This thematic area highlights the need for a well-connected region that ensures inclusive, affordable and accessible air, sea and land transport and ICT technology infrastructure and services. Technology and infrastructure is often unaffordable, inaccessible, and difficult to maintain. The adoption of new and emerging sustainable digital technologies requires effective partnerships and appropriate regional regulatory arrangements that respect the region’s shared values.

The thematic area also draws attention to the importance of disaggregated data and data sovereignty and more detailed information for improved decision-making while ensuring safeguard measures are in place.

**Present Situation**

There remains a need to access and embrace technological advancements. Capacity building is required to take advantage of technology that has been developed to address the needs of isolated small island states. The region needs to adopt up-to-date technology to increase safety and security of air and sea transport.

**Strategic Pathways**

- **Governance**
  
  Strengthen partnerships and regulatory arrangements to promote regional transport and ICT connectivity and increased regional cooperation, whilst respecting data sovereignty in the collection, analysis and use of data and information to support effective decision making.

- **Inclusion and Equity**
  
  All Members are connected, and their urban, rural and outer-island communities have access to safe, reliable, affordable and culturally sensitive air, land and sea transport and to ICT services.

- **Education, Research and Technology**
  
  Strengthen scientifically based research and technology to identify opportunities and manage associated risks for improved transport and connectivity.

- **Resilience and Wellbeing**
  
  Harness new and emerging technologies to reduce risks and more effectively respond to adversity and strengthen intra-regional and global connectivity.

- **Partnerships and Cooperation**
  
  Seek strategic and genuine partnerships that enhance regional policies and investments for effective transport and communications and connectivity within the region and globally.

**Level of Ambition**

All Pacific peoples benefit from their access to affordable, safe and reliable land, air and sea transport and ICT infrastructure, and systems and operations, while ensuring culturally sensitive user-protection and cyber security.