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17-19 September 2024, Warwick Le Lagon-Vanuatu Resort, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Agenda Item 21: Update and Progress of the Pacific Partners Coordination Mechanism (PPCM)

Purpose:

1. To present an update on the status of activities for the dashboard, discuss challenges and possible solutions with PMC members and partners
2. Aims to enhance collaboration for hydrometeorological projects in the Pacific Islands region.

Background:

1. Hydromet projects play a crucial role in advancing global climate action by addressing country-specific needs and challenges. Several development partners are actively involved in supporting weather, water, and climate information services (WWCIS), yet the landscape for these projects is often complex, with issues related to coordination and resource allocation. Poor collaboration among partners at various levels has led to inefficient use of resources and duplication of efforts, raising concerns about the effectiveness of development financing.
2. The Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) are leading efforts to improve coordination and investment in hydromet projects, aligning with its institutional framework and global vision with the development of the [Pacific Partner Coordination Mechanism \(PPCM\)](#), launched in 2023 and endorsed by PMC-6.
3. PPCM aims to strengthen collaboration among stakeholders in the Pacific region by promoting information sharing, aligning partner objectives with national and regional priorities, and ensuring the sustainability of interventions.
4. This paper will present the status of activities for the dashboard, as well as challenges and possible solutions with PMC members and partners.



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Objectives:

1. Update the council on the status of activities of PPCM.
2. Share main challenges faced on updating the information on the PPCM.
3. Provide recommendations to ensure the sustainability of the PPCM.

PPCM Additional Features:

1. Total funding amount for each country:

The aim for 2024 was to enhance the quality of the data displayed, especially regarding the total budget dedicated to each country. The past version of the dashboard had inflated figures on the country layer because there was no data on the country allocation for such projects. Focal points in each country were invited to provide such information, together with updated and new information in projects. However, getting responses from focal countries proved to be substantially challenging. To provide a temporary solution to the problem of inflated numbers on the country layer, the dashboard was enhanced to provide an approximated amount that each country would receive in regional projects. This amount was calculated by dividing the total funding of each regional projects by the number of beneficiary countries.

This solution is still not optimal and do not address issues of outdated data for projects starting and planned in 2024. Therefore, as much as the figures on the country layer are closer to reality, we need to find a solution to keep the data relevant and updated.

2. Alignment with Early Warning for All databases:

The EW4All initiative is working on data visualization tools to support the initiative. The database of projects for PPCM is one of the sources of information used to build such tools.

After the release of a pilot EW4All database on projects, a second phase of alignment will be carried out to ensure PPCM has updated and accurate data.

3. Pilot country projects dashboard:

Specific countries have requested the development of a similar layout that allows them to capture their own projects and programs information namely Vanuatu.



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Challenges

- The key challenge faced over the past year is the collecting of new information or data from member countries and partners.
 - It is recommended that in sustaining the PPCM, members and partners need to assign focal points to update their respective country or agencies information. Additionally, the data accuracy is important.
 - It is suggested to have the data gathering period extended so all focal points have time to report their updated data. The period suggested is February to June of each year.
- Engagement with partners was also constrained due to lack of dedicated resources.
 - To address this, and highlighting WMO's commitment to PPCM, the WMO Development Partnerships Office has recruited an additional staff member to perform regional partnerships activities.
- Encourages countries who may be interested to reach out and discuss potential options and way forward in maintaining and updating data.

Recommendations:

The Meeting is invited to:

- **Note** the status of the platform (progress, next steps and challenges).
- **Note** the recommendations on how the dashboard can be improved and updated.

