Pacific Regional Environmental Accounts Governance Group

# Role/Purpose

The role of Pacific Regional Environmental Accounts Governance Group is to provide strategic direction and leadership for developing a suite of Environmental-Economic Statistical Accounts, including Ocean Accounts, and improve capability in their use.

The Pacific Regional Environmental Accounts Governance Group sets out to be:

* A *strategic group* to advise on the ranked priorities for incrementally developing Environmental-Economic Statistical Accounts, including Ocean Accounts for the Pacific Region.
* Be the *outward-facing point of contact* for external stakeholders and partners seeking to engage with SPC on Environmental-Economic Accounts, including Ocean Accounts.
* The group with SPC who can *mobilise* *resources*, including internal data sources and expertise, within their respective divisions to aid the development of Environmental-Economic Statistical Accounts, including Ocean Accounts.

# Term

This Terms of Reference is effective from adoption by the Governance Group and will be ongoing until terminated by agreement between the parties.

# Membership

The Governance Group will comprise:

* Neville Smith, Director – Fisheries, Aquaculture & Marine Ecosystems
* Coral Pasisi, Director – Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
* Karen Mapusua, Director – Land Resources
* Rhonda Robinson, Director – Geoscience, Energy and Maritime
* Peter Ellis, Director – Statistics for Development

# Roles and Responsibilities

To be discussed with the Governance Group some examples may include:

**The Governance Group is accountable for:**

* fostering collaboration within SPC and between SPC and member countries around evidence-based environmental-economic reporting and analysis
* removing obstacles to developing Environmental-Economic Statistical Accounts, including Ocean Accounts and for ensuring their successful delivery, adoption and use
* maintaining at all times the focus of the Group on SPC progressing Environmental-Economic Statistical Accounts, including Ocean Accounts to the agreed scope, outcomes and benefits
* monitoring and managing the factors outside the Group’s control that are critical to its success.

**The membership of the Governance group will commit to:**

* attending all scheduled Governance Group meetings
* wholeheartedly championing evidence-based Environmental-Economic statistical accounts with member countries within and outside of work areas
* sharing all relevant communications and information across all Governance Group members
* making timely decisions and take action to progress developing Environmental-Economic Statistical Accounts, including Ocean Accounts
* notifying members of the Governance Group, as soon as practical, if any matter arises which may be impact on developing Environmental-Economic Statistical Accounts
* attending all meetings and if necessary nominate a proxy if unable to attend.

**Members of the Governance group will expect:**

* that each member will be provided with complete, accurate and meaningful information in a timely manner
* to be given reasonable time to make key decisions
* to be alerted to potential risks and issues that could impact the project, as they arise
* open and honest discussions, without resort to any misleading assertions
* ongoing ‘health checks’ to verify the overall status and ‘health’ of the network.

# Meetings

All meetings will be chaired by a rotating chair from the Group.

A meeting quorum will be all members of the Governance group, or their proxies.

Decisions are made by consensus (i.e. members are satisfied with the decision even though it may not be their first choice). If not possible, Governance group chair makes final decision

Meeting agendas minutes will be provided by James Hogan - FAME, this includes:

* preparing agendas and supporting papers
* preparing meeting notes and information.

Meetings will be held monthly.

If required subgroup meetings will be arranged outside of these times at a time convenient to subgroup members.

# Amendment, Modification or Variation

This Terms of Reference may be amended, varied or modified in writing after consultation and agreement by Governance Group members.