

SOPAC-SPREP-SPC Programme Trilateral Meeting 15th and 16th May 2008

SPREP, SPC and SOPAC agreed that to progress *Rationalisation-Beyond-a-Glance* it would be prudent for trilateral discussions to be convened at the operational level – that is with senior management representation at Divisional (in the case of SPC) and Programme (in the case of SRPEP and SOPAC) levels. This would be programme trilateral meetings involving the three organisations.

The 1st Programme Trilateral Meeting was convened at the Holiday Inn on 15 and 16th May 2008. With the concurrence of the three CEOs it was agreed that the meeting be independently facilitated. Mr Gary Wiseman – Head of UNDP's Pacific Resources Centre agreed and accepted this role.

The following senior officials of SPC, SOPAC and SPREP attended and participated in the discussions.

SPC

Mr Falani Aukuso	Deputy Director General (Session 1 & 2)
Mr Aleki Sisifa	Director – Land Resources Division
Mr Inoke Kubuabola	Senior Adviser – Land Resources Division
Mr Ben Ponia	Senior Adviser – Marine Resources Division
Ms Lia Maka	Head of CETC – Social Division
Mr Larry Thomas	Head of the Media Centre

SOPAC

Mr Bhaskar Rao	Deputy Director (Session 1)
Dr Arthur Webb	Programme Manager – Ocean and Islands
Mr Mosese Sikivou	Programme Manager – Community Risk
Mr Paul Fairbairn	Programme Manager – Community Lifelines
Mr Marc Overmars	Manager – Water and Sanitation
Ms Litea Biukoto	Risk Adviser
Ms Paula Holland	Senior Adviser – Natural Resources Governance
Ms Lala Bukarau	Editor (and Rapporteur)

SPREP

Mr Bruce Chapman	Programme Manager – Pacific Futures
Mr Stuart Chape	Programme Manager – Island Ecosystems

The two days were organised into three sessions (refer attached Agenda) wherein substantive discussions in progressing rationalisation scenarios were taken in Session 3 on the second day of the meeting.

Session 1 enabled organisations to provide updates on their respective organisations have been tasked to carry out in response to paragraph 19(b) of the 2007 Leaders Communiqué.

Session 2 comprised presentations by SPC, SPREP and SOPAC to improve and share understanding and awareness of respective mandates, strategic goals and objectives, technical work programmes and core functions, technical services and solutions.

Session 3 provided the opportunity to explore potential synergies between SOPAC's functions and services with the functions and services of SPC and SPREP and to develop a preliminary matrix elaborating *rationalisation-beyond-a-glance*. Improved service delivery was also mentioned.

The presentations of the respective organisations (Session 2) are available on the SOPAC website, under RIF. This folder is secure and requires username = MCR and password = Tonga07. The Facilitator will provide an update on the progress reached during Session 3 of the 1st Programme Trilateral Meeting.

It is suggested that the outcomes of this first programme trilateral meeting be treated as preliminary and a "work-in-progress" toward further trilateral meetings of programme staff of the three organisations.

First Programme Trilateral Meeting
- Paragraph 19(b) of 2007 Leaders Communiqué -
15th - 16th May 2008 at Lali Room 2, Holiday Inn, Suva

Guiding Principles for the Consultative Process between SPREP, SPC and SOPAC*

- Focus on the RIF objective of creating an institutional framework that further improves service delivery to PICTs and assists with the effective implementation of the Pacific Plan
- Ensuring constructive discussion of rationalisation of SOPAC functions into SPREP and SPC
- Transparency and timeliness with respect to the process, and effective involvement of stakeholders
- The need to address the full range of legal, organisational, administrative, governance, membership and financial implications
- Cost-effectiveness
- Consideration of staff welfare

* These guiding principles are reflected in the decisions of the CRGA and SOPAC Governing Council

Provisional Agenda

Day 1

08:00 - 09:00	
Session 1 - Introductory Remarks <i>(Objective – Share Governing Council / Committee decisions and provide an update on progress since the 2007 Leaders Communiqué of October 2007 and, the SPC CRGA and SOPAC Council Session of November 2007 in respect of Paragraph 19(b) of the 2007 Leaders Communiqué)</i>	
1	SOPAC
2	SPC
3	SPREP
09:00 - 11:00	
Session 2 - Technical Work Programmes <i>(Objective – Improved and shared understanding and awareness between SPC, SPREP and SOPAC of their mandates, strategic goals and objectives, technical work programmes and core functions, technical services and solutions). What do we deliver? How do we deliver?</i>	
1.	SPREP - Pacific Futures Programmes - Island Ecosystems Programme
11:00 - 11:15 Morning Tea	
11:15 - 13:15	
2.	SPC - Land Division - Social Division - Marine Division
13:15 - 14:00 LUNCH 15:00 - 15:30 Afternoon Tea	
14:00 - 16:00	
3.	SOPAC - Ocean and Islands Programme - Community Lifelines Programme - Community Risk Programme - Social and Economic Work
16:00	
4.	Information for Day 2 activities

Day 2

08:00 - 09:00 Session 3 – Potential synergies and improvements to be realised through rationalisation <i>(Objective – Identification by SPC and SPREP of potential synergies between SOPAC's functions and services with their functions and services, as well demonstrated examples of improved service delivery. This session may take the form of a facilitated participatory exercise). Rationalisation-Beyond-a-Glance – What may it look like?</i>
11:00 - 11:15 Morning Tea
Session 3 continued
13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH
Session 3 continued
15:30-15:45 Afternoon Tea
15:45 – 16:45 Themes and ideas 1. SPC 2. SPREP
16:45-17:00 Wrap up and end

Expected Documented Outputs

- PowerPoint Presentations of technical work programmes of SOPAC, SPC and SPREP
- Matrix of potential synergies