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**TO:** SPREP National Focal Points  
PMC Members – Directors/ Heads  
of Meteorological Services  
SPREP/PMC Partners  
CROP Organisations  
UN Organisations

**SUBJECT:** **SAVE THE DATE: The Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) and the Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8), 21 – 25 September 2026, Nuku'alofa, Tonga**

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), will host the **Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4)** and the **Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8)** from **21 to 25 September 2026 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga**.

These meetings represent an important milestone in the regional governance of meteorology, climate, oceans, hydrology, and related services in the Pacific. The Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) is a specialised subsidiary body of the SPREP Meeting that facilitates and coordinates the scientific and technical programmes and activities of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and regional partners.

The outcomes and recommendations of the PMC inform the **Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM)**, which provides Ministers with the opportunity to consider regional priorities and strengthen political commitment to the advancement of meteorological, climate, hydrological, and ocean services that safeguard lives, protect livelihoods, and support sustainable development across the Blue Pacific Continent.

The upcoming **PMMM-4** continues the strong regional leadership established through this ministerial platform, which was first convened in **Tonga in 2015**, and builds upon the outcomes of the **Third Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-3)** held in **Nadi, Fiji in 2023**. These meetings have played an important role in elevating the strategic importance of meteorological and climate services in strengthening resilience to climate variability, extreme weather events, and other natural hazards across the Pacific region.

The meetings will be convened alongside several related pre-meetings and technical discussions, as outlined below:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
14–18 September 2026	Pre-Meetings (Liaison Platform, Media Training, PMC Panels)
21–24 September 2026	Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8)
25 September 2026	Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4)

The **PMC-8** will also consider the endorsement of the **Pacific Islands Meteorology Strategy (PIMS) 2027–2036**, which will succeed the current **PIMS 2017–2026**. The new Strategy is designed to align with the **2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent** and aims to strengthen regional coordination, accountability, and impact through a more results-based and transformational approach.

Further information regarding registration, meeting documentation, and the provisional agenda will be shared in due course.

For any inquiries, please contact the **Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP)** at: [\*\*PacMetDesk@sprep.org\*\*](mailto:PacMetDesk@sprep.org)

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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