



**13th MEETING
OF THE
PACIFIC STATISTICAL STEERING COMMITTEE
(PSSC-13)**

16TH – 17TH NOVEMBER, 2016

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PACIFIC STATISTICS STEERING COMMITTEE (PSSC-13) MEETING
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Heads of Planning and Statistics (HOPS), at their meeting in Noumea, held on 22 – 26 July 2013, agreed to extend the term of the Pacific Statistical Steering Committee (PSSC) and to revise the Terms of Reference of the Committee, so as to ensure that the Committee continues providing guidance and direction in the strengthening of the National Statistical Systems (NSS) to produce and disseminate quality and timely statistics within the context of Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS) by:

- i. Guiding the establishment and development of a framework to achieve the implementation and regular monitoring of TYPSS;
- ii. Endorsing common definitions and standards that will underpin a greater harmonization of statistical processes and outputs as mandated by the Pacific Plan;
- iii. Providing guidance to the statistical activities undertaken by the Pacific Community (SPC), PFTAC and other statistical providers in the region;
- iv. Reviewing the progress of implementation of the TYPSS, to consider and propose action to resolve implementation challenges including the periodic review and revisions to TYPSS based on operational experience; and
- v. When required, act to represent the collective interests of the Chief Statisticians of the region.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the PSSC shall comprise:

- i. Two NSO Government/Chief Statistician representatives from each of the 3 Pacific islands sub-regions (Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia), with one member explicitly entrusted with representing the special needs of small island states statistical agencies (five staff or less);
- ii. Up to three representatives of Heads of Pacific Planning Agencies (at every second meeting), with members selected to cover a range of planning topics;
- iii. One senior representative from an NSO of Australia, France, NZ or USA

Observers shall comprise:

One representative from each of the region's key development partners and donor agencies, namely: DFAT, MFAT, PIFS, PFTAC, World Bank, ADB, Paris21, USP, UNSIAP and representative of the United Nations System in the Pacific.

PSSC-13 AGENDA AND MEETING FORMAT:

Agenda:

Apart from the opening and closing remarks and summary of recommendations, PSSC-13 will focus on four main topics:

- i. TYPSS Phase-2 Implementation Update (Agenda Item 2)
- ii. Progress on Pacific Regional Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators Work (Agenda Item 3)
- iii. Regional Statistics Program Governance Framework (Agenda Item 4)
- iv. Future Regional Statistics Priorities (TYPSS Phase 3) (Agenda Item 7)

Topic 1 (Agenda Item 2): TYPSS Phase-2 Implementation Update

Facilitator:

Mr. Ipia Gadabu, Deputy Chairman of PSSC and Government Statistician of Nauru

Presenters:

Part A:

Mr. Epeli Waqavonovono - Government Statistician for Fiji
One PSSC representative from Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia
One representative from each development partners and donors agencies
Ms. El Iza Mohamedou – Paris21

Part B:

Chairs of Technical Working Group (TWG)

Topic 2 (Agenda Item 3): Progress on Pacific Regional SDG Indicators work

Facilitator:

Mr. Reupena Muagututia - Government Statistician for Samoa

Presenters:

Ms. Charmina Saili - Regional Planning Adviser and Secretariat to SDGTF, PIFS
Mr. Reupena Muagututia - Government Statistician for Samoa
Mr. Arthur Jorari - Team Leader, Collection Team, Statistics Development Division (SDD), SPC
Mr. Bruce Campbell - Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pacific Sub-regional Office (This presentation will be delivered on the second day).

Topic 3 (Agenda Item 4): Regional Statistics Program Governance Framework

Facilitator:

Mr. Cameron Diver - Deputy Director General, SPC

Presenters:

Mr. Jonathan Palmer - Deputy Government Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics
Mrs. Ofa Ketuu - Director of SDD, SPC
Mr. Arthur Jorari - Team Leader, Collection, SDD, SPC

Topic 4 (Agenda Item 7): Future Regional Statistics Priorities (TYPSS Phase 3)

Facilitator:

Mrs. Ofa Ketuu - Director for SDD, SPC

Presenters:

Part A:

Permanent Secretary for Finance, Fiji

Part B:

Mr. Tom Sloane - Research Manager, Sustineo Group, Canberra

Mr. Richard Bontjer - Director, Public Financial Management and Regional Statistics, DFAT

Mr. Viliami Fifita - Government Statistician for Tonga

Mr. Ipia Gadabu - Government Statistician for Nauru

Meeting format:

Each topic will be introduced by a facilitator outlining the purpose and outcome. There will be presentations made under each of these topics. This will be followed by group discussion and report back on agreed action points or recommendations. Key questions will be provided to guide the group discussion during the meeting.

Minutes of PSSC-13 meeting:

The Minutes of the PSSC-13 Meeting are expected to be ready for distribution within three to four weeks from the date of the meeting.

Presentation time:

The Agenda is set on the assumption that each presentation will keep to a maximum of 5 minutes. Group discussion and report back will be used for feedbacks and further discussion of the topics presented.

KEY CONTACTS:

Meeting Agenda and Papers

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PACIFIC STATISTICS STEERING COMMITTEE (PSSC-13) MEETING
AGENDA
16th – 17th NOVEMBER 2016

| DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2016 CHAIRPERSON: MR. SIMIL JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN OF PSSC AND GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN FOR VANUATU | | |
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| TIME | AGENDA ITEM | FACILITATOR/ PRESENTER |
| 8:30 – 9:00 (30 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING REMARKS | Mr. Simil Johnson |
| | a. Opening Prayer b. Welcome c. Endorsement of the Agenda | |
| 9:00 – 11:00 (2 hours) | AGENDA ITEM 2 TEN YEAR PACIFIC STATISTICS STRATEGY (TYPSS) PHASE-2 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE | Mr. Ipia Gadabu |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | Presentations: Part A: NSOs and Partners Activities Status Report a. Key Outcome from the NSOs and Planners Only Meeting b. TYPSS Phase-2 Activity and Status Reports c. Update on NSDS – Paris21 | Mr. Epeli Waqavonovono NSO-PSSC members – Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia Development Partners Ms. El Iza Mohamedou |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Presentations: Part B: Technical Working Group (TWG) d. TWG Data Utilization and Dissemination e. TWG Pacific Data Future f. TWG IT | TWG Chairs |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Feedback and Action Points | |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Morning coffee break | |
| 11:30 - 1:00 (90 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 3 PROGRESS ON PACIFIC REGIONAL SDG INDICATORS WORK | Mr. Reupena Muagututia |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Presentations: a. SDG TWG Update Report – PIFS b. Pacific Regional SDG Indicators Work Regional Headline SDG Indicators: i. Samoa Experience – SBS ii. SPC SDG Indicators work update – SPC | Ms. Charmina Saili Mr. Reupena Muagututia Mr. Arthur Jorari |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Group Discussion | |
| 12:30 – 1:00 | Group Report Back with Action Points | |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Lunch break | |

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| 2:00 – 4:30 (120 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 4 REGIONAL STATISTICS PROGRAM GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK | Mr. Cameron Diver |
| 2:00 – 2:30 | Presentations: Governance Framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Follow-up on the Brisbane Leadership Forum on Authorizing Environment and broad governance framework - ABS b. Regional Statistics Program Governance Framework - SPC | Mr. Jonathan Palmer Mr. Cameron Diver |
| 2:30 – 3:00 | Afternoon coffee break | |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | Presentations (cont.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. SDD Dissemination Strategy - SPC d. Regional Survey Collection Framework - SPC | Mrs. Ofa Ketuu Mr. Arthur Jorari |
| 3:30 – 4:00 | Group Discussion | |
| 4:00 – 4:30 | Group Report Back with Action Points | |
| 4:30 – 4:45 | Afternoon break | |
| 4:45 – 5:30 (45 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 5 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PSSC - 13 | Mrs. Ofa Ketuu |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TYPSS Phase-2 Implementation Update b. Progress on Pacific Regional SDG Indicators Work c. Regional Statistics Program Governance Framework END OF DAY 1 | |
| 5:30 – 7:00 | Cocktail | |

| DAY 2 – THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2016 CHAIRPERSON: MRS. TAGGY TANGIMETUA, DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON AND GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN FOR COOK ISLANDS | | |
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| TIME | AGENDA ITEM | FACILITATOR/PRESENTER |
| 8:30 – 9.00 (30 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 6 OPENING REMARKS | Mrs. Taggy Tangimetua |
| | a. Opening Prayer b. Endorsement of the Agenda for DAY 2 | |
| 9:00 – 12:30 (150 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 7 FUTURE REGIONAL STATISTICS PRIORITIES | Mrs. Ofa Ketuu |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | Presentations: Part A: What are our future statistical needs (user/producer)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> User Statistical Future Needs Part B: Regional Statistics Program Review <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DFAT Pacific Statistics Assessment - Sustineo Report TYPSS Phase 2 Review TORs Preliminary feedback on Sustineo Report from PSSC Preliminary feedback on TORs from PSSC | Permanent Secretary for Finance – Fiji Mr. Tom Sloane Mr. Richard Bontjer Mr. Viliami Fifita Mr. Ipia Gadabu |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Morning coffee break | |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | AGENDA ITEM 7 – Continued | |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Group Discussion Group 1: Donors/ Development partners discussion Group 2: Small NSOs discussion Group 3: Large NSOs discussion | |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Group Report back with Action Points | |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Lunch break | |
| 1:30 – 2:30 (60 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 8 PAPERS FOR PSSC TO NOTE/DATES OF NEXT MEETING | Mrs. Taggy Tangimetua |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> UN SDG Working Group – UNFPA – presented as part of the update on SDG Indicators work SIDS Paper – by Len Cook to be noted CRVS Progress Report – SPC - to be noted SPAEF Progress Report – SPC - to be noted DATE FOR 2017 HOPS | Mr. Bruce Campbell |

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| 2:30 – 3:15 (45 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 9 ENDORSEMENT OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PSSC – 13 | Mrs. Ofa Ketuu |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TYPSS Phase 2 Implementation Update b. Progress on Pacific Regional SDG Indicators Work c. Regional Statistics Program Governance Framework d. Future Regional Statistics Priorities (TYPSS Phase 3) | |
| 3:15 – 4:00 (45 mins) | AGENDA ITEM 10 REFLECTION AND CLOSING REMARKS | Mr. Simil Johnson |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Development Partners & Donors (3) b. NSOs (3) c. Planners and Users of Statistics (1) d. Secretariat to PSSC CHAIRMAN CLOSING REMARK | |