



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

"AT THE FRONTLINE OF WEATHER, CLIMATE, WATER, AND OCEAN ACTION IN THE PACIFIC"

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

"At the Frontline of Weather, Climate, Water, and Ocean Action in the Pacific"

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

Agenda Item 8.5 – Alignment of Global initiatives to the Weather Ready Pacific Program

Purpose:

- To provide the Council with an update on global EW4ALL initiatives and financing facilities of interest to the work of the Council and Weather Ready Pacific
- To seeks the Councils, advise on aligning interested EW4ALL partner initiatives with Weather Ready Pacific

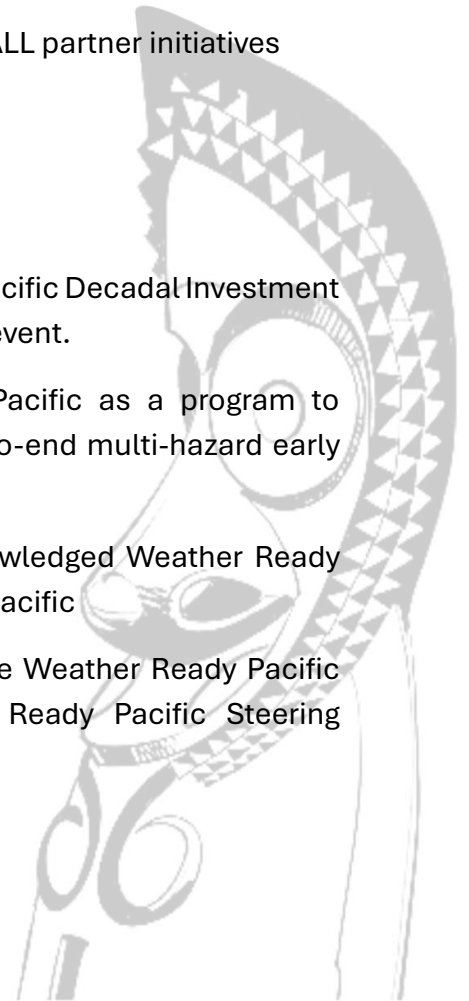
Background:

The Pacific Island Forum Leaders Approved the Weather Ready Pacific Decadal Investment Initiative to deal with long standing gaps in response to extreme event.

During PMC-6 the Council established the Weather Ready Pacific as a program to coordinate the wider implementation of people-centered end-to-end multi-hazard early warning systems for all Pacific Island countries and territories.

At the third Pacific Meteorology Minister s Meeting they acknowledged Weather Ready Pacific as the Key vehicle for delivery of EW4ALL initiative in the Pacific

During a virtual out of session PMC 6.1 in September 2023, the Weather Ready Pacific Governance and Financial Facility approved. And Weather Ready Pacific Steering Committee Terms of Reference was approved





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

"AT THE FRONTLINE OF WEATHER, CLIMATE, WATER, AND OCEAN ACTION IN THE PACIFIC"

Global funders EW4ALL

EW4ALL leverages existing pooled funding mechanisms, such as the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems initiative and the Systematic Observations Financing Facility, as well as global multilateral funds including the Green Climate Fund and the development banks. UN Programs and specialised agencies are key stakeholders in EW4ALL.

Funders of Weather Ready Pacific Program (WRP)

To date, the funders that have provided the seed funding for Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) the Government of Australia (AUD30M), New Zealand (NZD20M) and the United Kingdom (BP300K). Other contributors include Japan who are building the Regional Training Centre and Regional Instrument Centre in Fiji as well as UNDRR who are funding the GEDSI position at the WRP PMU. The Asia Development Bank has also supported through (US\$300K) to support the convening of the PMC-7 and WRP Steering Committee.

Opportunity to align EW4ALL with WRP

20% of the funds required to implement the decadal program have been raised. WRP looks for other investment opportunities from other donors and initiatives to support WRP. Alignment of global initiatives that have been setup to support EW4ALL like CREWS, SOFF and the Green Climate Fund to Weather Ready Pacific would improve coordination and leveraging of resources for the delivery of both initiatives in the Pacific Region. WRP plan to review its implementation plans to ensure alignment with the EW4ALL initiative in the next 3-6months.

Opportunities for Regional SOFF/WRP Alignment

- Standardization of equipment / procurement; Calibration (RICs)
- Training (with formal certifications, recurrent to address staff turnover, address different roles, peer-to-peer, different modalities, partner with WMO RTCs and universities)
- Data quality and performance monitoring / incident management (new Regional WIGOS Centres in Indonesia and Fiji → clarify their role in SOFF)
- Maintenance and repair (regional pool of spares, bulk purchasing satellite connectivity, SOPs)
- WRP to use SOFF Readiness outputs to not “reinvent the wheel”
- SOFF to provide long term compliance finance for GCF investments
- SOFF investments in the Pacific will be embedded into a World Bank programme under development (PREPARE)



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

"AT THE FRONTLINE OF WEATHER, CLIMATE, WATER, AND OCEAN ACTION IN THE PACIFIC"

Opportunities for Regional CREWS/WRP Alignment

- Establish (or integration into existing) **national WRP/EW4All coordination mechanisms**;
- Designate or appoint **national WRP/EW4All coordinators and agency focal points**;
- Coordinate with UNCT focal points and EW4All Regional Pillar Leads for support
- Continue with **WRP/EW4All gap analyses**; Identify immediate technical support requirements
- Organize **multi-stakeholder WRP/EW4All consultation workshops** (could be in conjunction with project design consultations)
- Design **national WRP/EW4All roadmaps & financing strategies**; Budget activities;
- Organize follow-up workshops
- Prepare project proposals to domestic and international financing mechanisms to CREWS and GCF-SAP and multi-lateral and bilateral donors to implement the WRP/EW4All roadmaps

Recommendations:

The Council is invited to:

- **Note** on going opportunities to align WRP and EW4ALL initiatives
- **Acknowledge** the need to align global initiative to WRP to leverage financing of WRP activities and for coordination of regional activities around EW4ALL
- **Approve** that such alignments/partnerships between global initiatives and financing facilities with WRP for the delivery of EW4ALL be formalized.
- **Approve** that authorization and management of such agreements/MOUs be the responsibility of the WRP Steering Committee.
- **Invite** other interested partners/countries to invest in the WRP as the regional mechanism to deliver EW4ALL.

