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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

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between

Solomon Island National University (SINU)

and

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

(together, "the Parties")

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**SINU** is the country's national university established by an Act of Parliament in 2013. It comprises of 5 schools including the School of Natural Resources and Applied Sciences (**SNRAS**). It aims to provide accessible, affordable and quality education and training for institutes, organisation, communities and individuals in the areas of agriculture, forestry, environment and the sciences, to promote sustainable socio-economic development and resilient communities.

**SPREP** is a regional, intergovernmental organisation comprising 26 members consisting of 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and five developed countries with direct interests in the Pacific region. The purposes of SPREP are to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

**PEBACC** is for Pacific Eco-system Based Adaptation to Climate Change, a project being currently administered, managed and implemented by SPREP in three Melanesian Countries, namely, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. The project promotes ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) to climate change as an approach to building resilience to climate change in the Pacific Islands region.

**Whereas** SPREP and Solomon Islands National University have mutual interests in relation to the protection of the environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisation and individuals concerned with environmental protection in the Pacific region and in particular Solomon Islands.

The Parties have reached the following understandings:

#### 1. Objectives

1. The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework of co-operation between SPREP and SINU through the School of Natural Resources and Applied Sciences.
2. Within this framework the Parties will consult in an effort to collaborate on the activities they identify as requiring implementation.

3. SPREP will collaborate with SINU on capacity building activities and training for staff, students and communities where applicable to implement the environment and climate change projects.
4. SPREP and SINU will collaborate for capacity building, training and research and implementation of related SPREP project beginning with the SPREP SI PEBACC Project.
5. SPREP PEBACC and SINU as part of their staff and student learning and training programme will collaborate on relevant activities for the SI SPREP PEBACC implementation sites.

## **2. Collaborative Activities**

The Parties agree, to the extent possible, but without limitation, to:

1. Consult each other on policy matters of mutual concern.
2. Exchange information on developments and current activities in relation to the environment, natural resources management and climate change.
3. Extend to each other any standing invitations, and to be represented by nominated officials and observers at appropriate meetings, including the annual SPREP Meeting and to co-sponsor relevant meetings.
4. Collaborate and support awareness-raising efforts and research in relation to the environment, natural resources and climate change.
5. Collaborate on the implementation of community, provincial and national priorities relevant to the environment and climate change.
6. Cooperate and consenting to SPREP providing inputs when required to curriculum development focusing on environment management, climate change and natural resources management.
7. Cooperate and allow SINU staff and students relevant training, capacity development and site based research for relevant SPREP projects initially with the SI SPREP PEBACC project.
8. Keep respective Parties informed of co-operative activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

## **3. Operational Provisions**

1. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavour to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to the protection of the environment with a focus Solomon Islands and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organizations and individuals to effectively implement climate change adaptation and environment activities.
2. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be that Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other Party to this MOU.
3. Each Party will name and keep updated focal points to co-ordinate the cooperation called for in this MOU.
4. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU.

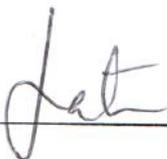
## **4. Annexes**

1. Annex 1 provides a copy the planning for ecosystem-based adaptation in Honiara (synthesis report) that will initiate collaboration with SINU under this MOU. These shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.



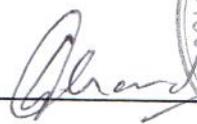
**5. Duration, entry into force, amendments and termination**

1. The duration of this MOU shall be 5 years, renewable for such further period and as may be agreed between the Parties.
2. This MOU shall enter into force on the date the last Party signs.
3. This MOU may be amended by agreement in writing between the Parties.
4. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving three months' written notice to the other.



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SPREP

Date: 28 June 2019



Dr. Ganesh Chand  
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Date: 28 June 2019

