



PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM

Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) Strategic Work Agenda 2019 – 2020

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This CROP Strategic Work Agenda sets out how CROP will work together over 2019 - 2020 to deliver on Forum Leaders' decisions from the 50th *Pacific Islands Forum* (PIF), including work priorities, objectives and deliverables, ways of working, and a calendar of engagements.
- 1.2 CROP Heads will monitor progress against this Strategic Work Agenda through their meetings in 2020, and will then report against it to Forum Leaders at the 51st *Pacific Islands Forum* to be held in Vanuatu in early July/ early August 2020.

2. About CROP

- 2.1 As set out in the *CROP Charter 2018*¹ and guided by the *Framework for Pacific Regionalism* (FPR), CROP is a partnership of regionally owned, intergovernmental agencies that support PIF Leaders' increased commitment to regionalism and the principle objectives of sustainable development; inclusive and equitable economic growth; strengthened governance, legal, financial and administrative systems; and peace and security for all.
- 2.2 The *CROP Charter* defines the dual role of CROP as: (i) providing high-level policy advice and support to Pacific island countries and territories in the formulation of policy at national, regional and international levels; and, (ii) providing a forum to collectively respond to regional priorities identified by Forum Leaders through the public policy process of the FPR; and, (iii) providing a mechanism to ensure effective follow-up, implementation and reporting on progress.

3. CROP Work Priorities

- 3.1 In response to Leaders' decisions from the 50th *PIF*, held in Tuvalu in August 2019, CROP's priorities for 2019 - 2020 are:
 - a) *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and strengthening the regional architecture;*
 - b) *Climate change and disaster resilience;*
 - c) *Regional security;*
 - d) *Sea level rise, Maritime boundaries and baselines and Maritime claims;*
 - e) *Nuclear testing Legacy Issues and support to Republic of Marshall Islands and Kiribati;*

¹ CROP Charter can be accessed here: <https://www.forumsec.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/crop-charter-v9.pdf>

- f) *Regional mechanism to address oil spills;*
- g) *Regional fisheries; and,*
- h) *Regional health issues.*

3.2 In addition, given the importance of the ongoing process of the Biological Diversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) negotiations and the important role of CROP in these negotiations, this has also been added as a priority for CROP in 2020.

4. Objectives and Deliverables

4.1 In response to the eight work priorities, the section below summarise the objectives, deliverables, delivery mechanisms, resource requirements and measures of success to ensure effective achievement of Leaders’ decisions over 2019 - 2020.

a) ***2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and strengthening the regional architecture***

Objective: CROP technical input and advice to support the quality development of a *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent* and a review of the regional architecture, to ensure a relevant, efficient and effective future regional system.

CROP deliverables

- Technical input into the process for the development of the 2050 strategy, as requested.
- Advice to FOC Sub-Committee on 2050 Strategy via FOC Sub-Committee meetings, as requested
- Technical input to the process for the Review of the Regional Architecture, as requested.

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms

- FOC Sub-Committee on 2050 Strategy
- CROP Heads Meetings
- CROP Working Group Meetings
- Scenario Development Workshops
- *Ad hoc* CROP meetings
- Regional Policy Consultations
- Expert Reference Group meetings
- SSCR Meetings

Financing/resource requirements

While PIFS is expected to bear the financial burden of coordinating the delivery of the development of the 2050 Strategy and the Review of the Regional Architecture, CROP agencies are requested to provide resourcing support in the following ways:

- Contribution of technical/expert advisory
- Support to convene consultation meetings at respective CROP agencies, as required
- Support to convene technical workshops at their agencies as required

Other forms of cost/resource sharing may be requested as the process gets underway. Where this is the case the CROP Chair will raise this in writing with CROP agencies counterparts, for consideration.

Measures of success

- CROP agencies understand the objectives of the 2050 Strategy and the Review of the Regional Architecture
- CROP agencies support the processes to develop the 2050 Strategy and the Review of the Regional Architecture at Executive, Management and Technical levels
- CROP agencies provide quality technical advice to Forum Leaders via the above mechanisms in a timely manner

b) Climate change and disaster resilience

Objective: International climate change advocacy to drive support for the priorities of the *Kainaki II Declaration for Urgent Climate Change Action Now* and strengthened implementation of the *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific*, particularly through the *Pacific Resilience Partnership*.

CROP deliverables

- Support to Pacific Island Countries during the UNSG Climate Action Summit, Pacific Pre-COP25 Preparatory Meeting, COP 25 and beyond. Each CROP agency to identify dedicated capacity and resourcing to support and advance the ten calls of the Kainaki II Declaration.
- Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) to facilitate and support the consultancy that will assess the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and companion PRP governance arrangements, with the expectation of a report being finalised by the first quarter of 2020. This responds to the Leaders' decision to elaborate the FRDP in line with the Paris Agreement and to carry out a review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the governance arrangements.
- Support work on the Monitoring and Evaluation (ME) framework, which has progressed with the expectation that an FRDP Needs Assessment Report will be finalised by quarter four of 2019. A guide/strategy for strengthening national ME systems for climate change and disaster risk reduction is currently in progress, to be finalised in 2020.
- Support the establishment of Technical Working Group (TWG) to lead the implementation of the FRDP and enhance the effectiveness of the PRP, carried out

in partnership with agencies whose expertise and mandates are aligned with the issues being addressed.

- Support private sector engagement in resilience building, which will also support implementation of the FRDP particularly through strengthening multi-stakeholder participation.

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms

- One CROP Plus Team to support the climate negotiations: SPREP, PIFS, SPC, USP
- PRP Taskforce (15 PRP-TF members, with SPREP as CROP's nominated representative on the TF for the CROP) and PRP Support Unit (SPREP-PIFS-SPC)
- TWG of FRDP
- Working Arm on Resilient Development (TBC)

Financing/resource requirements

- PACRES (EU) and DFAT (Australia) funding at PIFS will support work on the FRDP, PRP and strengthened private sector engagement in climate and disaster risk finance. Primary budget to support international negotiations. The SPREP FRDP Coordinator is funded under PACRES. Other CROP agencies to identify specific financing and resourcing requirements.

Measures of success

- Pacific islands countries negotiators properly briefed on the ten calls from the Kainaki II Declaration
- Technical briefs on key thematic issues for negotiation at COP25 developed by CROP Team and provided to Pacific islands countries negotiators
- Country statements during UNSG Climate Action and COP25 reflect priorities of the Kainaki II Declaration
- Post-COP25 stock-take showing Pacific priorities being taken onboard in the COP25 outcome
- Wider support, recognition and utilisation of the FRDP by Members and other actors
- Effectiveness of the PRP governance arrangement based on feedback from Members and other actors

c) **Regional security**

Objective: CROP technical support for the implementation of the *Boe Declaration Action Plan* including relevant CROP agencies' involvement in the FOC Sub-Committee on Regional Security (FSRC) and in the inaugural Pacific security dialogue.

CROP deliverables

There are a number of activities, which have been endorsed by the FSRS at their first meeting held on 15 and 16 October 2019, that will require CROP engagement as delivery partners over 2020 and with some activities beyond 2020. Some key examples are as follows:

- Refreshing the Human Security Framework 2012 – 2015
- Refreshing the Regional Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2012 – 2015
- Development of a Regional Mechanism for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR)
- Development of Environmental Security Indicators
- Develop cybersecurity capacity and capability across the region

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms:

- PIFS, SPC, SPREP (*Human Security Framework*)
- SPC and PIFS (*Regional Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security*)
- SPC – PIEMA, FFA and Regional Law Enforcement and Legal Agencies (*HADR*)
- PIFS, SPC, FFA and SPREP (including Regional Law Enforcement and Legal Agencies) (*Environmental Security Indicators*)
- USP, PIFS and CROP ICT WG (Cybersecurity Taskforce)
- Overall through the FOC Sub-Committee for Regional Security

Financing/resource requirements:

- Funding and resourcing will need to be sought and secured for those initiatives that remain unfunded.

Measures of success:

- A quality human security framework developed for the region aligned to SDG 16 and other SDGs relevant to security and the priority areas of the Boe Declaration
- A quality Regional Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security developed for the region aligned to security and the priority areas of the Boe Declaration
- A quality Regional Mechanism for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) developed for the region aligned to security and the priority areas of the Boe Declaration
- Consolidation of environmental indicators from regional organisations as a pool of indicators for environmental and resource security
- Cybersecurity expertise in the region developed

d) *Sea level rise, Maritime boundaries and baselines and Maritime claims*

Objective: CROP technical support to conclude negotiations on all outstanding maritime boundaries claims and zones, and to ensure Forum Members' maritime zones are not challenged or reduced as a result of sea level rise and climate change, including through the development of international law.

CROP deliverables

- Support the socialisation and advocacy of the issue of sea level rise and its legal implications on baselines and maritime claims under the 1982 *Law of the Sea Convention*.
- Support the development of policy options under international law to preserve and protect maritime claims notwithstanding sea level rise.
- Support Members through technical capacity building.
- Support Leaders position through regional, international and high-level diplomacy and advocacy.
- Support Members complete demarcation of all outstanding maritime boundaries and the delineation of maritime zones and to deposit charts with the UNSG
- Support the strengthening of national policy and legal frameworks to promote the objective of the Leaders

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms

- SPC leads on the technical aspects of Members work on maritime boundaries and delineation of maritime Zones; provide technical support to Members
- PIFS, FFA and OPOC to undertake legal and policy support; high level diplomacy and advocacy; coordination of regional approaches
- PIFS, SPC, FFA, OPOC to support Members at the United Nations and in other relevant international processes
- PIFS, SPC, OPOC to support Members at international and regional meeting on maritime boundaries and implications of sea level rise on baselines;
- PIFS, FFA, SPC and other relevant bodies to support Members by providing the necessary policy, legal and technical advice and support

Financing/resource requirements

- Some funding for this work has been allocated in the PIFS and OPOC budget, but may require additional funding resources.
- FFA funding in the annual budget, which allows FFA members to participate at the negotiations and support the technical work of SPC.
- SPCs technical capacity support is funded through XB resources from Australia.

Measures of success

- A greater number of maritime boundaries and maritime zones are agreed and finalised, and charts deposited with the UNSG
- Capacity building of Members delivered creating greater awareness by Members of the legal and technical implications of sea level rise on baselines and maritime claims under the 1982 *Law of the Sea Convention*
- Placing on record Members advocacy/statements supporting the Leaders objective in the United Nations processes and other international platforms
- A coalition of like-minded /similarly situated States built
- Partnerships from like-minded and similarly situated States developed
- Support from other international organisations and intergovernmental organisations received

e) ***Nuclear testing Legacy Issues and support to Republic of Marshall Islands and Kiribati***

Objective: CROP technical support to address the ongoing impacts of nuclear testing, particularly in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and Kiribati, and to support a comprehensive scientific assessment of the contamination issue in the Pacific.

CROP deliverables

- Establish a CROP Working Group/Task Force, to be coordinated by PIFS, on assistance to the RMI and Kiribati nuclear related issues; including *inter alia*, human rights, environmental contamination, and health impacts
- First CROP Working Group/Task Force Meeting to be convened in late 2019/ early 2020 to elaborate/map support to be provided to RMI and Kiribati
- Hold CROP Working Group/Task Force Meetings with RMI and Kiribati to agree on areas of assistance and work plans to deliver on agreed objectives
- CROP Agencies to develop work plans for assistance to the RMI and Kiribati

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms

- PIFS to coordinate assistance to the RMI and Kiribati
- SPREP to review the environmental impacts, WWII wrecks, and environmental impact assessments of specific nuclear legacy sites such as the Runit Dome
- SPC to look at human rights and health issues
- USP and SPREP to look at educational awareness on the impacts of radio-active nuclear waste on the environment

Financing/resource requirements

- Some funding for this work has been allocated in PIFS budget, but may require additional funding resources

Measures of success

- Work Plans for support to RMI and Kiribati developed for delivery
- Support in terms of health projects, human rights, educational projects; environmental clean-up or monitoring developed and delivered, or in the process of being delivered
- Awareness initiatives delivered to RMI and Kiribati communities in 2020 and based on its success and impact in these communities, consider rolling it out more broadly across the region from 2021 onwards.

f) Regional Mechanism to address Oil spills

Objective: development of a regional mechanism and action plan to address the significant environmental risk posed by oil leaks and spills.

CROP deliverables

- Development of a Regional Mechanism and Action Plan to address Oil Spills
- The Pacific Regional Marine Spill Contingency Plan 2019 (PACPLAN 2019) has been endorsed by the Noumea Convention COP15, 29th SPREP Meeting and the 4th Ministers of Transport and Energy Meeting. This is the regional mechanism to address oil spills.
- SPREP is working to have all PACPLAN Pacific islands participants (that is 21 PICTs) become members of Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL), with funding for the initial 3 years from New Zealand. OSRL is an oil spill response industry provider based in Singapore.

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms

- SPREP, PIFS, SPC, FOC Sub-Committee for Regional Security

Financing/resource requirements

- SPREP is working on all PACPLAN Pacific islands participants (21 PICTs) to become members of Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL), with funding for the initial 3 years from New Zealand. OSRL is an oil spill response industry provider based in Singapore. A draft membership agreement will be forwarded to all PACPLAN Pacific island participants for consideration shortly.
- SPREP is awaiting information on funding pledged by Australia following the 50th PIF Leaders Meeting in Tuvalu.

Measures of success

- A quality regional mechanism and action plan to address oil spill developed

g) **Regional fisheries**

Objective: strengthening regional fisheries including through the Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting (held its inaugural meeting in FSM in June, 2019, where Fisheries Ministers also agreed to disband the fisheries taskforce) and implementation of the *Regional Longline Strategy*.

CROP deliverables

Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting (RFMM)

Consider, discuss and, if appropriate, take decisions on:

- Coastal fisheries issues, including aquaculture, of regional importance (economies of scale or transboundary or shared interest)
- Broader ocean governance and sustainable management issues, as they pertain to both coastal and oceanic fisheries - including the impacts of climate change (such as ocean acidification) and marine pollution
- Any fisheries implications arising from wider regional policy processes
- Fisheries issues to be reported to Leaders for consideration

Regional Longline Strategy

- Develop an Action Plan to implement the Strategy

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms

- FFA FFCMin, PNAO, WCPFC
- SPC Heads of Fisheries meeting (HoFs)
- SPREP
- PIFS

Financing/resource requirements

- The FFA annual budget is dedicated to the implementation of RFMM and FFC Ministers decisions in relations to oceanic fisheries, including the development of the Regional Longline Strategy action plan.

Measures of success

- Outcomes of RFMM available
- Briefing papers on fisheries issues endorsed by the RFMM are submitted for Leader's consideration
- An Action Plan prepared for the implementation of the Regional Longline Strategy

h) Regional health issues

Objective: supporting a more consolidated and concerted effort at national, regional and global levels to drive better health outcomes, particularly combatting non-communicable diseases and supporting those agencies working to improve the health of our people.

CROP deliverables

- Implementing the NCD Roadmap (including its monitoring framework MANA)
- The Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework to assess progress for the Healthy Islands Vision
- Pacific SDG baseline indicators which includes agreed health priority indicators
- Supporting relevant health commitments under regional and international treaties: Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED), Pacific Platform for Action Pacific Framework on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PFRPD), Pasifika Call to Action on Early Childhood Development, FRDP, Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanisms

- PIFS, SPC
- UN agencies: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA
- CROP Working Groups: Health & Population and Gender
- Regional Pacific mechanisms: Pacific Regional Council for Early Childhood Development, ECHO Taskforce, Regional Reference Group on Disability, Disability Taskforce.
- Heads of Health in the Pacific meetings (annual in April)
- Ministers of Health in the Pacific meetings (biennially)
- Pacific Director of Clinical Services Meeting (biennially)
- Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN) Meeting – to become the Pacific Directors of Public Health Meeting from 2020 (biennially)
- Pacific Heads of Nursing Meeting (biennially with inaugural meeting to be held in February 2020)
- WHO World Health Assembly - WHA (annually in May)
- WHO Regional Committee Meeting - RCM (annually in October)
- Pacific Regional Council for Early Childhood Development (PRC4ECD) and its Steering Committee – recently established Ministerial Council including Ministers of Health (regularity of meetings TBD – likely to be annual)
- FEMM and FTMM – where relevant

Financing/resource requirements

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently participation at all meetings (except last WHO meetings) is fully supported by development partners • SPC funded by development partners. Support to countries limited to available resources based on country priorities • Funding gap in implementation of country work in some PICTs
<p><u>Measures of success</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MANA Dashboard, Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework indicators • Pacific Roadmap on Sustainable Development • Progress on implementing Leaders priorities in health and relevant sectors

i) Biological Diversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

<p><u>PIF Leaders Decisions:</u></p> <p><u>(Para 13 of PIF Leaders Communiqué 2014)</u> <i>“We support a decision in favour of launching negotiations by September 2015 for an International Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.”</i></p> <p><u>(Para 10 of PIF Leaders Communiqué 2016)</u> <i>“Reflect on the significant international developments over the past year on oceans and urge a timely and comprehensive conclusion to the Preparatory Committee process established to make substantive recommendations to the United Nations General Assembly on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument, under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. We support the convening of a time-bound intergovernmental conference no later than during the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly.”</i></p> <p><u>(Para 8 of PIF Leaders Communiqué 2017)</u> <i>“Leaders reiterated their support for existing regional ocean policy and declarations, and strengthening of the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner for coordination and advocacy of cross-sectoral ocean issues. Leaders called for the commencement of the negotiations in the UN for a new Implementing Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity on Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.”</i></p> <p><u>(Para 28 of PIF Leaders Communiqué 2018)</u> <i>“Leaders agreed to mobilise all relevant Forum mechanisms to advance the region’s positions in the negotiations for a new Implementing Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.”</i></p> <p><u>Objective:</u></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROP effective support to members to advance the region’s position in the negotiations for a new Implementing Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. • CROP provide unified/coordinated support and technical advice to Members in a timely manner
<p><u>CROP deliverables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth analysis of Conference President’s zero draft treaty text as well as specific elements to assist members during the negotiations
<p><u>Key CROP agencies/delivery mechanism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFA, PIFS, SPC, SPREP, USP and OPOC (Coordination Lead) • Pacific Ocean Alliance
<p><u>Financing/resource requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROP participation during intersessional period and regional negotiators meetings. • CROP participation during the BBNJ negotiation meetings in New York (March 2020).
<p><u>Measures of success</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation of region’s positions and interests reflected in the treaty text. • Number of inputs provided by CROP Agencies including Talking Points, Briefs, Statements, Treaty Text Analysis.

5. How CROP will work together

5.1 In line with the 2018 CROP Charter, CROP will work together over the period 2019-2020, through the mechanisms and approaches summarised below, and according to the CROP Calendar, as outlined at [Section 6](#).

- **Supporting whole-of-government engagement and delivery on the Forum agenda:** including through proactive communications to Members; Member participation in Taskforces and Working Groups; reviewing opportunities to strengthen whole of government engagement as part of a second phase of the Analysis of Governance and Financing work; and proactive engagement in the CROP – SIS Attachment Programme.
- **Meetings of CROP Heads and CROP Deputies:** quarterly meetings of CROP Heads and meetings of CROP Deputies, as required to deliver on CROP Heads’ decisions, and as supported by the CROP Operational Support Team at an officer level.
- **Driving implementation through CROP Taskforces and Working Groups:** establishment/re-focusing/continuation of task-orientated and time-bound working groups to deliver on priority work areas.²
- **Providing regional policy and technical advice:** particularly as part of the public policy process, to inform the work of the Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism, with a CROP Heads meeting held in May 2019 to engage with this process.
- **Supporting the Forum’s international advocacy and strengthening CROP collective communications:** through supporting the delivery of the 2020 Action Plan for the Forum Strategy for International Advocacy and Engagement, the work of the FOC Sub-Committee for Forum Engagement and Advocacy, and the delivery of the Joint CROP Communications Plan.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** collectively engaging with stakeholder groups including through the Regional Development Partner Roundtable held with Forum Economic Ministers, Forum Leaders Session with Forum Dialogue Partners, and an annual CROP Heads’ dialogue with the Resident Coordinator(s) for the United Nations and with civil society representatives.
- **Governing Councils:** reporting to CROP governing bodies on participation in, and performance of CROP, including through an annual meeting of CROP Heads and Governing Council Chairs in October/November 2019.
- **Review and reporting:** Assessing progress against the CROP Strategic Work Agenda and Action Plan at quarterly meetings of CROP Heads and through a written report to Forum Officials Committee and Forum Leaders Meeting, and through an annual dialogue with Forum Leaders on the side-lines of the 51st PIF.

² Noting that current CROP Working Groups include: Gender, ICT, Marine Sector (TBC), WARD (TBC), Health & Population, Human Resources Development, Sustainable Development, Communications, and Corporate Directors Group.

6. 2020 Calendar of CROP Meetings and Engagements

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>14 Jan: Japan and France SOM Preparatory Meeting (Suva) 16 Jan: FOC Sub-Committee on Prioritisation and Resourcing 21 Jan: Japan and France SOM Preparatory Meeting (Suva) 21 Jan: Members update on the Post-Cotonou Negotiations (Suva)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>16-17 Jan: Asia Pacific Development Effective Facility (Bangkok) 20-21 Jan: Fullerton Forum 27-28 Jan: In-Country Mission on the PRF: Australia and New Zealand</p>	<p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>3-6 Feb: Regional Meeting on Anti-Corruption (Kiribati) 11-13 Feb: Forum Trade Ministers Meeting (Suva) 14 Feb: FOC Sub-Committee on 2050 Strategy (Suva) 17 Feb: Sub-Committee on Prioritisation and Resourcing (Suva) <i>tbc</i> 19 Feb: Technical Working Group on the PRF (Suva) <i>tbc</i> 20 Feb: FEMM Troika Meeting (Suva) <i>tbc</i> 26-28 Feb: OPOC BBNJ IGC4 Preparatory Meeting (Suva)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>11-13 Feb: Pacific Heads of Nursing (Nadi) 10 Feb: CROP Heads Teleconference (Suva) 27-28 Feb: FFA - Consultations with the US</p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>4-5 Feb: Preparatory Meeting of the 2020 UN Ocean Conference to consider elements for the political declaration 24-28 Feb: Committee for Development Policy, ECOSOC (New York)</p>	<p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>2 Mar: Regional Sea Level-Rise Meeting (Tuvalu) 19-20 Mar: 2050 Scenario Development Workshop (virtual (capitals) and resident missions in Suva) 30 Mar-1 Apr: Regional Aviation Minister Meeting (PNG) (deferred)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>9-12 Mar: Regional Tourism Conference (Nadi) 12 Mar: CROP Deputies Meeting 10-11 Mar: Australia – France Coral Reef Resilience Meeting (Apia) 16-18 Mar: Post COP 25 Analysis Workshop, Apia (deferred) 16-20 Mar: 12th Heads of Fisheries Meeting (New Caledonia) (deferred)</p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>9-20 Mar: 64th UN Commission on the Status of Women (New York) (procedural meeting) 20 Mar-10 Apr: BBNJ negotiations IGC 4 (New York) (deferred) 25-27 Mar: 7th Asia Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (Bangkok) (deferred)</p>

<p>APRIL</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>20-24 Apr: FOC Sub-Committee Week: Regional Security, Forum International Engagement and Advocacy, 2050 Strategy, Audit and Risk, Prioritisation and Resourcing (Suva)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>19-24 Apr: 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas (Noumea) (deferred)</p> <p>27-28 Apr: Directors of Clinical Services</p> <p>27 Apr–1 May: 30th Council of Pacific Arts and Culture (CPAC) (Cook Islands)</p> <p>27 Apr-1 May: Pre FFC 114 Workshops and Meetings (Suva)</p> <p>29 Apr – 1 May: Pacific Heads of Health (Nadi)</p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>16-19 Apr: WBG Annual Spring Meetings (Washington DC) (virtual)</p> <p>23-25 Apr: 10th Annual Polynesian Leaders Group Summit (American Samoa) (deferred)</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>1 May: Pacific Caucus Meeting, ADB Annuals (Incheon)</p> <p>20 May: Audit and Risk (ARSC) Meeting (Suva) tbc (virtual)</p> <p>21 May: FOC Sub-Committee on Prioritisation and Resourcing (Suva) tbc</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>4-8 May: Annual Officials FFC114 Meeting (Suva)</p> <p>11 May: CROP Heads Meeting (virtual and resident agencies)</p> <p>21-22 May: 90th USP Council (Tuvalu)</p> <p>22 May: SPTO Board of Directors Meeting (Auckland)</p> <p>25 May: CROP Heads Meeting (away) tbc</p> <p>25-26 May: South Pacific Tourism Exchange (Christchurch)</p> <p>27-29 May: 2020 Pacific Ocean Pacific Climate Change Conference (Samoa)</p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>2-5 May: ADB Annual Meetings (Incheon)</p> <p>18-23 May: World Health Assembly (Geneva)</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>29 Jun: SIS Officials Meeting and PACP Officials Meeting (Suva)</p> <p>30 Jun-1 Jul: Pre-Forum FOC (Suva)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>10-21 Jun: 13th FestPAC (Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture) including 31st CPAC Meeting and 5th Ministers of Culture Meeting (Hawaii) (deferred)</p> <p>23-25 Jun: Regional Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement Workshop, Honiara (Honiara)</p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>1-7 Jun: 52nd session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (Bonn) (Possible deferral)</p> <p>2-6 Jun: UN Oceans Conference (Lisbon)</p> <p>5-7 Jun: Shangri-la Dialogue</p> <p>8-11 Jun: 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (Kazakhstan) (Possible deferral)</p> <p>11-19 Jun: IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 (France)</p> <p>22-26 Jun: Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) (Rwanda)</p>
<p>JULY</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>2 Jul: 4th PALM MIM (Suva) tbc</p> <p>3 Jul: Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting (Suva)</p> <p>6-7 Jul: Forum Economic Officials’ Meeting (Suva)</p> <p>8 Jul: Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (Suva)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>3-7 Aug: 51st PIF Meeting and Related Meetings (Vanuatu)</p> <p>24 Aug: FOC Sub-Committee on Forum International Engagement and Advocacy</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>17-18 Aug: Our Oceans Conference</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>9-11 Sep: Pacific Security Dialogue</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>3-4 Sep: SPREP Executive Board Meeting (Samoa) tbc</p> <p>29 Sep – 2 Oct: 6th Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting and Ministerial Meeting (Cook Islands) tbc</p>

<p>6-7 Jul: FFC Officials Meeting (Nadi) 8-9 Jul: FFC Ministerial Meeting (Nadi) 10 Jul: Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting (Nadi) 6-10 Jul: 29th PPA Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition (FSM)</p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>7-16 Jul: High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York)</p>	<p>(Palau)</p>	<p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>15-30 Sept: UN General Assembly (New York)</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>12-16 Oct: FOC Sub-Committee Week: Regional Security, Forum International Engagement and Advocacy, 2050 Strategy, Audit and Risk, Prioritisation and Resourcing (Suva)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>12-16 Oct: 2020 Clean Pacific Roundtable (New Caledonia) 20-22 Oct: SPC Committee of Representatives of Government and Administrations, (New Caledonia) <i>tbc</i> 26 – 30 Oct: 14th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and Pacific Women’s Ministers Meeting (French Polynesia) CROP Heads Meeting (Fiji) <i>tbc</i></p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>5-10 Oct: 2020 UN Biodiversity Conference (China) 16-18 Oct: IMF-WBG Annual Meetings (Washington DC)</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>2-3 Nov: Forum Education Ministers Meeting</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p>2-6 Nov: 4th Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries (New Caledonia) 4-5 Nov: 91st USP Council (Fiji)</p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p> <p>9-19 Nov: UNFCCC COP 26 (Glasgow)</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p><i>Forum meetings:</i></p> <p>4 Dec: Budget FOC Session (Suva)</p> <p><i>CROP meetings:</i></p> <p><i>External engagement:</i></p>