

PSSC-9 Decisions and Action Items

21-22 October 2014

1. PSSC agreed in principal to endorse the report titled 'Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy: Phase 2 Design Document (Final Draft: October 2014)' with further discussions to occur.
 - The reporting demands on countries are not intended to increase as a result of the monitoring and evaluation proposals contained in the document.
2. The 'TYPSS Coordinator TOR Sub-group' will collaborate to finalise the draft TOR for the TYPSS Coordinator.
 - The sub-group will be composed of the PSSC representatives from DFAT, ABS, Cook Islands and Fiji.
 - The draft should include the following: job description, selection criteria, indicative work plan for the first six months, and sub-headings.
 - The draft should highlight the coordinator creating awareness of Pacific Statistics technical assistance (TA) efforts.
 - The finalised TOR would be circulated as part of the recruitment process.
 - The draft should be completed for circulation by 3 November 2014, and have a two-week comment period.
 - The Friend of the Chair offered his services to peer-review the final TOR and was accepted.
 - The PSSC Chair and Friend of the Chair agreed to brief the TYPSS Coordinator during their establishment phase, after appointment, and meet again one month before their first PSSC meeting.
3. PSSC agreed to send a regular consolidated progress report to various regional Ministerial Meetings (eg. FEMM, Health, and Education).
 - Each report would have a cover page earmarked for the particular meeting.
4. PSSC agreed to initially form three Technical Working Groups (TWGs), chaired by the countries. The final Terms of Reference for the TWGs will be circulated by 20 November 2014.
 - Information and communications technology TWG: chaired by Nauru, to continue based on existing TOR.
 - Administrative sources TWG: TOR to be drafted by Cook Islands, ABS, PFTAC, SPC, UNSIAP, and Statistics New Zealand.
 - Pacific survey futures TWG: TOR to be drafted by Fiji, SPC, Statistics New Zealand, USP, and World Bank.
 - PSSC agreed to commence work on developing the TORs on the second day of the PSSC meeting (22 October 2014).
 - Considering interest expressed, PSSC to maintain the work of the HIES TWG. SPC will circulate the TWG's 2011 TOR to all its members, including to the WB, given its growing involvement in HIES activities in the region, with a view to update the TOR.
 - The draft TORs should be completed for circulation by 3 November 2014, and have a two-week comment period.
5. Discussion on a fourth TWG on data utilisation and dissemination was postponed until the next PSSC meeting.
 - PNG, PFTAC, SPC, UNESCAP and UNSIAP expressed interest in drafting the TWG's TOR, which would be presented at the next PSSC meeting.
6. TA provider PSSC members agreed to circulate their work programmes to PSSC membership.
 - The TA providers also agreed to summarise their 2015 work programmes into the format presented by the Friend of the Chair, for use by the TYPSS Coordinator.

- Work programme summaries by countries and TA providers would focus beyond activities' progress towards achieving the intended TYPPS Phase-2 outcomes and results.
7. PSSC welcomed the leadership of the Director General of SPC in managing the selection panel for the TYPSS Coordinator. PSSC asked that he take account of their preference that the panel includes at least the following:
- Chair: Dr Colin Tukuitonga, SPC Director General
 - Mr Simil Johnson Youse, PSSC Chair; and
 - A representative from DFAT.
 - There were also expressions of interest for participation on the selection panel for the following:
 - Mrs Mii T. Taggy Tangimetua, PSSC Vice Chair;
 - A representative from PIFS; and
 - A representative from ADB.

PSSC-10 Initial Draft Agenda

Timeframe: three consecutive days during 11-22 May 2015

1. ICT Technical Working Group
2. Administrative Sources TWG
3. Pacific Survey Futures TWG
4. Data Utilisation and Dissemination TWG
5. HIES TWG
6. Integrated work plans from TA providers
7. PSSC Governance