



PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT FORUM

PIDF INAUGURAL GOVERNING COUNCIL

[Denarau Island, Nadi, Fiji 18th June, 2014]

OUTCOME DOCUMENT

1. The inaugural meeting of the Governing Council of the Pacific Islands Development Forum (“**PIDF**”) was held at the Sheraton Fiji Resort at Denarau Island, Nadi, Fiji on the 18th June, 2014. The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji who was the Chairman, President of the Republic of Kiribati, President of the Republic of Nauru, Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia; Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Solomon Islands; Secretary of State for ASEAN Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste; Chief Secretary and Secretary to Cabinet of the Kingdom of Tonga; the Vice-Chairperson of the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation; and the Vice-Chairperson of the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Associations.
2. The Governing Council expressed its deep appreciation to the Prime Minister, Government and people of Fiji for the excellent arrangements for the meeting and their generous hospitality. It expressed its profound gratitude and commendation for the investment that the Government of Fiji has made in the setting up of the PIDF. It also acknowledged with appreciations the financial contribution made by the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste and the pledge by the Republic of Nauru to provide financial support to the PIDF and those already provided by development partners.
3. The Governing Council congratulated the members of the Senior Officials Committee (“**SOC**”) for their hard work and commitment to guiding the establishment of the PIDF and the implementation of other decisions made at the Inaugural Summit in August 2013.

Achievements of PIDF since Inaugural Summit

4. The Governing Council welcomed and commended the excellent progress achieved in establishing an interim Secretariat and its office premises. It also welcomed the Transitional Arrangements that established an interim governance structure with the Governing Council supported by the SOC and the interim Secretariat headed by an Interim Secretary General. It noted with satisfaction that the membership of the governing bodies is drawn from representatives of governments, private sector and civil society.
5. The Governing Council also commended the progress in the implementation of the *Ten Things* that Leaders, at the inaugural summit, agreed to be done to enable green-blue Pacific economies. It acknowledged that the Ten Things were being well reflected within the PIDF Work Programme.

6. The Governing Council strongly applauded and commended the Secretariat of the Pacific Community; the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Oceania Regional Office; University of South Pacific; Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat; and World Wildlife Fund Pacific for signing Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation with the PIDF during the 2nd PIDF Summit. It acknowledged the signing of those collaborative arrangements as a welcomed endorsement and a vote of confidence in the ability of the PIDF to contribute to regional efforts towards the achievement of inclusive sustainable development. It also noted the efforts of other partner organisations to formalise their cooperative relations with the PIDF.
7. The Governing Council commended with profound appreciation the efforts of the Fiji Government to formally acknowledge the status of the PIDF as an international organisation operating in Fiji and for signing a Host Country Agreement with the PIDF.

Strategic Profile for PIDF

8. The Governing Council commended the work of SOC in developing the strategic mission, purpose and function for the PIDF building on the vision adopted at the inaugural summit and the *Ten Things* agreed to enable green-blue Pacific economies. It endorsed the key priority strategies of leadership, innovation and genuine partnerships. It also supported the need for the strategic focus to reflect the region's vulnerability to the indiscriminate impact of climate change.
9. The Governing Council accordingly adopted the vision, mission, purpose, function, and the interim governance arrangements as the Strategic Profile for the PIDF as set out in *Attachment 1*.

Work Programme and Budget

10. The Governing Council considered the SOC's report on the inaugural Work Programme and Budget and endorsed the approach of focusing it around the *Ten Things* agreed last year to enable green-blue Pacific economies and on the key priority strategies of leadership, innovation and genuine partnerships. It also supported a multi-year timeframe for it and the work plan for its implementation and the budget provisions for the year work programme for 2014 and 2015 and urged the Secretariat to continue to explore funding options to fund and sustain the work programme.
11. The Governing Council accordingly approved the Work Programme and Budget set out in *Attachment 2*.

Terms of Reference for the Development of the PIDF Agreement

12. The Governing Council considered the Terms of Reference for the development of the long term institutional arrangements under the PIDF Agreement. It supported the inclusion of guiding principles to ensure the unique characteristics of PIDF of inclusivity and multi-stakeholder participation are integral features of the long term institutional arrangements. It further supported a highly consultative and participatory process to develop the PIDF Agreement and endorsed the proposed timelines.

13. The Governing Council accordingly approved the Terms of Reference for the development of the PIDF Agreement set out in Attachment 3.

Transitional Governance Arrangements

16. The Governing Council acknowledged that in the absence of long term institutional arrangements the PIDF will continue to require transitional governance arrangements. The Governing Council accordingly approved the continued application of the current transitional arrangements until the adoption of the PIDF Agreement with the following adjustments;
 - a) expansion of the SOC membership to include all PIDF countries and territories and not limiting representation to Suva based missions; and consideration for additional members from private sector and civil society;
 - b) establishment of a Ministerial level committee with appropriate representation from the private sector and civil society; and
 - c) expansion of the Governing Council to all Leaders attending the annual PIDF Summits.

3rd Global Conference on SIDS 2014

17. The Governing Council acknowledged the importance of the 3rd International Conference on the Small Islands Developing States to be held in Apia, Samoa from 1 – 4 September, 2014. It recognised the rare opportunity afforded the Pacific region for hosting it and strongly called on the Pacific small island developing states and territories to unite in solidarity in showcasing to the Global community its special and unique vulnerabilities and sustainable development needs.
19. The Governing Council recognised the critical timing of the conference in the context of the post 2015 development agenda process. It further recognised and commended the platform of the 2nd PIDF Summit on 18 – 20 June 2014 as most appropriate to coordinate a mutli-stakeholder participation at the Samoa Conference and the post 2015 development agenda.

2nd PIDF Summit Arrangements

20. The Governing Council noted the arrangements for the 2nd PIDF Summit and commended the way the summit programme builds on the Inaugural Summit and the mandate of enabling green-blue Pacific economies as an alternative development pathway that is inclusive and sustainable. It extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest President of Indonesia HE Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and thanks him for facilitating the Pacific participation at the Asia Pacific Economic Community 2014 Conference. It looked forward to his sharing of Indonesia's national experience in pursuing green economy and his perspectives on the post 2015 development agenda.

Appreciation

21. The Governing Council commended the Chairman for his role in guiding the work of the Council and the PIDF and for the Government of Fiji's continued commitment to resource the PIDF in its formative years.

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