

The 5th Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council (PGSC) was held virtually from the 11th to 14th August 2020 with a final endorsement session on 25th August, hosted by the Pacific Community (SPC) Partnership Desk in Suva, Fiji. The meeting was an opportunity for the Council members and partners to report, collaborate and plan on leadership, standards and technology, sustainability, and capacity development, in line with the PGSC Strategy 2017-2027. The Council members hereby issue this

5th Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council Meeting Outcome Statement

The Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council,

Recognises the critical importance of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), and **support** the Council members in the operationalisation of the IGIF.

Encourages members to access the resources and tools of the UN-GGIM Secretariat for the IGIF, and agree for the Council to establish a sub-regional collective modality for the IGIF to **support** the design, development and operationalisation of country action plans for the members.

Recognises the Moganshan Declaration “The Geospatial Way to a Better World” of 2018 and **adopts** the Talanoa Outcome Statement on Earth Observation Cooperation in the Pacific made on Tuesday 5th November 2019, Australia, during the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Week 2019 in Canberra, Australia.

Encourages council members to become members of the GEO, and further **agrees** for the PGSC to be the collective regional voice for Earth Observations in the Pacific.

Recognises the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and encourage PGSC members to align the activities of geospatial and surveying to UN SDGs.

Recognises to commend the participation of the UN-GGIM, UN-GGIM AP, UN-GGIM ETCB, GA, FIG-APCDN, LINZ, SSSI, S+SNZ and NGS-NOAA for their support and resources available to PGSC.

Agrees to align and formalise thematic areas of the working groups of the PGSC with the regional and international working groups such as of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the UN-GGIM.

Commits to actively participate in working groups of the PGSC and develop effective terms of reference.

Recommends to formalise working relationships with the Pacific GIS & Remote Sensing Council (PGRSC), the University of the South Pacific (USP) and the Fiji National University (FNU).

Endorses SPC’s proposal to establish an Ocean Teacher Global Academy Regional Training Centre in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

Sustains the capacity development for geospatial professionals and surveyors by providing ongoing support through online platforms and other modes with regional and global partners.

Recognises the support to the development of PGSC members’ geospatial and surveying capacities and the staffing of the Partnership Desk made possible by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific (COSPPac) and the

Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the European Union through the Pacific European Union Marine Partnership Program (PEUMP), and the World Bank, and **encourages** the development of new projects and proposals to support the continued implementation of the PGSC Strategy.

25th August 2020