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Agenda Item	11	:	ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
Title	11.8	:	The SPC-SOPAC Relationship: A Planning Sequence for Intergration

Purpose of Paper

To present to Council a modified terms of reference for the consultancy to investigate the integration of SPC and SOPAC.

Comments

None.

Recommendation

That Council consider the modified terms of reference.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN FINALISING THE CONSULTANCY TERMS OF REFERENCE

REVISED

Objective Of The Consultancy

To examine and analyse the options for integration of the two regional organisations, SPC and SOPAC highlighting the advantages and disadvantages.

Asumption

- There is acceptance that regionalism has a continuing place in the Pacific;
- It is accepted that the justification for or viability of the technical programs of the two organisations is not under review;
- There is no intention at this time to review the roles of other regional bodies.
- There is acceptance that the co-location of the Suva based activities of SPC and SOPAC will proceed irrespective of the outcome of this consultancy.

Key Areas Of Focus

- Examine the costs and benefits of such a merger as it affects the two administrations, the technical programs, the memberships, and the external supporting agencies, identifying opportunities for savings.
- Address the key political issues that may support or be an impediment to such an integration process.
- Review the constitutional and/or legal instruments of the two organisations, advising on solutions to difficulties.
- Propose possible organisational models for the new single body taking into account realities such as the wider range of technical programs, the possible rationalisation of certain common support services and the geographic location of the two organisations and the membership difference.
- Propose a realistic timing, schedule or phasing for integration that would take into account practical, legal, contractual obligations, and or any other problems that might require prior resolution.

Consultants

- Familiarity with two organisations, their donors and their clients.
- Familiarity with the region, its needs - and the place of regionalism.
- Knowledge of management, particularly as it relates to technical service organisations.
- A consultant team of two to be appointed, supported by an analyst writer from one of the organisations.
- The consultant team to report to the two chief executives by 31 March 2000.