



Dear Partners, Welcome to the 25th newsletter of the Pacific Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Water Management. This Quarterly Newsletter provides Water and Sanitation information to Pacific member governments, professionals, NGOs, CBOs, researchers, private sector and counterparts in the donor community who are interested in water sector issues and initiatives.

As alerted to you in the last newsletter the last eight years saw the development and implementation of a large number of National and regional initiatives in response to the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management with regional collaboration and harmonization of projects and programmes fostered through its associated Partnership Initiative.

We are pleased to announce that following the recent SPC/SOPAC Council recommendation, the region stands to undertake a new round of water and sanitation consultations. This time we expect an emphasis on National level engagement, championing and prioritization of water and sanitation issues at the highest possible levels in all Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

We are confident that members of the Partnership Initiative will play a major role to support countries and territories to undertake this process which will lead up to a strong Pacific representation at the 2nd Asia Pacific Water Summit (5-6 February 2012, Bangkok) and the 6th World Water Forum (12-17 March 2012, Marseille). More information will be shared with you on the consultation process and supporting events as soon as possible.

I would like to make use of this occasion to let you know that I have been asked by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to join them as Climate Change Specialist for the Pacific region. After almost 11 years at SOPAC as Water Adviser it will be hard to say goodbye to everyone and hand over the role of Facilitator of the Pacific Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Water Management. I look forward to this new challenge and, as water and climate are inextricably linked in the Pacific.

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I am confident that I can remain in touch with you although in a different capacity. I would like to thank all the members of the Pacific Partnership for the great collaboration over the years and the opportunities you collectively provided to bring attention to water and sanitation issues in Pacific island countries and turn the Sigatoka Vision of 2002 into Action. Whilst there are still many water and sanitation issues to be addressed in the region, I am confident that the Pacific Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Water Management will be retained and further strengthened through the new consultation process.

Please be also informed that until further notice, Rhonda Robinson (RhondaR@sopac.org) will be acting in my position and that the recruitment process for my successor is underway.

Interested parties can access the application details via:

<http://www.sopac.org/index.php/new-vacancies> and or

<http://www.pacificwater.org/pages.cfm/staff/vacancies/deputy-director--watersanitation-programme.html>

We appreciate your contributions to future issues of the newsletter and we highly value your assistance in disseminating the information to others so that it reaches the widest possible audience.

If you would like to comment on any articles or submit stories on your activities, upcoming events, vacancies or recent reports for the next newsletter please forward them to SOPAC Water Communications Advisor Tiy Chung (tiy@sopac.org), or IWRM Project Officer Subhashni Raj (subhashni@sopac.org) at the SOPAC Secretariat. The next newsletter will be released late July 2010.

Your feedback and inputs are most appreciated.

Best wishes to you all and no doubt we stay in touch!

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