeks to reduce the human and economic cost of severe weather, water and ocean events across Pacific Island communities, by strengthening national meteorological and hydrological organisations and their partnerships with national disaster management organisations.

FRAMEWORK FOR ENERGY SECURITY AND RESILIENCE IN THE PACIFIC 2021 – 2030

Leaders endorsed the Framework for Energy Security and Resilience in the Pacific 2021-2030.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Leaders welcomed the advice of the Forum Chair to convene the face-to-face Forum Leaders Meeting in January 2022, and to convene Forum Related Meetings in the months leading up to this face-to-face meeting.

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Suva

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