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The Framework for Pacific Regionalism

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Regional Issues and Guidance

When preparing your submission, think carefully about why this is an issue of regional significance and why it should be placed before the Leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum. For further information on the process and types of submissions being sought, please refer to the guideline below.

To Submit a Regional Initiative

1. Complete the below regional initiative template below.
2. Submit initiative to the Forum Secretariat by deadline: **5pm, Fiji time, Sunday 10 April 2016.**
3. Initiatives should be submitted to the Forum Secretariat, through one of the following ways:

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FRAMEWORK FOR PACIFIC REGIONALISM – REGIONAL INITIATIVE TEMPLATE

Please complete each section below.

1. Contact Details

Please provide the following contact details:

Name of individual or group submitting initiative	Atsumic Ocean

Name and position of primary contact	**Logistics Coordinator, Mr.Soichiro Atsumi**

Email address	

Phone number	

Fax number	

Mailing address	

2. Name of Initiative

Regionally ICT-tagged Logistics Services

3. What is the <u>common regional issue or challenge</u> that this regional initiative aims to address?

You may also want to address the following: What are the causes of this issue? Are there links to national, regional or international goals/policies?

Please limit your response to no more than 750 words.

Pacific islands are distant with each other, so one of the main challenges for the region is an area of logistics.

4. Briefly describe this regional initiative

You may also want to address the following in this section:

> *How would this initiative contribute to a positive change to the region?*
> *Who are the main beneficiaries?*
> *How would the initiative contribute to the vision, values and objectives of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism?*
> *Has the initiative been carried out previously?*
> *What are the key risks in implementing this initiative?*
> *Are there any complementary projects and programmes that are currently active?*

Please limit your response to no more than 750 words.

The initiative of 'Regionally ICT-tagged Logistics Services' contributes to the improvements of transportation and telecommunication for the region. As mentioned above, Pacific islands are very distant one another, so fundamentally, they face difficulties of communication. Understanding and sharing information of the current needs of each island are the basic resources of our activities.

Fortunately, ICT technologies are very suitable for searching and editing which means very flexible architecture. They are easily revised and re-organised even if the situation should change. We can easily start the projects for whatever our goals, collect information and mine data, then assess and analyse for a specific purpose. Easy-going is a basic spirit of this field. (Compare with building, constructing road, making ships; we must be very prepared before investments)

Generally, ICT-tagged Logistics information changes devanning process, storage control, location building, warehouse facilitation, waste management and so on. The information of what type of goods you receive, on what time, how many, from who to whom, until when and how much cost and benefit is clearly assessed, which makes transportation more efficient. For the reason of that, these improvements are trans-regional and universal.

On the other hand, as you know, logistics are very local business. Truck drivers know their routes, ferry captains know their sea and ports. In that sense, logistics is originally and naturally reginal matter. This is the reason why I submit this

issue to the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. Especially with regards to maritime transportation, a ferry is able to come near the port, but transportation from the port to inside the lands faces local difficulties.

  Technically speaking, the local hand-written memo based interaction is useful and helpful. They reflects their own cultural and traditional way of communication in the village. So, the key to achieve these goals is nicely blended mixture between traditional method and modern technology.

5. Why does this initiative require the attention of the Leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum?

Please consider whether this initiative requires the attention and consideration of the Leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum in order to be implemented and outline why this is the case. Could it not be overseen or implemented at the level of Ministers, officials or by a regional agency?

Please limit your response to no more than 750 words.

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It is true to say that Information Technology are very useful and dominant, but it is often too universal to ignore the regional culture and tradition. It is important to learn and import the bright sides of ICT, but on the other hand, it is very critical to defend and protect from the dark side as well. Big and rich countries search and explore new database , such as biology, DNA mapping, pharmacy, plantation, deep sea mining. These activities may starts from purely academic fields, but after that, many market-oriented companies purchase the data for their own interest. In the end, Pacific islands do not take any benefit but only deprived by them. These problems require the attention of the Leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum. Pacific islands must be confident and be proud of their own history and civilization. I hope that the lessons of Japan are helpful for you, and give you full courage.

6. Attachments

Please attach additional information in support of this initiative.

Please attach no more than 3 pages.

7. Uploading initiatives to the Forum Secretariat website

In line with the process outlined in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, all submitted initiatives, inclusive of all attachments, will be publicly available via the Forum Secretariat website.

8. Guidelines and Contact Details

For further information on completing this template, consult the submissions guideline below or contact Pacific Regionalism Adviser Joel Nilon at the Forum Secretariat:

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Submission Guidelines

These guidelines are designed to assist those submitting regional initiatives through the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. For more information contact Pacific Regionalism Adviser Joel Nilon at the Forum Secretariat:

1. About the Framework for Pacific Regionalism

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2. How do I submit a regional initiative?

To submit a regional initiative, complete all sections of the submission template and submit to the Forum Secretariat by no later **5pm, Fiji time, Sunday 10 April 2016.**

Submissions must be made on this template. Submissions made directly via email, letter or other format will not be considered.

Delivery of submissions can be made via one of the following

3. Who can submit an initiative?

Any interested stakeholder can submit a regional initiative. This may include individuals, or groups of individuals or organisations, including government, civil society (including church or religious organisations), the private sector, community groups, multilateral agencies and CROP agencies.

4. What information is required?

In completing the regional initiative template, you should:

a. Identify and seek to respond to issues and challenges that are common to the Pacific region and that could be best addressed through a regional response.

b. Demonstrate that a high level political decision needs to be made.

This is not a process for seeking endorsement of existing projects or activities. No standing fund exists in which to allocate funds to initiatives that are endorsed. Submissions that consist of projects or initiatives that may be ordinarily carried out under the governance arrangements or work-plan of the submitting organisation are unlikely to be successful.

c. Demonstrate how the initiative would contribute to one or more of the objectives of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism.

5. What assistance will the Forum Secretariat provide through this process

The Forum Secretariat will provide general advice and suggestions to those making submissions. This advice will include clarifying the information set out in this guideline, such as how initiatives can be completed and submitted; the type and level of information sought; the assessment process; and clarification of the overall process.

6. Assessment process

Step 1   The Forum Secretariat will collate all submitted initiatives and check them for completeness.

Step 2   The Forum Secretariat will, in collaboration with CROP agency officials and other experts as required, conduct a first round of assessment of all submitted initiatives using the tests for regional action (see Table 1 below).

Step 3   The Forum Secretariat will provide all assessed initiatives to the Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism (SSCR), which will assess initiatives against the vision, values and objectives set out in the Framework (see Table 2 below). Reports on current regional initiatives under the Framework for Pacific Regionalism that are in progress will also be considered by the SSCR when they assess initiatives.

Step 4   Based on its assessment of all submissions, the SSCR may recommend a limited number of initiatives to Forum Leaders. Those initiatives recommended to Leaders will be first sent to the Forum Officials

Committee for commentary and incorporation on the Leaders' annual meeting agenda. Forum Leaders will then receive the final recommendations of the SSCR and make decisions on these at the annual Forum Leaders Meeting. In 2016 this meeting will take place in the Federated States of Micronesia

Proponents whose initiatives have been selected for Leaders' consideration will be informed of this selection within two weeks of the SSCR's decision. All proponents will be informed in due course of the outcome of their submissions.

7. Leaders' decisions on initiatives

Forum Leaders' decisions on initiatives will be publicly announced through the Forum Leaders' Communique that is issued at the conclusion of the Leaders' meeting. As directed by Leaders, the Forum Secretariat will initiate implementation of the decisions in consultation with the proponent, the proposed implementing agencies, funding partners, and other relevant organisations or stakeholders.

8. Further help and feedback

For further information or guidance or to provide feedback on the process, contact Pacific Regionalism Adviser Joel Nilon at the Forum Secretariat:

Table 1 – Tests for Regionalism

TEST	CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION
Market test	The initiative should not involve a service that markets can provide well.
Sovereignty test	The initiative should maintain the degree of effective sovereignty held by national governments (countries, not regional bodies, should decide priorities).
Regionalism test	The initiative should meet one of the following criteria at a sub-regional or regional level, in support of national priorities and objectives: ▪ establish a shared norm or standard ▪ establish a common position on an issue ▪ deliver a public or quasi-public good which is regional (or sub-regional) in its scope realise economies of scale ▪ overcome national capacity constraints ▪ complement national governments where they lack capacity to provide national public goods like security or the rule of law ▪ facilitate economic or political integration ▪ Where benefits accrue sub-regionally, the contribution to broader regionalism should be clear.
Benefit test	The initiative should bring substantial net benefits, as demonstrated by a cost-benefit analysis. The distribution of benefits across countries and across stakeholders within the region should also be considered—particularly with respect to: ▪ The relative costs and benefits for smaller island states (an "SIS test") ▪ How inclusive the proposal is of all stakeholders who might benefit from regionalism.
Political oversight test	The initiative should require the Leaders' attention and input (as opposed to being within the mandate of Ministers or other governing bodies).
Risk and sustainability test	The initiative should demonstrate a robust risk and sustainability evaluation, be based on a sound implementation plan, be supported by some identified funding, and demonstrate available capacity and experience for successful implementation.
Duplication test	The initiative should not be currently under progress by another organisation or process, and there should be no duplication of effort.

Table 2 – Vision, Values and Objectives of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism

Vision:

Our Pacific Vision is for a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion, and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives

Values:

- We value and depend upon the integrity of our vast ocean and our island resources.
- We treasure the diversity and heritage of the Pacific and seek an inclusive future in which cultures, traditions and religious beliefs are valued, honoured and developed.
- We embrace good governance, the full observance of democratic values, the rule of law, the defence and promotion of all human rights, gender equality, and commitment to just societies.
- We seek peaceful, safe, and stable communities and countries, ensuring full security and wellbeing for the peoples of the Pacific.
- We support full inclusivity, equity and equality for all people of the Pacific.
- We strive for effective, open and honest relationships and inclusive and enduring partnerships—based on mutual accountability and respect—with each other, within our sub-regions, within our region, and beyond.

These Pacific regional values will guide all our policy-making and implementation.

Principal Objectives:

- Sustainable development that combines economic social, and cultural development in ways that improve livelihoods and well-being and use the environment sustainably;
- Economic growth that is inclusive and equitable;
- Strengthened governance, legal, financial, and administrative systems; and
- Security that ensures stable and safe human, environmental and political conditions for all.