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Introduction to SPC's Climate Change Flagship

SPC Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Division

SPC’s Climate Change Flagship Programme

Objective

Resilience and Climate Action are at the heart of SPC’s new Strategic Plan 2022-2031. SPC is on a pathway to strengthen cohesion and visibility of its organisational-wide capabilities in climate change to meet the demand of its members and demonstrate the organisation’s contribution to national, regional, and international climate change commitments more effectively.

This will be operationalised through the Climate Change (CC) Flagship, an organisation wide integrated programme, as an overarching framework. The CC Flagship will integrate and strategically strengthen the resources that support SPC’s climate action across all divisions in alignment with the goals outlined in SPC’s Strategic Plan.



Timeline for 2023: Climate Change Flagship design roadmap

The design and development of the CC Flagship commenced in 2022 through a collaborative approach across SPC’s technical divisions and other integrated programmes and will be consulted on with members, partners and presented to SPC’s Governing Council 2023. The timeline below presents a summary of key milestones and related activities through 2023 towards its completion.



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Factsheet – Building resilience in the Pacific (7 dimensions of climate change):

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Climate Change Stocktake and synthesis of regional needs and priorities.

To enable SPC to define its value proposition for climate change, an assessment of the climate change-related work and capabilities across SPC’s divisions is underway. This work, referred to as the climate change stocktake, commenced in 2022, and is now being refined and finalised. When completed, the stocktake will provide a clear view of the breadth and depth of SPC’s current work and capabilities across seven dimensions of climate change as identified by SPC, encompassing 3 ‘climate actions’ and 4 ‘enabling services’.



7 Dimensions of climate action and enabling services

A summary draft stocktake of SPC’s Climate Change capability across these 7 dimensions is provided in **Annex 1** to this paper.

Why is this important?

If we	Then we	What happens
Map our capability in climate change across the whole organisation	Are able to work more effectively as One SPC	The climate change needs of our Members are holistically supported.
Make our climate change capability and services more visible to Members and partners	Enhance access to our services; reduce duplication; and coordinate better with CROP agencies and partners	Members receive support more efficiently from the regional architecture for addressing climate change.
Better align our services and capability growth, with PICTs determined priorities and demand for support	Are better able to maintain and build capability where members need it; avoid being donor driven ; foster a more sustainable and programmatic approach	Members needs are more effectively addressed.
Are able to better assess the costs of this climate action	Target climate finance for this purpose; avoid diverting limited Official Development Assistance (ODA) to climate action	Pacific countries and territories’ access to climate finance is enhanced and mainstreamed.

How will Heads of Fisheries inform this work?

- Your priorities and requests for regional support will shape our Flagship ambition over the short, medium and long term.
- It will help mainstream fisheries, marine and aquaculture climate change-related impacts, opportunities, and resource needs into our broader efforts to build capability and mobilise climate finance and resources.
- It will help us develop and mainstream Pacific specific Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) on climate change at an organisation wide level.

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ANNEX1: Draft stocktake of SPCs climate change capability and services across 7 dimension of climate change

SPC's DRAFT STOCKTAKE ACROSS SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



● FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS
 ● GEOSCIENCE, ENERGY AND MARITIME
 ● LAND RESOURCES
 ● CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
 ● HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
 ● PUBLIC HEALTH
 ● EXECUTIVE OFFICE
 ● EDUCATIONAL QUALITY AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME
 ● OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT
 ● PACIFIC COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR OCEAN SCIENCE
 ● STATISTICS FOR DEVELOPMENT
 ○ ALL DIMENSIONS

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