

SOPAC Secretariat, 15.00hr, 31st March, 2010

Signing Ceremony

Regional Institutional Framework (RIF) reform process transfers SOPAC functions into SPC and SPREP

The three Letters of Agreement* to be signed together comprise full implementation of substantive elements of the Regional Institutional Framework (RIF) Reform agreed to by Pacific Island Leaders at recent Forum Meetings (Annex D of the 2009 Cairns Forum Communiqué refers).

Agenda

- Welcome Prayer

- Remarks from Director SOPAC Dr Russell Howorth
- Remarks from Director General SPC, Dr Jimmie Rodgers
- Remarks for Deputy Director SPREP, Mr Kosi Latu

- Signing of LOAs

- Remarks from Secretary General PIFS, HE Neroni Slade
- Remarks on behalf of Members from Papua New Guinea High Commissioner, HE Peter Eafeare

- Afternoon Tea

* The Letters of Agreement:

1 Between the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). It constitutes the record of full and effective transfer and integration of specific functions within the work programme of SOPAC into SPC upon the date this Agreement is signed and dated. The specific functions covered by this Agreement comprise the activities generally described in the SOPAC Work Programme as "Energy".

2 Between the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). It constitutes the record of full and effective transfer and integration of specific functions within the work programme of SOPAC into SPC upon the date this Agreement is signed and dated. The specific functions covered by this LOA comprise the activities generally described in the SOPAC Work Programme as "ICT Outreach".

3 Between the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Islands Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), to record the transfer upon the signing of this Agreement of the following specific functions from SOPAC to SPREP.

- Pacific Islands Global Ocean Observing System (PI-GOOS).
- Islands Climate Update (ICU).
- Climate and Meteorological Databases (CMD)
- Energy functions related to Climate Change, specifically monitoring and evaluation of Greenhouse Gas and the Clean Development Mechanism.