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### SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PACIFIC ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Nadi, Fiji, 3-7 October 2011

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Both the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the international protected area community have hailed the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA)<sup>1</sup> as the most implemented of the programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity and a successful initiative. The initiation of regional capacity-building workshops, the designation of PoWPA focal points, the creation of a Global Environment Facility (GEF) early-action granting window for PoWPA implementation, programming a major chunk of GEF 5 biodiversity portfolio for PoWPA and the establishment of the LifeWeb Initiative are all important ingredients of the success of the PoWPA.

2. In decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in which twenty headline Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2015 or 2020 are organized under the five strategic goals. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework. Under target 11, the Parties agreed that:

“By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas; especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services; are conserved through; effectively and equitably managed; ecologically representative; well connected systems of protected areas; other effective area-based conservation measures; integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.”

3. As the elements of target 11 incorporate the tenets of the programme of work on protected areas, its further effective implementation holds the key for achieving target 11. Implementation of the PoWPA also helps toward achieving other targets 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision VII/28, annex.

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4. In paragraph 12 of decision IX/18 on protected areas, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties, other Governments, relevant inter-governmental organizations, and indigenous and local communities, to enhance activities and resources, towards organizing and forming regional technical support networks to assist countries in implementing the PoWPA. In paragraph 3 of decision X/31 the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to foster the formation of regional initiatives and formulate regional action plans, through regional technical support networks, to coordinate funding, technical support, exchange of experiences and capacity-building for implementing the PoWPA. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to hold regional and subregional capacity-building workshops, with special attention to element 2, and other identified priorities in collaboration with relevant partners.

5. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary, with the generous financial assistance of the European Union, and in collaboration with the government of Fiji, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the PoWPA Friends Consortium, is organizing a workshop for the Pacific region from 3-7 October in Nadi, Fiji.

6. The objectives of the workshop are to (i) provide an overview and conduct needs assessment of capacity-building requirements, tools and approaches to implement the PoWPA, the decision on protected areas (X/31) adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to achieve target 11 and other targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity; (ii) strengthen the skills and knowledge of protected area functionaries and others who implement the PoWPA through an exchange of experiences, sharing of tools, available resources and capacity-building in: (a) protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation, including integration of protected areas into wider land- and sea-scapes, (b) developing or revising national action plans for implementation of the PoWPA, (c) marine protected areas (d) governance, (e) valuing protected area costs and benefits including their ecosystem services; (iii) develop/update action plans for implementing the PoWPA; and (iv) create awareness about funding opportunities available under the GEF 5 biodiversity portfolio including funding for enabling activities for revising the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).

7. A list of documents for the workshop is attached as annex I.

8. The Secretariat issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The language of the workshop is English.

9. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, 3 October 2011.

#### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

10. The workshop will be held in parallel with the Regional Workshop for the Pacific on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), with some joint sessions to provide synergy and interaction among CBD and PoWPA focal points. The workshop will be opened jointly with the NBSAP workshop. A representative of the host Government will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, 3 October 2011. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will welcome the participants and make opening statements.

11. After a brief self-introduction by the participants, the workshop will elect its Chair based on proposals from the floor. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/PAC/2/1), adopt it following any amendments, if needed, and consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II below.

12. As a complement to the consideration of the organization of the work and to set the tone of the workshop, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will describe the purpose, expected

outputs of the workshop and the outcome of decision X/31 and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The workshop will be organized around a hands-on learning programme designed to address key framing questions in technical sessions.

**ITEM 2. OVERVIEW AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT CAPACITY-BUILDING TOOLS AND APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENT THE POWPA, AND DECISIONS ADOPTED AT COP 10 ON PROTECTED AREAS**

13. Under this item, a representative of SPREP provides an overview of ongoing capacity-building activities in the region highlighting the gaps and opportunities for synergy. A representative of the Secretariat presents the PoWPA webpage, e-learning modules and other tools. In the country breakout groups, participants engage in interactive sessions to exchange ideas and identify country-specific capacity-building needs to feed into a regional capacity-building action plan for achieving effective implementation of the PoWPA, target 11 and other targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Prior to the workshop, participants are required to identify their capacity-building needs and ongoing capacity-building initiatives in their countries.

**ITEM 3. STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR: (a) ADAPTING AND MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING INTEGRATION OF PROTECTED AREAS INTO WIDER LAND- AND SEASCAPES; (b) DEVELOPING NATIONAL ACTION PLANS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS; (c) MARINE PROTECTED AREAS; (d) GOVERNANCE; (e) VALUATION OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PROTECTED AREAS, INCLUDING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES; AND (f) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER GEF 5.**

14. Under this item, the workshop will provide practical hands-on tools and training on some of the themes that need greater attention as identified by the Conference of the Parties in decision X/31, which form the qualitative aspects of target 11. The Secretariat has developed e-learning modules for each goal of the PoWPA in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. These tutorial modules are aimed to cater to protected area policymakers and officials, including PoWPA focal points. These modules will also be supplemented with a series of interactive exercises aimed at protected area practitioners who are responsible for implementing specific PoWPA actions within their countries. These supplementary modules can serve as the basis for in-person regional and subregional trainings and “training of trainers” courses. Participants are required to look at the modules and take some lessons prior to the workshop. Using a browser (newer browsers such as Firefox or Chrome work better) (i) go to <http://www.cbd.int/protected/e-learning/>; (ii) go to modules 2 (integration), 8 (lesson 1 on valuation), 17 (on climate change and the climate change course room), 18 (marine protected areas), and 19 (implementation and action planning); (iii) click “*Take The Course*” on any of these modules; (iv) create a log in and go to “*Protected Areas*” at the Conservation Training site; (v) click “*Enter Module*”; (vi) enter the module of choice and begin the first lesson and complete the lessons one by one as instructed. A course room has been enabled on the topic of protected areas and climate change, and the participants have been pre-registered and contacted to take part in an online discussion with guiding questions and a mentor.

15. Each theme of the workshop is structured into: (i) running a lesson of an appropriate module or delivering a presentation on the topic, and (ii) country breakout groups for interactive sessions to exchange case studies, ideas and prepare national work plans including regional strategies for addressing key issues. In the interactive sessions, the participants will be provided with key framing questions for each topic to describe the current status of PoWPA implementation and a future plan of action. A rapporteur from each country group will make a presentation on the outcome of the interactive sessions to the plenary.

***A. Adapting and mitigating climate change, including integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascape***

16. Protected areas can serve as important elements of climate change adaptation as unbroken blocks of intact habitat which can increase the resilience of ecosystems to climate change. Ecosystems with high biodiversity and intact structural components recover more easily from climatic disturbances. Shifting upward or pole-ward is predicted to be one of the most common responses of species to the impacts of climate change. Protected areas and their surrounding landscapes, particularly ecological corridors, will have an important role to play in providing habitat to facilitate such shifts so as to maximize the natural adaptive capacity of biodiversity. Better managed, better connected, better governed and well financed protected areas are recognized as key to both mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change. In paragraph 14 (a) of decision X/31 the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to achieve goal 1.2 of PoWPA to address climate change impacts and increase resilience to climate change. Goal 1.2 of the programme of work on protected areas specifically calls for integrating protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors to maintain the structural and functional viability of ecosystems. The e-learning modules on goal 1.2 (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=47&page=96>) and climate change (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=118>) explain the step by step approach for undertaking the required activities.

***B. Developing/updating national action plans for implementing the PoWPA with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020***

17. In paragraph 1 (b), Parties are invited to develop a long-term action plan or update existing plan for the implementation of PoWPA including detailing listing of activities, timelines, budgets and responsibilities with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and requested the Executive Secretary on the status of such plans to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. The e-learning module on implementation <https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=66> provides detailed step by step guidance on developing an action plan for the PoWPA. In addition, under the UNDP/GEF early action grants project in the Pacific, Fiji, Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu have already developed action plans or prioritized the activities for implementing PoWPA. The Secretariat provides these existing plans to the participants prior to the workshop. Participants are required to update these existing plans or develop plans incorporating the requirements emanating from decision X/31 and target 11, suggesting timelines, indicative budget, responsibilities etc., through an interactive exercise and to submit within two months of the conclusion of the workshop as requested by the Conference of the Parties.

***C. Marine protected areas***

18. Although the terrestrial protected areas coverage exceeds 12 per cent of the world's terrestrial surface, marine protected areas (MPAs) cover only 6.3 per cent of the world's territorial waters, growing in a mean annual growth rate 4.6 per cent per annum. Taking this into account, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 22 of decision X/31, emphasized the need to enhance efforts towards achieving the 2012 marine target. In 2006, the states of Micronesia announced the Micronesia Challenge at COP 8, under which they pledged to protect 30% of their near-shore waters by 2020. The e-learning module on marine protected areas provides a step by step approach for establishing, managing, good governance and other aspects of MPAs.

***D. Governance***

19. Programme element 2 of the programme of work on protected areas calls for a number of actions related to protected area governance issues, including ensuring participation of indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders, initiating measures for equity in benefit-sharing, respecting rights

and recognizing responsibilities of indigenous and local communities and promoting a broad set of governance types. The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 31 of decision X/31, invited Parties to give special attention to the implementation of programme element 2 of the PoWPA, to diversify and strengthen protected-area governance types and to recognize co-managed protected areas, private protected areas and indigenous and local community conserved areas within the national protected area system. In paragraph 23 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to incorporate good governance principles in the management of marine protected areas. The capacity-building session on this topic will provide a framework for assessing implementation of these issues, provide opportunities to countries to showcase innovative ways, and come up with a broad roadmap for enhanced implementation.

***E. Valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas including ecosystem services***

20. Protected areas, besides being cornerstones of biodiversity conservation, constitute an important stock of natural, cultural and social capital, yielding flows of economically valuable goods and services that benefit human populations. The positive contribution of protected areas to the livelihoods of the poorest and most vulnerable sectors of society is very high indeed. Protected areas also provide key support to the maintenance of cultural traditions and the building of social capital. Unfortunately, their value is poorly understood and greatly undervalued by markets, decision makers and the general public. Their value does not register in conventional markets and they are therefore not considered to be real economic assets by policy makers. As a result, protected areas do not receive crucial national budget prioritization. There is a need to improve understanding of the significance and importance of the benefits and values of protected areas, particularly of the ecosystem services that they provide; showcase best practices in assessing and promoting protected area values and integration into national economies and in creating innovative finance mechanisms. In paragraph 29 (a) of decision X/31, Parties are invited to increase the understanding of and communicate the role, importance and costs and benefits of protected areas at all levels. Lesson 1 of the e-learning module on protected area policy environment provides details of the methodology and technical know how on valuing the costs and benefits of protected areas (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/mod/scorm/player.php?a=408&scoid=2962>).

***F. Funding opportunities under GEF 5:***

21. In paragraph 10 of decision X/31, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to: develop and implement sustainable finance plans for protected-area systems by 2012; timely and appropriately use the biodiversity allocations of the GEF 5 using the national action plan for implementing the PoWPA as the basis for accessing funds. In paragraph 13 of the same decision the Conference of the Parties urged the GEF and its implementing agencies to streamline disbursement delivery and to align the projects to national action plans for the PoWPA for appropriate, focused, sufficient and harmonious interventions and continuity of projects. Through presentations and interactive exercises the workshop will discuss relevance of GEF 4 proposals and projects accessed, GEF 5 allocations and ways and means to access STAR and enabling activity funds, tailoring of projects to achieve target 11 and PoWPA goals, prioritizing projects within the over all PoWPA action plan, and integrating the PoWPA action plan into the NBSAP.

22. Participants will be provided with a CD-ROM of all the documents, including a PDF version of e-learning module lessons for all the themes.

**ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS**

23. Any other matters will be considered under this agenda item.

**ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

24. The workshop will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the Chair.

25. The workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 7 October 2011.

*Annex I*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PACIFIC ON  
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CBD PROGRAMME OF WORK  
ON PROTECTED AREAS**

**Official documents**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/PAC/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/PAC/2/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda

**Tools and resources and information documents**

Decision X/31 on protected areas

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-31-en.doc>

Decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-29-en.doc>

Decision IX/18 on protected Areas

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-18-en.doc>

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-18-fr.doc>

Decision IX/20 on marine and coastal biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-20-en.doc>

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-20-fr.doc>

CBD Technical Series No. 44: *Making Protected Areas Relevant: a guide to integrating protected areas within wider landscapes, seascapes and sectoral plans and strategies*

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-44-en.pdf>

CBD Technical Series No. 18: *Towards Effective Protected Area Systems. an action guide to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity programme of work on protected areas*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-18.pdf>

CBD Technical Series No. 15: *Biodiversity Issues for Consideration in the Planning, Establishment and Management of Protected Area Sites and Networks.*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-15.pdf>

Governance briefing note

[http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/governance\\_of\\_protected\\_areas\\_for\\_cbd\\_pow\\_briefing\\_note\\_08\\_1.pdf](http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/governance_of_protected_areas_for_cbd_pow_briefing_note_08_1.pdf)

Indigenous and community conserved areas briefing note

[http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/ceesp\\_briefing\\_note\\_9\\_iccas.pdf](http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/ceesp_briefing_note_9_iccas.pdf)

IUCN categories and governance guidelines (within which chapter on Governance, pp. 25-32)

<http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/PAPS-016.pdf>

CBD-UNEP Issue Paper on Protected Areas and Climate Change

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/unep-cbd-issue-papers/unep-cbd-issue-papers-06-en.pdf>

*Annex II***ORGANIZATION OF WORK<sup>2</sup>**

	<b>MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2011</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>NBSAP workshop agenda when in separate session from PoWPA</b>
9– 10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Item 1. Opening of the meeting</b></p> <p>Remarks by the representative of the Executive Secretary of the CBD, the representative of the Government of Fiji, SPREP</p> <p>Self-introductions by participants</p> <p>Overview of workshop aims</p> <p><b>Overview of Nagoya outcomes:</b></p> <p>Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020</p> <p>Nagoya Protocol on ABS,</p> <p>Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Protocol on Liability and &amp; Redress,</p> <p>UN Decade for Biological Diversity,</p> <p>Strategy for Resource Mobilization,</p> <p>COP decisions on PoWPA and on in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity</p>	<p>Minister of Environment of Fiji</p> <p>SCBD</p> <p>SPREP</p> <p>SCBD</p>	Joint session
11 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<p><b>Revision, updating and implementing NBSAPs:</b></p> <p>Introduction to the UNU-IAS Review, to COP-9 guidance, NBSAP training modules, elements of a model NBSAP</p> <p><b>Item 2. Overview and needs assessment of current capacity-building tools and approaches</b></p> <p>Presentation and break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country specific capacity building needs and next steps, and envisioning regional steps.</p>	<p>Sakhile Koketso</p> <p>SPREP</p> <p>Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation–Etika Rupeni - IUCN</p>	Joint session
1—2 p.m. LUNCH			

<sup>2</sup> Joint sessions with NBSAP workshop in grey.

2—5 p.m.	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for marine protected areas</b>	Tim Carruthers - SPREP	NBSAP. 2—3.30 p.m. :30. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity: setting national targets. NBSAP. 3.45—5 p.m. Identification of threats to biodiversity
7.30—9 p.m.	United Nations Decade for Biodiversity Celebration		Open to all
<b>TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2011</b>			
8.30—10.30 a.m.	Integrating biodiversity into national and local development planning processes. The TEEB and the ecosystem approach as mainstreaming tools.	TBD Andrew Seidl	Joint session
11 a.m.—12 noon	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services:</b> Global perspectives. Regional experiences. Group exercise –target 2	Andrew Seidl	Joint session
12 noon – 1 p.m.	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services (continued)</b> Review and group exercise from module	Jamison Ervin-UNDP	Joint session
1—2 p.m. LUNCH			
2—5 p.m.	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for adapting and mitigating climate change, including integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes (IPAWLS)</b> Site-level climate--change adaptation and resilience measures	Jamison Ervin	NBSAP. 2-3.30 p.m. Harmful incentives NBSAP. 3.:45 – 5 p.m.. Positive incentives
7.30—9 p.m.	SBSTTA 15 preparatory meeting	SCBD	Open to all

<b>WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2011</b>			
8.30 – 9.30 a.m.	Reducing pressures on biodiversity and promoting sustainable use: addressing drivers of biodiversity loss.	IUCN Regional Office (tbc)	Joint session
10.30 a.m.— 12.30 p.m.	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for adapting and mitigating climate change, including integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes (IPAWLS) (continued)</b>  System level climate change integration and adaptation and IPAWLS.  Regional and national examples  Group exercise	Jamison Ervin   SPREP (tbc)	Joint session
12.30—1 p.m. LUNCH			
1-5 p.m.	Field visit to Kula Eco Park		Open to all
7.30— 9 p.m.	Island biodiversity programme of work: in-depth review	Ana Tiraa	Open to all
<b>THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2011</b>			
8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for developing national action plans for implementation of the PoWPA:</b>  Improving the status of biodiversity - protected areas and target 11.  Setting national targets, preparing action plans,  Next steps for finalizing the plans and integrating them into NBSAPs, and  Using the reporting framework.	Sarat Gidda & Jamison Ervin	Joint session
12 30— 1 p.m.	Global and regional experience	SPREP	Joint session
1—2 p.m. LUNCH			
2 p.m.— 2.45 p.m.	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for governance</b>  Enhancing the benefits to all  PA Governance, CBNRM and ecosystems safeguarding and restoration	TBD  Hugh Govan- IUCN	Joint session

2.45— 5.30 p.m.	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for governance</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Hugh Govan	NBSAP. 2.45— 3.30 p.m.  Gender mainstreaming.  NBSAP. 4-5.30 p.m.  Access and benefit-sharing
7.30— 9 p.m.	Strengthening scientific and technical cooperation in the region; trans-boundary and regional approaches to biodiversity management	TBD	Open to all
<b>FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2011</b>			
8.30 a.m.— 12 noon	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for: (ii) developing national action plans for implementation of the PoWPA:</b>  Finalizing PoWPA action plans and reporting frameworks	SCBD  Jamison Ervin	NBSAP. 08:30 – 10:30. CEPA programmes
12 noon – 1 p.m.	<b>Item 4. Other matters.</b> BIOPAMA project and work of the Joint Research Centre of the EU	Stephen Peedell - EU, JRC	NBSAP. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m..  The roadmap for NBSAP revision.
1—2 p.m. LUNCH			
2– 4.30 p.m.	<b>Item 3. Strengthening capacities for funding opportunities under GEF 5:</b>  Resource mobilization for NBSAPs & PoWPA implementation  Innovative funding mechanisms for NBSAP and PoWPA implementation  Access to resources under GEF 5 for PoWPA implementation and NBSAP development  Group exercise	Andrew Seidl  Sarat Gidda	Joint session
4.30 – 5 p.m.	<b>Item 5. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.</b>	Government of Fiji, SCBD, SPREP	Joint session

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