

**FIRST FAO and SPC JOINT
PACIFIC MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY MEETING**

20 October 2017
Port Vila, Vanuatu

**Provisional Agenda
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Background

- The Pacific Ministers of Agriculture & Forestry Meeting 2017 combines two meetings: the FAO Southwest Pacific Ministers for Agriculture Meeting, held every two years, and the SPC Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry meeting, held every few years.
- The Eleventh Meeting of the FAO Southwest Pacific Ministers for Agriculture, hosted by Papua New Guinea in 2015, endorsed the concept of a biennial Pacific Week of Agriculture (PWA), and combining the FAO and SPC ministerial meetings.
- The inaugural 2017 Pacific Week of Agriculture will showcase initiatives in the agriculture sector, and culminate in the Pacific Ministers of Agriculture & Forestry Meeting. The PWA is based on a similar event in the Caribbean, which has been adapted to the Pacific region.
- The FAO Southwest Pacific is a regional group for the purpose of FAO Council elections, with 16 Pacific Ministers of Agriculture. SPC has 26 members, including four metropolitan countries. Fourteen FAO members and an FAO Associate Member, are also SPC members.

Meeting Objectives:

1. Endorse the Multi-Country Programming Framework for the Pacific Islands 2018-2022
2. Discuss and agree on the way forward for implementing the Global Action Programme on Food Security and Nutrition in SID in the Pacific
3. Discuss and endorse the outcomes of the Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services (HOAFS)
4. Endorse a way forward to develop a future coordination platform for consideration of the Ministers of Agriculture & Forestry

Friday 20 October 2017 Combined FAO and SPC Ministerial Meeting		
SESSION/TIME	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
08:00am-08:30am	1. Registration	
08:30am-09:00am	2. Traditional welcome of the Pacific Ministers of Agriculture & Forestry	
09:00am-10:00am	3. Official Opening 3.1 Welcome Remarks 3.2 Opening Prayer 3.3 Address by FAO DDG 3.4 Address by SPC DDG 3.5 Adoption of the agenda 3.6 Official photo	Pastor Shem Tema, General Secretary, Vanuatu Christian Council Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, FAO Dr Audrey Aumua, Deputy Director General SPC
10:00am-10:30am	Morning Tea: Global Climate Fund (GCF) Special Presentation (sponsored by FAO)	
10:30am-12:30pm	4. FAO Ministerial Session 4.1 Discussion of the Global Action Programme on Food Security and Nutrition in Small Island Developing States 4.2 Endorsement of Pacific Multi-Country Programming Framework 2018-2022	Ms Eriko Hibi Subregional Coordinator, FAO <i>Ref: PMAFM-VAN-002</i> <i>Ref: PMAFM-VAN-003</i> <i>Ref: PMAFM-VAN-003-Annex 1</i>
12:30pm-01:30pm	Lunch : Jointly hosted by FAO DDG and SPC DDG	
01:30pm-02:30pm	5. SPC Ministerial Session 5.1 Report on the Special Session of the Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services (HOAFS)	SPC/LRD Secretariat
02:30pm-03:30pm	5.2 Way forward on the development of a future coordination platform	SPC/LRD Secretariat
03:30pm-04:00pm	Special Afternoon Tea: Organic refreshments supplied by organic farmer partners of POETCom (sponsored by POETCom)	
04:00pm-04:30pm	6. Future arrangements 6.1 Date and venue of the next event, including the 2 nd FAO and SPC Joint Pacific Ministers of Agriculture & Forestry Meeting 6.2 Future arrangements for the Pacific Week of Agriculture	FAO SPC Joint Secretariat <i>Ref: PMAFM-VAN-004</i>
04:30pm-05:00pm	7. Adoption of the Communiqué 7.1 Adoption of the Communiqué	FAO SPC Joint Secretariat
05:00pm-05:30pm	8. Closing of the Meeting	Vanuatu