



SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL (PMC-7)

AGENDA ITEM 22.2

CREWS Programme and pipeline projects

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Purpose of the Paper

- To update the Council on the status of the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative in the Pacific and outline efforts to seamlessly align future CREWS investments with the Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) initiative.
- To inform the Council about two CREWS projects under preparation in the Pacific Region, and the two new financing windows available : the Green Climate Fund Simplified Approval Process (GCF SAP)/CREWS Scaling Framework, and the CREWS Accelerated Support Window (ASW).
- To seek the Council's support for these initiatives to enhance early warning systems through climate, hydrology, weather and disaster risk reduction services in the Pacific.



Background

- Global Initiative: Focuses on improving early warning systems and climate services, in line with the EW4All Initiative.
- Target Regions: Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Donors: Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom (chair).
- Implementing partners: WMO, UNDRR and the World Bank (ITU and IFRC joining soon).
- New CREWS MEAL Framework: Guides strategic decision-making. Focuses on prioritization, service delivery, and inclusivity.





Updates

- Different CREWS financial support modalities
 - Regional/National financial support
 - CREWS Accelerated Support Window
 - CREWS-GCF Scaling Up Framework
- Regional CREWS Projects in the Pacific:
 - Invitation to project development by CREWS Secretariat (January 2024):
 - CREWS Pacific SIDS 3.0: Advancing early warning systems (USD 5.5M).
 - CREWS Pacific Drought Project: Enhancing drought management (USD 5M).
 - Progress update:
 - Gaps and Needs Assessment – CREWS Pacific SIDS Steering Committee, April 2024
 - Project design and coordination meetings (WMO and UNDRR)
 - National Validation Meetings - Q4 2024



Recommendations

The Meeting is invited to:

- **Acknowledge** the two projects under preparation: Note the development of the two new CREWS projects being developed in the region by WMO and UNDRR. The meeting is invited to guide and encourage alignment of these two projects with WRP.
- **Support** project proposals and validation workshops: support the upcoming project preparations and the planned validation meetings and provide support to ensure their successful and timely development.
- **Recognise** the CREWS Accelerated Support Window (ASW) as an effective modality to respond rapidly to technical assistance requirements of NMHSs in the region (up to USD 250,000).
- **Support** the process to scale up projects in the Pacific, under the framework of the GCF/CREWS Scaling Up, and in collaboration with the National Designated Authorities (NDAs), NDMOs, NMHSs and other key partners, as an effective and innovative mechanisms to facilitate access to GCF funds.