

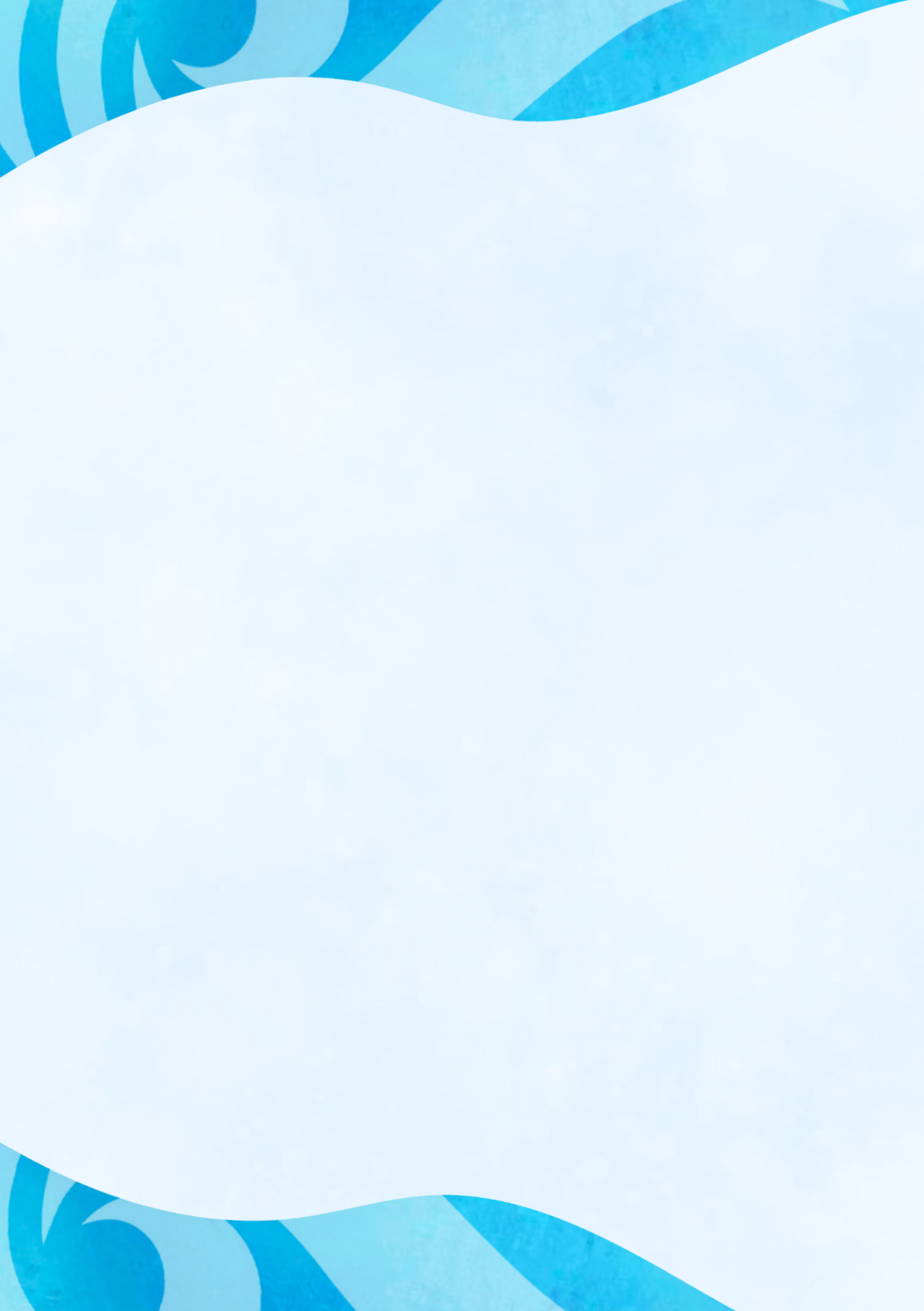


# **Pacific Ocean Alliance Meeting**

**7 – 8 June, 2022**

***“Accelerating Blue Pacific Ocean action for 2030 and beyond: Pathway to Lisbon UN Ocean Conference”***

**Program Booklet**



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### Theme:

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### Provisional Annotated Agenda

#### Tuesday, 7 June 2022

The overall objective of day one of POA is to take a stock-take on the implementation of SDG14 as a global ocean policy. In view of the upcoming UN Ocean Conference, day one will provide the space for POA to look back after more than five years of implementation; on what are some of the governance issues and challenges? and how the POA can work together to improve things for the region moving forward? This is particularly significant noting that the Pacific region fought hard for this stand-alone goal on the ocean (SDG14) within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Day one expects a rich discussions and outcomes from the Members of POA to allow the Pacific to take leadership again at the global stage in terms of progressing ocean actions for SDG14 and Regional Ocean Commitments.

#### 1. **Opening session [08:30am – 09:00am]**

- i. Welcoming Statement by Pacific Ocean Commissioner & PIF SG, **Mr Henry Puna**
- ii. Keynote Statement by the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on the Ocean, **Ambassador Peter Thomson**
- iii. Statement by the Representative of the Co-hosts of the 2nd UN Ocean Conference, Portugal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, **Mr. Francisco André**

## 2. **Session 1 [09:00am -10:30am]: Presentation of ocean priorities and stock take on implementation**

- i) Revisit POA 2019 Outcomes & provide a stock-take on implementation – PIFS/OPOC
- ii) POA Stakeholders Perspectives, Experiences and Challenges on Implementation:
  - a) Countries: Fiji, Niue & Palau
  - b) SIDS – UN DESA, SIDS Unit
  - c) CROP: SPREP, SPC, FFA & PIFS
  - d) Non-State Actors

### **Coffee/Tea Break [10:30am – 11am]**

## 3. **Break out Group Discussions on Session 1 [11:00am – 12:00pm]**

All participants (in-person and virtually) will be allocated a group to discuss their issues and then report back to plenary. Each group to appoint a chair, rapporteur and a presenter.

- i) The break-out group session will reflect on presentations from Session 1. Groups are encouraged to identify some of the national, regional and global positive experiences and challenges on implementation. Groups should also discuss possible solutions to overcome those challenges, some possible areas that needs to be strengthened collaboration and also outline possible roles of POA and how we can better organize ourselves moving forward.
- ii) 40mins for discussion and 20mins for presentation of key issues from all Groups in a plenary

## 4. **Session 2 [12:00pm – 01:00pm]: Interactive Session on future commitments and collaborative action**

While the meeting is in plenary mode, Session 2 on Interactive Dialogues will proceed.

- i) **Presentation and update on 2050 Strategy process. PIF Regionalism Adviser, Mr Joel Nilon**  
Introducing the 2050 Strategy and proposals for an implementation plan of the Strategy.
- ii) **Interactive session with Pacific Ocean Commissioner Mr Henry Puna**  
*"A secure future for Pacific Island Countries and Territories based on sustainable development, management and conservation of our Ocean" (Framework for the Pacific Oceanscape 2010)*  
After considering the status of implementation and the future vision for the region, this will be a facilitated interactive session with the Pacific Ocean Commissioner who would like to interact with the POA on a vision for improved coordination and accelerated action on implementation of ocean polices and commitments.

### **Lunch Break [01:00pm – 02:00pm]**

#### **5. Break-out Group Discussion on Session 2 [02:00pm – 03:30pm]**

All participants (in-person and virtually) will be again allocated a group to discuss their issues and then report back to plenary. Each group to appoint a chair, rapporteur and a presenter.

The break-out groups will discuss:

- Ideas for accelerated actions – including effective coordination and means of implementation?
- Improving coordination, amongst POA i.e. Members (Capital/New York), CROP and NSA
- Future Commitments (2050 Strategy) – Future role of POA noting ongoing discussions on regional architecture, etc

40mins for discussion and 20mins for presentation of key issues from all Groups in a plenary.

### **Afternoon Tea [03:30pm – 04:00pm]**

#### **6. End of Day 1 [04:00pm – 04:30pm]: Way Forward and Wrap up Session**

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#### Wednesday, 8 February 2022

Prior to the commencement of day two proper, there will be an organized world ocean day celebrations which is marked on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June every year. The objective of day two of the POA is to consider preparations for the UN Ocean Conference to be held in Lisbon Portugal from 27 June to 2 July 2022. This day is expected to create the enabling space for all POA stakeholders to share, collaborate and coordinate their efforts leading up to the Conference to ensure attendance of the united Blue Pacific Continent is visible and impactful at the Conference.

1. **Special POA Event [08:30am – 10:30am]: World Ocean Day Celebrations”**
  - i. Public March from the Suva Flea Market to the Suva Civic Centre Foreshore
  - ii. Commence with Prayer
  - iii. Remarks by the Pacific Ocean Commissioner & PIF SG Mr Henry Puna
  - iv. High-Level Guest Speaker H.E President of Fiji Ratu Wiliame Katonivere
  - v. Youth representative

Activities:

- Traditional navigation vessels will be available together with Public display booths.
- Activities for Children and Youth.
- Launch of Rising to the Challenge Campaign.

This special event will be held at the Suva Foreshore area. All participants attending in-person will make their way back to the PIFS Conference Room for resumption of POA Day 2 meeting.

### **Coffee/Tea Break [10:30am – 11:00am]**

## **2. Session 3 [11:00 – 12:00pm]: Presentation & Discussions on UN Ocean Conference**

- i. Recap of Day 1 and World Ocean Day Celebrations – OPOC
- ii. UNOC Modality, Outcomes & Engagements: (**Presentation by UN DESA**)
- iii. Discussion on 8 Interactive Dialogues (ID)

Following the presentation on the modalities of the Conference, the POA will consider the High-Level Messages and Technical Briefs prepared for the 8 Interactive Dialogues at the 2nd UN Ocean Conference and any provide any additions (**Presentation by SPREP, PIFS, OPOC**)

- ID – 1\_Addressing Marine Pollution (Lead: SPREP)
- ID-2\_Circular Blue Economy - Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for SIDS and LDCs (Lead: SPREP, PIFS)
- ID-3\_Managing, protecting, conserving, and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems (Lead: SPREP)
- ID-4\_Oceans Acidification - Minimising and addressing ocean acidification, deoxygenation and ocean warming. (Lead: SPC)

## **3. Continue discussions on Session 3 [12:00pm – 1:00pm]**

- ID-5\_Fisheries - Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets. (Lead: SPC, FFA)
- ID-6\_Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology. (Lead: SPC)

- ID-7\_Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in UNCLOS. (Lead: PIFS, OPOC)
- ID-8\_Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (Lead: SPC)

### **Lunch break [01:00pm – 02:00pm]**

#### **4. Session 4 [02:00pm – 03:30pm]: Sharing Plans – Regional collaboration and attendance to Lisbon 2<sup>nd</sup> UN Ocean Conference.**

##### **i) Discuss Way Forward**

After detailed discussion on the interactive dialogues and the support provided through the technical briefs and messaging, this provides a good basis for discussions on Voluntary Commitments. Particularly if members of POA would like to showcase some success stories and if members of the POA are forthcoming with their commitments, this could then provide for the region to have a consolidated list of commitments that can also be included as part of the regional discussions in the respective interactive dialogues. This session will also involve a discussion on the various roles at the Conference, collaboration spaces for the Pacific and support at various regional events.

- Exchange on Voluntary Commitments: new VCs and support (30mins)
- Update list of Pacific side events
- Update list of POA Delegations and potential roles at the Conference (30mins)

### **Afternoon Team [3:30pm – 04:00pm]**

5. **Presentation of Draft POA Meeting Summary [04:00pm – 04:30pm]**
6. **Closing session [03:30pm – 04:00pm]**
  - i) Closing remarks by Pacific Ocean Commissioner & PIF Secretary General Mr Henry Puna
  - ii) Prayer

## **End of POA 2022 Meeting**

