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**Comments from United Kingdom on the Approval by Mail: Pacific Region:
Implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) (ADB)**

Dear all,

Please find attached comments from the UK – we are pleased to endorse this proposal.

Regards,

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UK comments on *Implementation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR): Pacific Region*

- The UK welcomes this project – the objectives are very much in line with Pacific Island Countries' national plans and builds on existing priorities.
- Pleased the proposal focuses on the integration of climate resilience with disaster risk reduction.
- The project implementers have a trusted track record of delivery and full support of local governments.

Gender

- Strong focus on gender with plans to target women in all consultations, undertake a gender assessment resulting in the formulation of a gender action plan, revise climate and DRR policies to ensure they are gender sensitive, make training programmes gender sensitive, share knowledge through the Pacific Gender Climate Coalition.

Sustainability

The sustainability of the programme will be through mainstreaming CCA and DRR into policies, programmes, plans, operations and community development.

- SPREP will be the implementing agency for this project and will strengthen its in-house capacity for delivering CCA and DRR mainstreaming to Pacific countries.
- Should also strengthen services of Regional Technical Support Mechanism (RTSM) and Rapid Response Fund (RRF) which could result in a second phase.

Lessons

- Pleased to see monitoring and evaluation will be a core element, with lessons drawn for future programming.

Results and Value For Money

- Further elaboration of the results of the project are needed. For example at the outcome level how is the target (Vulnerability of communities to climate change impacts in selected sectors and countries reduced by 5%) to actually be measured and how many people will this represent?
- Related to this we note the majority of the funding is on consultants and their travel compared to capacity building activities and work with national partners. We would like assurance that this will deliver value for money and that costs will be controlled, and contracts reflect delivery of results and vfm.