

DRIVER DESCRIPTIONS

DRIVER	KEY ELEMENTS
Management of Natural Resources	This driver includes elements across the economic, environmental, technological, political and governance dimensions of the region. It refers to the importance of sustainably managing the region's natural resources as a basis for building economic diversity and environmental health; for improving fisheries returns while regulating illegal and underreported fishing; for protecting the region's biodiversity; for preventing the introduction of harmful species, organisms, etc.; for increasing investments in sustainable technologies, including surveillance technologies to secure the Blue Pacific; and legislative reform to strengthen natural resource management.
Human rights, gender equality and increased social protection	A key to this driver was the necessity for inclusive policies to reduce gender inequality and exclusion of vulnerable groups across all areas of the economy and community. This includes the implementation of socio-economic protection programmes, policy reforms to ensure compliance with human rights obligations that reduce gender-based violence; equal access to employment and the region's resources.
Governance, leadership and political commitment	This driver covered a relatively broad range of issues that focused on leadership, political commitment and strengthened institutions, systems and processes of government and parliament to better adapt to a changing global environment and emerging issues. Strategic foresight was considered necessary for effective decision-making. Reference was also made to the importance of investing in the building of effective leadership through the primary and secondary education curricula.
Climate Change, natural disasters and health threats	Building resilience and regional solidarity to strengthen mitigation and adaption measures to combat the impacts of climate change as well as compounding natural disasters, globalization and health threats such as COVID-19. Central to this driver is the importance of education and awareness raising for mitigation and early warning with the overall objective of protecting the livelihoods of all Pacific people.
Private sector development, trade, and opportunities for investment and innovation	This driver includes an increased focus on private sector activity in key areas of fisheries, tourism, small and medium enterprises; finding ways to make doing business easier; and strengthening investments in trade and innovation.
Access, affordability and reliability of transport and communications (ICT)	Transport (particularly aviation) was seen as an important driver for change. The attention to aviation appears to be largely driven by the consequences of COVID-19 as well as security issues at national airports. Access to safe and reliable aviation and shipping for both passengers and trade are seen as having a significant impact on the region for connections internally, regionally and to the rest of the world. ICT and investments in technological infrastructure as well as technical training and investments in institutional capacity were highlighted by a number of members. Developments in this area were seen to have significant impacts across a number of sectors (health, education, aviation, education) as well as in strengthening regional cooperation.

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Responses to geostrategic dimensions and relationships	This driver is made up of issues linked to the impact of the influences on the region of external parties; the impact of multilateralism, changing political alliances and most importantly how all of these impact on geostrategic competition and influence development in the region.
Scientific knowledge, research and technology for sustainable production and infrastructure development	The focus of this driver is on the importance of investments in sustainable infrastructure development and of environmental technology and capacity to build scientific knowledge, research and technology .
Access to inclusive quality education and training	This driver has a number of interrelated elements: the need for inclusive education curricula and standards, including early childhood, technical, vocational and higher education; strengthened investments in infrastructure and teacher qualifications; investments in institutional capacity and technical training in the area of ICT; and the need for stronger regulations and policies for effective use of social media for learning and education.
Population change, migration, urbanization and waste management	This driver includes focusing on adopting measures to better manage demographic changes, population movements and urbanization with specific reference by some members to the importance of improving waste management and pollution.
Access to quality and affordable health care with an increased focus on research and technology, behavioral change and prevention	This driver focused on the need for improvement in response and recovery to health-related issues and outbreaks; to increasing investments in health systems and capacities; as well as the necessity to link all health issues to the underlying need for education, awareness raising and behavior changes in lifestyle and choices.
Culture, traditional practices, faith-based practices and behavior change	The two aspects focused on by members under this driver of change are the preservation of cultural, traditional and faith-based practices as well as the importance of promoting fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and the appropriate access to natural resources.
Effective regional architecture and regionalism	This driver focused on the importance of strengthened regional solidarity and a review of the regional architecture to help address achievement of the 2050 Vision.
Public sector financial management and sustainability	The elements of this driver focused on fiscal responsibility and sustainable government revenue; debt management and inclusive monetary policies and accountability. There was also an emphasis placed on the importance of implementing a secure digital financial management systems and processes to help ensure accountability and accessibility of data.
Surveillance technologies, legislation and regulation to reduce cyber threats, transnational crime and corruption to enhance the security of the Blue Pacific	Under this driver the emphasis on strengthened legislation and institutional capacities for improved law and order and to protect the users from cyber threats as well as a focus on regional coordination to combat transnational crime.
Employment, labour mobility and remittances	This driver focused attention on the necessity for strengthening opportunities for employment and training in the region as well as for increasing labour mobility and remittances.

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New and existing regional relationships	This driver gave attention to the need to enhance new and existing regional relationships for political, legal and diplomatic preparedness for regional continuity under different scenarios.
Conservation and sustainability of the use of the Ocean resources	The conservation of coastal, marine areas and ecosystems as well as the importance of developing and implementing policies and legislation to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of the ocean and its resources were the elements of this driver.
Engagement and inclusion of non-state actors in national and regional decision-making	This driver emphasized the importance of the inclusion of all non-state actors in regional decision-making as well as strengthening regional relationships and as key players in regional architecture.
Data collection and analysis for evidence-based decision-making	This driver draws attention to the critical need for accurate and up-to-date data for monitoring all areas of development and for effective policy formulation and decision-making.