



# High Level Summary of the 2024 Prioritised Regional Collective Actions





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# Acronyms

2050 IP - The Implementation Plan for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent

2050 Strategy - 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent

52 PIFLM - 52nd Pacific Islands Forum Meeting

CBID - Community-Based Inclusive Development

CC - Consultative Committee

CROP - Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific

ENBi - East New Britain Initiative

EQAP - Education Quality and Assessment Programme

FEMM - Forum Economic Ministers Meeting

FesPAC - The Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture

FFA - Forum Fisheries Agency

FFC133 - Forum Fisheries Committee Annual Officials 133rd Meeting

GAP - Global Action Plan

GESI - Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

ICJ - International Court of Justice

ICT - Information and Communications Technology

ILC- International Law Commission

INC - Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee

ITLOS- International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

MEL - Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

MSEG - Multi-Stakeholder Expert Group

OPOC - Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner

PACE - Pacific Action Commitment Engagement

PacREF - Pacific Regional Education Framework

PICT - Pacific Island Countries and Territories

PICTA - Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement

PIDP - Pacific Island Development Program

PIFS - Pacific Island Forum Secretariat

PIFWLM 23 - Pacific Islands Forum Women Leaders Meeting 2023

PLGED - Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration

PPfP - Pacific Partnership for Prosperity

PRED - Pacific Roadmap for Economic Development

PRF - Pacific Resilience Facility

RCA - Regional Collective Action

SPC - The Pacific Community

SPREP - The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

SPTO - South Pacific Tourism Organisation

UNFCCC - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

USP - University of the South Pacific



# High Level Summary Of The 2024 Prioritised Regional Collective Actions

## Leaders 2050 Vision

*“As Pacific Leaders, our vision is for a resilient Pacific Region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, that ensures all Pacific peoples can lead free, healthy and productive lives”*

### Background

The Implementation Plan for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent (2050 IP) outlines the goals and outcomes required to achieve our 2050 Vision. It serves as a call for collective action; a call to deepen, and strengthen our forms of regionalism by working together intensively through the goals, outcomes and activities across the thematic areas of the 2050 Strategy. The regional collective actions (RCAs) included in the 2050 IP provide a pathway toward 2030 with the intent of “Setting the Foundations towards Transformational Change”.

The 2050 IP articulates a set of 110 RCAs to be progressed. The RCAs were developed by Multi-Stakeholder Expert Groups (MSEG), which comprised members, the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP), and non-state actors (NSAs). Within the 110 RCAs, a subset of 28 have been identified to be advanced immediately. This report focuses on those RCAs, which include the 12 Pacific Partnerships for Prosperity initiative (PPfP) launched by the Cook Islands. Additional prioritised RCAs have been identified from Leaders and Ministerial decisions in the first half of 2024.

### Purpose

This report provides an update on progress towards implementing the RCAs articulated in the 2050 IP. The report captures the CROP agency leading the delivery, as well as the status and anticipated timeframes.

### Existing Regional Initiatives

Over 145\* existing frameworks and initiatives are currently being implemented by CROP agencies and partners that support the 2050 IP. These initiatives contribute significantly towards the achievement of the 2050 outcomes.

### Resource Mobilisation and Partnerships

Pacific Action Commitment Engagement (PACE) Plans were developed to ensure the mobilisation of resources to support the delivery of the RCAs. Funding commitments up to a value of FJD 163.2 million have been made against five RCAs. Work is ongoing to track the disbursement of pledged funding and continue engagement with Forum Dialogue Partners\*\* to support RCA implementation. The Secretariat is also working with CROP and partners to identify resource gaps that constrain the achievement of the RCA's.

\*2050 Existing Regional Initiative Mapping 2023 - conducted to inform the 2050 implementation plan

\*\*The Forum currently has 21 Forum Dialogue Partners: Canada, Chile, Cuba, European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States.



**Political Leadership & Regionalism**

**People Centered Development**

	Regional Collective Actions	Status	Profile
1	Improved regional programme that provides leadership capacity development and tools focused on inclusive Pacific regionalism and leadership for Members, partners and key stakeholders with a commitment to gender equality and social inclusion.	The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between PIDP and USP has been signed, marking a significant step forward in supporting inclusive Pacific Leadership programs across the region. A concept note has been developed, outlining the collaborative approach to co-designing the program and curriculum.	RCA Source - PPfP Lead agency- USP Supporting Agency - PIDP Timeframe- 2025
2	Effective inclusive leadership at the international level on the Pacific's continued commitment to a nuclear-free and self-determined Pacific and nuclear weapons-free world, including advocacy to urge the global community to address nuclear legacy issues in the Pacific through the Rarotonga Treaty and other mechanisms. (Re-Energising the Rarotonga Treaty).	The Consultative Committee (CC) has convened for 2024 to progress the Rules of Procedures and work towards updating outdated Treaty references, as well as continue efforts to advocate, engage, and deepen interzonal cooperation.	RCA Source - PPfP Lead Agency- PIFS Supporting Agencies - SPC, SPREP, USP Timeframe- 2026
3	Review of the Regional Architecture	Phase one and two completed with key findings to inform the phase three of the approach. RRA report will be presented to Leaders in August 2024.	RCA Source - 52 PIFLM Para 12 Lead Agency- PIFS Supporting Agencies - CROP Timeframe - 2026
4	Regional support for cultural and legislative guidelines for the policy protection, safeguarding, and cross-sectoral use of traditional knowledge and access benefit sharing.	The Pacific Culture Strategy 2030, supported by the legislative guidelines for safeguarding, has seen significant progress. The establishment of a Pacific Advisory, which includes CROP agencies and key legal advisors, demonstrates a commitment to the strategy's implementation. The recent gathering of Ministers of Culture in Hawaii further advanced these efforts, notably marked by the successful FesPAC event. These developments highlight the region's dedication to safeguarding and promoting Pacific cultural heritage.	RCA Source - PPfP Lead agency- SPC Supporting agencies- PIFS, SPREP, FFA, SPTO, USP Timeframe- 2030



	Regional Collective Actions	Status	Profile
5	Regional support for financing the implementation Leaders Gender Equality Declaration of the revitalised Pacific (PLGED).	The 2024 Pacific Islands Forum Women Leaders Meeting was convened in Marshall Islands. Progress is being made on delivering the Revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration, with ongoing efforts to mainstream gender equality initiatives across the 2050 Implementation Plan.	RCA Source - PPfP Lead Agency- PIFS Supporting agencies- CROP Timeframe- 2030
6	Bridging the gender digital divide by promoting access to ICT and digital services for all Pacific peoples particularly women and girls in all their diversity while ensuring online safety and minimising harmful impacts.	Work is underway to develop an ICT regional governance framework as agreed to by ICT Ministers. PIF Women Leaders have highlighted the need to promote access to ICT and digital services.	RCA Source - 52 PIFLM Para 29, PIFWLM 23 para 30(i) Lead agency- USP Support agency - SPC, SPTO Timeframe- 2026
7	Improved research, GESI disaggregated data collection, analysis, sharing and dissemination to support evidence informed decision making	Work is progressing through the revitalised Pacific Leaders Declaration on Gender Equality monitoring, evaluation and learning processes working closely with CROP and partners.	RCA Source - PIFWLM 23 Para 23(iii) Lead agency- PIFS, SPC Support Agencies - CROP Timeframe- ongoing
8	Accelerating the six preconditions for disability inclusion through a regional funding mechanism that supports (i) accessibility, (ii) assistive device, (iii) support services, (iv) social protection, (v) community based inclusive development (CBID) and (vi) non-discrimination.	CROP agencies and regional organisations are identifying support programs and projects that address the six pre-conditions, to inform gaps and potential areas of duplication. In addition, a scoping and mapping exercise is underway to explore options for establishing a regional procurement mechanism for assistive technologies.	RCA Source - PFRPD & Leaders endorsement of 2050 IP Lead agency-PIFS Support Agencies - SPC, USP Timeframe - 2030
9	Regional support to encourage the ratification of internationally agreed conventions to achieve internationally recognized qualifications.	The Pacific Education Framework (PacREF) Implementation Rolling Plan is guiding the implementation and delivery of internationally recognised training and assessment courses for the region.	RCA Source - Leaders endorsement of 2050 IP Lead agency- USP, SPC Support Agencies - PIFS, USP Timeframe- 2030



People Centered Development



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Regional Collective Actions

Regional support for benchmarking to attain international certification and also meet global education standards for Pacific formal and non-formal education at all levels.

Status

Work is underway by SPC through the Education Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP) that supports Pacific education systems in the quality assurance, validation and accreditation of their higher education programmes and institutions. EQAP also supports the implementation of PacREF and its MEL

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RCA Source - Leaders endorsement of 2050 IP  
Lead agency- USP/SPC  
Support Agencies - PIFS  
Timeframe- 2030



Peace and Security

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Review the Boe Declaration Action Plan and regional security architecture to align with the requirements of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific and the Pacific leaders Gender Equality Declaration, enhance strategic guidance for regional security efforts, and strengthen and accelerate Member's implementation of regional security policies and commitments.

Regional dialogue informing the review of the Security Architecture within the context of the broader regional architecture review has commenced . Key areas of focus include transnational and organised crime, maritime security, climate security, women, peace and security, human security and peace building for security will also inform conceptual Ocean of Peace initiative.

RCA Source - Leaders endorsement of 2050 IP  
Lead Agency - PIFS  
Support Agencies - CROP  
Timeframe- ongoing

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Strengthen regional cyber security and safety approaches that are culturally sensitive and harness the potential of technology to respond to key opportunities and challenges

Work is underway to bring together cybersecurity partners and initiatives to develop a concept note for a Pacific Cyber Week in 2025. Australia has also launched a large Cyber Rapid Response capability in the region.

RCA Source - PPfP  
Lead Agency - PIFS  
Support Agencies - USP, SPC  
Timeframe- 2026

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Ocean of Peace

Principles for the regions Ocean of Peace have been developed and presented to Forum Foreign Ministers for consideration by Leaders in 2024 and will guide implementation of this initiative.

RCA Source - 52 PIFLM para 21  
Lead Agency - PIFS  
Support Agencies - CROP  
Timeframe- ongoing



Climate Change and Disaster



	Regional Collective Actions	Status	Profile
14	Protect vulnerable communities and marginalised groups in climate and disaster induced relocation including in the implementation of the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility.	The Pacific Regional Climate Mobility Framework was endorsed by Leaders in 2023. A joint working group (JWG) has been established to support the development of an implementation plan for the framework. The JWG is chaired by Fiji and Tuvalu and supported by development partners and CROP.	RCA Source - 52 PIFLM Para 21 Lead Agency-PIFS Support Agency - SPREP, USP Timeframe- 2025
15	Strengthened partnerships to capitalise and operationalise the Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF).	Forum Economic Ministers met in August 2024 to consider a status of the PRF including progress on the legal structure, domicile and transitional arrangements.	RCA Source - PPfP Lead Agency- PIFS Support Agency - CROP Timeframe - 2026
16	Strong Pacific voices and coordinated messaging on climate security issues facing the region in all fora, including the UNSC, Commission, ITLOS, UNGA, ICJ and Human Rights negotiations on climate actions.	Advocacy for the 2021 Maritime Zones Declaration and the 2023 PIF Statehood Declaration continue at targeted advocacy forums, including the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), International Law Commission (ILC), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), International Court of Justice (ICJ) and international climate spaces. Strong Pacific voices were heard at the UNSC on sea-level rise in the context of climate security issues including significant contributions to the ILC on their Study on: "Sea-level rise in relation to international law".	RCA Source - 52 PIFLM Para 26 Lead agency- PIFS, SPREP Support Agencies - CROP Timeframe - Ongoing
17	Undertake enhanced watchdog role in global climate negotiations to ensure partners are held to account for their climate pledges and action, with enhanced transparency, environmental integrity and encourage greater ambition.	Work underway through the International Climate Change Engagement Project to enhance watchdog role and advance greater ambition in global climate negotiations. The region has appointed eight Political Climate Champions under the 2021 initiative to elevate Pacific priorities at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties and in other global platforms.	RCA Source - 52 PIFLM Para 13, 16, 26 Lead Agency - SPREP Support Agency - CROP Timeframe - Ongoing



### Regional Collective Actions

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## Climate Change & Disaster

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Mobilise resources to support people centered, end-to-end multi-hazard early warning for all PICTs in the implementation of the Weather Ready Pacific Programme in collaboration with national, regional, and global partners.

The Weather Ready Pacific Implementation Unit has been established, accompanied by an advocacy and engagement strategy to support its initiatives.

RCA Source – PPfP  
Lead Agency – SPREP  
Support Agencies – SPC, USP, SPTO  
Timeframe – 10 year programme

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Regional mechanism to progress commitments on gender-responsive and socially inclusive response to the climate crisis including actioning the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan and GESI commitments.

The establishment of a One CROP mechanism is underway to support Members' engagement in UNFCCC processes, including negotiations and reporting on the Global Action Plan (GAP). This initiative also aims to link climate change actions with broader regional commitments to Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI).

RCA Source – PIFWLM 23 Para 23(vi)  
Lead Agency – PIFS  
Supporting Agency – SPREP, SPC, USP, SPTO  
Timeframe – Ongoing



## Ocean & Environment

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Develop a Pacific Centre of Excellence on Deep Oceans Science.

Efforts towards completion of the scoping study for PCEDOS are ongoing, with some recent success. A number of consultants have expressed keen interest in carrying out the scoping study, pending further refinement of the Terms of Reference. USP is working closely with the Cook Islands on next steps. Additionally, USP has launched the 'Centre for Sustainable Futures' that will support institutional capabilities, research knowledge and skills to support this initiative.

RCA Source – PPfP  
Lead Agency – USP  
Supporting Agency – CROP  
Timeframe – Ongoing

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Support members' efforts in relation to the pursuit of an ambitious and comprehensive international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

SPREP will continue to assist Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) in joining the High Ambition Coalition to address plastic pollution by 2040. Currently, Palau, Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Solomon Islands are members of this coalition. Continued efforts in the INC-4 and INC-5 negotiations underway to develop an International Legally Binding Instrument (ILBI), with funding assistance from the Government of Australia and the United Nations.

RCA Source – PPfP  
Lead Agency – SPREP  
Support Agencies – PIFS/OPOC, SPC  
Timeframe – 2026



Resource and Economic Development

	Regional Collective Actions	Status	Profile
22	Support the ratification and effective implementation of trade agreements.	Ongoing support to Members on the implementation and accession of the Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA) and the implementation of Regional Trade Agreements (RTA), including the modernization of the Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA) Rules of Origin (RoO).	RCA Source – FTMM 23 Para 21(ii) & 41 (vi) Lead Agency – PIFS Support Agency – CROP Timeframe- ongoing
23	Enhance regional cooperation on labour mobility involving workers, employers, governments, and non-state actors to maximise the socio-economic benefits for both labour sending and receiving countries and mitigate potential negative impacts.	Member consultations completed to develop labour mobility principles as tasked by leaders in 2023. Forum Economic Ministers considered efforts to progress economic implications of the regional labour mobility schemes and the need to consider the socio-economic impacts of human mobility more broadly including labour mobility.	RCA Source – PPfP Lead Agency- PIFS Supporting Agency – SPC, USP, SPTO Timeframe- Ongoing
24	Regional Fisheries Hubs and Spokes Initiative	East New Britain Initiative (ENBi) Workplan has been approved by the Forum Fisheries Committee at their 133rd meeting in Nauru, May 2024. The workplan includes national level reviews related to the hubs and spokes capacity, planned for 2024/2025 and the formation of an ENBi Working Group (EWG)	RCA Source – PPfP Lead Agency- FFA Supporting Agency – PIFS Timeframe – ongoing
25	Establishment of Regional Fisheries Development Fund	A technical assessment to establish the Facility is underway, including an assessment of potential funding structures and mechanisms, as well as potential funding sources, operations and governance. The assessment is expected to be completed by March 2025.	RCA Source – PPfP Lead Agency- FFA Supporting Agencies – PIFS Timeframe- Ongoing



Resource and Economic Development

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Pacific Roadmap for Economic Development (PRED)

Forum Economic Ministers considered the draft PRED, as mandated by the 2022 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM). Ministers agreed to present the PRED update to Forum Leaders which will be further refined for consideration at the next Special FEMM.

RCA Source - FEMM 23 Para12(iv)  
Lead Agency- PIFS  
Support Agency - CROP  
Timeframe- Ongoing



Technology and Connectivity

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Strengthen the various existing regional structures that coordinate and cooperate on the development of ICT in the Pacific, ensuring cyber security be prioritized at the ICT Ministerial Meeting.

Secretariat has been directed to work with Pacific ICT Senior Officials Dialogue to develop a governance framework, which incorporates the current Regional Regulatory Authority. This framework is being prepared for consideration and potential adoption at the 54th Pacific Islands Forum in 2025.

RCA Source - 52 PIFLM Para 74, PIFWLM 23 Para 36(iii)  
Lead agency- USP  
Support Agency - PIFS, SPC  
Timeframe- 2026

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Enhancing supply chain resilience and strengthening sustainable connectivity.

Countries have agreed to convene a Pacific Connectivity and Supply Chain Forum in 2024 that involves governments, CROP agencies, international organisations, private sector and civil society to strengthen efforts on supply chain and sustainable connectivity.

RCA Source - PPfP  
Lead agency - PIFS  
Support Agency - PASO, SPC  
Timeframe- 2025







