

The Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council



The Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council, also known as the PGSC, is an independent regional advisory body that provides a forum for Pacific Island geospatial information and survey authorities to discuss and address regional challenges.

Our Vision

Sustainable development in the Pacific enabled by world-class geospatial information and surveying services.

Geospatial information is a critical analytical tool used in natural resource management, civil engineering, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, transport, land ownership, health, agriculture, topographic mapping and nautical charting, as well as the delimitation of maritime zones and boundaries.

To meet these needs, geospatial scientists and surveyors must have the ability to capture, compute, and create spatial information and to integrate the layers of information across different systems. It is critical that the Pacific Islands region continue to develop these capabilities.

Established by the Pacific, for the Pacific

In November 2014, a group of Pacific regional surveying and geospatial experts met in the margins of the annual Pacific Geospatial Information Systems and Remote Sensing (GIS/RS) User Conference in Suva, Fiji. It was at this meeting that the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council (PGSC) was first envisaged and a charter governing its mission and objectives was developed.

The PGSC was formed to share knowledge, promote understanding, and enhance cooperation in the context of geospatial infrastructure and information management. The Council's priorities include:

- Building the capacity of regional surveyors
- Improving and standardising geospatial information gathering and dissemination
- Maximising economic growth and alleviating poverty
- Informing natural resource management, disaster risk management and climate change adaptation

The PGSC aims to achieve these goals by coordination, communication, and collaboration as well as sharing resources and applications of location information through regional and global partnerships.



Membership

Our core members are national geospatial and surveying authorities of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs).

Other members may include observers, expert contributors or organisations from both the surveying and geospatial private sector, non-PICT government agencies, academic institutions, commercial survey manufacturers, non-governmental organisations of professional surveyors with mandates and work programs relevant to geospatial information management and/or spatial data infrastructure as well as development partners operating in the Pacific region.



Meetings

The Council meets in plenary within the region annually, funding permitted, and often in coordination with other relevant regional conferences, meetings, or training opportunities.

Partnerships for Progress

The Pacific Community (SPC) established the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Partnership Desk to provide secretariat services and support the PGSC in achieving its goals and objectives. SPC is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, proudly supporting development since 1947.

In addition, the PGSC aims to collaborate with regional and international organisations, associations, educational institutions and technical groups to support progress on national, regional and global development objectives.



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