



MINISTERIAL FORUM FISHERIES COMMITTEE

SPECIAL TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

The Pearl Resort, Fiji

Agenda Item	6
Paper No	FFCMIN21-WP3
Title	2050 Strategy Implementation Plan

Summary

At the 51st Pacific Islands Forum in Suva in July 2022, Leaders endorsed the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent as an overarching blueprint to advance Pacific regionalism for the next three decades articulating the region's long term vision, values and key thematic areas and strategic pathways.

This paper reports on the work to date to develop the 2050 Strategy Implementation Plan including with the FFA Secretariat.

Recommendations

Ministers are invited to:

1. Note the update on the development of the Implementation Plan, including the Secretariat's continuing participation in the development process;
2. Direct the Secretariat on further work on this Implementation Plan;
3. at national level, continue to raise the importance of the fisheries sector in the development of this implementation plan, in particular to ensure that there is no duplication of effort with the mandate and work of FFA.

1. Introduction

The Draft 2050 Strategy Regional Implementation Plan aims to deliver the Leaders Vision in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent *“As Pacific Leaders, our vision is for a resilient Pacific Region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity that ensures all Pacific Peoples can lead free, healthy and productive lives”*.

An Implementation Plan is being developed by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) members with advice from CROP Agencies, Non State Actors (NSAs) and Partners.

The latest draft Implementation Plan has been reviewed by the FFA Secretariat to ensure that the FFA Fisheries interests, rights and Member priorities are reflected therein, and has been conveyed to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat on 4 August 2023.

The timelines for the completion, review and endorsement of the Regional Implementation Plan is also outlined in this paper.

2. Overview of the 2050 Strategy



As seen above, there are ten overarching political commitments by the Leaders to strengthen their collective action and deepen regionalism to realise the vision. In support of those commitments, the Strategy includes seven interconnected thematic areas which

underpin the focus and delivery of the 2050 Strategy by Member countries, CROP Agencies, Non-State Actors and Partners.

3. Multi-Stakeholder Expert Cluster Groups (MSEGs)

Four Multi-Stakeholder Expert Cluster Groups (MSEGs) were established and consisting of PIFS Members with the advice from CROP Agencies, NSAs and Partner representatives. These MSEGs were charged with developing and finalising the draft Implementation Plan that will be considered by Leaders in November. The four MSEG groups are:

- **MSEG # 1** - Political Leadership and Regionalism & Peace and Security
- **MSEG # 2** - People Centred Development
- **MSEG # 3** - Ocean and Environment and Climate Change and Disasters
- **MSEG # 4** - Resource and Economic Development and Technology and Connectivity

The MSEG groups are continuing to meet regularly to finalise the draft Implementation Plan.

4. The FFA Secretariat input to the draft Implementation Plan:

The FFA Secretariat has been able to join in most of the MSEG meetings noting these meetings have taken place up to three times a week over the past few months. In this way the Secretariat is able to maintain oversight over the process although it has been challenging joining online and with the busy work commitment of staff.

Recently, the Secretariat undertook a comprehensive review of the latest draft Implementation Plan with the feedback provided to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat on Friday 4th August 2023. (The feedback will be made available to FFA Members). In the Secretariat's review, it provided the following input, including:

- regional solidarity as a key premise for progress in the region
- review of the regional architecture mindful of CROP agencies existing mandates and respective governing councils
- the importance of education (including from early years) as a conduit for the Pacific continuing to drive its own development
- support for a more coordinated approach to regional security and prioritising the development of national security strategies and processes
- promotion of accessible, affordable local food production, harvest and processing to improve food security and healthy lifestyles
- promotion and practice of labour standards and human rights in the region
- importance of mainstreaming gender and social inclusion
- inclusion of offshore fisheries climate change impacts to food security, income and economic development opportunities
- need for a more holistic approach to facilitate sustainable climate action and disaster risk reduction
- sustainable management of resources
- ensuring there is no duplication with the work of the Secretariat and FFA.

The Secretariat is informed that there will be another opportunity to review the final draft throughout August and will continue to work closely with PIFS and others to support Members to finalise the implementation plan.

5. The Timeline for the Endorsement of the 2050 Strategy Regional Implementation Plan

The draft Implementation Plan will be considered by the Forum Leaders meeting in November. A timeline for the completion of the Draft is attached as **Attachment A**.

**2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent Implementation Plan Development Process
Revised Work Plan**

#	Activity	Indicative Dates (2023)
2	Ongoing Process to Finalise the Implementation Plan • Development of Regional Collective Actions • Development of IP Drafts • Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Approach for the IP	20 July -11 August
3	2050 FOC-SC Meeting to approve draft IP for Consultation	16 August
4	Draft IP circulated for consultation to: • Members • CROP Agencies • NSAs • Development Partners • Consultation via National Planners workshop (mid-August 2023)	15-31 August
5	Regional Ministerial Meetings to provide input into draft: • 2023 Forum Economic Ministers meeting • 2023 Trade Ministers meeting • Regional ICT Ministers meeting • PIF Women Leaders Meeting	9-10 August 22-25 August 28-29 August 31 August - 1 September
6	FOC-SC Meeting: To agree on draft Implementation Plan	5 September
7	Draft Implementation Plan conveyed to FOC for consideration	6 September
8	FOC Consideration of Draft final Implementation Plan	12-13 September
9	Special FEMM Consideration of Draft final Implementation Plan	14 September
10	FFMM Consideration of Draft Implementation Plan	15 September
11	Ongoing Process to finalise IP (following FOC/FEMM/FFMM) • FOC -SC meeting to approve final IP - following revisions • Out of Session FOC to approve final IP for Leaders consideration	Late September - Late October
12	Forum Leaders consider 2050 IP	6-9 Nov 2023