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Cliff lodge to be site of new state house

Landowners of portions 245 and 105 sign the land over to be developed for official government residence

The Nauru Government and landowners of 'Cliff Lodge' in Denig District signed a land lease agreement that will make way for the construction of a new state house.

His Excellency President Baron Waqa and the last two remaining signatories of 22 landowners of portions 245 and 105 Mrs Nyoka Rose Bill and Ms Eidina Maraken, signed the agreement in an official ceremony hosted on site at the former Cliff Lodge on 15 September.

The two signatures finalises the landowners collective agreement to allow the land to be leased and used by the government as the state house residence, for an initial 50 year term with additional 20 years.

President Waqa briefly outlined the background of the land lease agreement and the government's plans to develop the principle land and those extending



President Baron Waqa with proud landowners of portion 245 and 105, site for the new State House

across the road and to the sides, as the new state house residence for Nauru's presidents.

In his address, President Waqa expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the government for the landowners consent to the use of their land.

Mrs Bill spoke on behalf of the landowners thanking the Nauru Government for taking up the land and developing it for the benefit of Nauru

and expressed pride that her family land will host the new state house.

There has been no official residence for the presidents of Nauru for many years. This agreement puts in motion the design and construction of the official residence which has a view overlooking a government school and phosphate loading to the far left and the Pacific Ocean beyond.

The area known as Cliff Lodge was the residence

of the manager of former phosphate company the British Phosphate Commission then later the general manager of the Nauru Phosphate Corporation, until it was returned to landowners.

The former state house was on the other side of the island in Menen district, the area now houses Nauru Primary School, several government departments and the government warehouse•

President attends 72nd UN general assembly

His Excellency President Baron Waqa is in New York this week for the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

In his address to the UNGA this week (20 Sep) President Waqa supported the view that the full implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals must be at the centre of the work of the UN members, detailing the effects of climate change as the defining security challenge of the century. President Waqa therefore supported the proposal by the Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to appoint a UN Special Representative on climate and security.

President Waqa addressed the importance of the security of the oceans, and for the climate and oceans to be protected there must be "partnerships based on mutual respect and a clear understanding of the real needs on the ground."

President Waqa also emphasised the importance of capacity

building backed by real resources.

In light of recent threats made by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), President Waqa called for dialogue between the DPRK and disputing countries on the Korean Peninsula, noting the potential harm to small island countries of the Pacific.

As a strong supporter of the Republic of China (Taiwan), President Waqa reiterated Taiwan's technical and financial capacity to contribute towards world peace and development and to do so through partnerships and activities of the UN system including the SDGs, WHO, UNESCO, UNFCCC and other related agencies and activities.

In concluding, President Waqa thanked the United Nations for its support to Nauru making note of its 50-year celebration in 2018•

NSDS consultation process progress

[Contributed by Dept Finance, Planning and Aid Division]

Stakeholder consultations for the second review of the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) got underway following the launch on 23 August.

Following the comprehensive stakeholders' consultation on the review of the Nauru NSDS 2005-2025, (23 August – 13th September), the Ministry of Finance Planning and Aid Division, is working closely with NSDS Technical Working Group (TWG) to complete the analysis of the feedback from the public.

As of mid-September, the TWG completed five sectoral related meetings covering economic, infrastructure, education & community (including NSS final year students), health, youth and cross cutting issues and heads of government departments. Almost 200 participants attended the scheduled sessions.

In addition to the sector meetings, the TWG carried out extensive consultations with all 14 districts of Nauru. Over 250 community residents were recorded to have attended these community consultations.

To complement the consultations, the TWG administered an NSDS review questionnaire, with the objective of obtaining an indication of people's development needs and priorities. A total of 285 questionnaires were received from around Nauru through drop box, email or collection at meeting location.

"This is truly a remarkable effort by the TWG to commit to a coordinated, participatory and inclusive approach to the NSDS review. This consultative process is heralded globally as best practice for the design of country's NSDS," Acting Secretary of Finance Mr Andy Cain said.

"It is not an easy feat for any country to undertake such an enormous task. For the TWG to achieve the wide representation and sustain their effort to this process is therefore commendable.

"The Ministry would also like to acknowledge the support of the TWG member's respective organisations' for releasing them to work with us on this important task. As Hon. David Adeang, the Minister of Finance and Sustainable Development commented at the launching of the public consultation, 'The NSDS review is an opportunity to refine the direction of the NSDS to meet the challenges of the future while learning from the experiences of the past'," Mr Cain said.

While the review of the NSDS has been carried out in previous years, the vital feature of this process, is the effort by the Ministry of Finance to establish a multi-sectoral working group to review the documents and lead the public consultations. This was largely to ensure that Nauru takes ownership of its development path. The commitment by the TWG to ensure a truly inclusive



National consultations for review of the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) commenced on 23 August

process and allow the voice of the people of Nauru to be heard is laudable.

In an effort to assist the TWG and PAD coordinate and implement the consultation process, technical support was provided by an independent consultant, supported by Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT). According to Caroline Fusimalohi, the enthusiasm and perseverance of the TWG and PAD has been nothing short of excellence. The timeframe to carry out this exercise was extremely tight, but the ability of the TWG members to be responsive in a timely manner to the changing dynamics has been remarkable. The multi-sectoral composition of the TWG demonstrated the added value of diversity in the expertise and experience. This brings rich and powerful knowledge to the process.

The TWG and PAD could not have successfully completed this process without the support of so many partners, the Nauru Government, Australian DFAT, community leaders, and private sector agencies.

To ensure that this NSDS is more realistic and is a living document, the TWG is working alongside the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) technical assistance to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for the revised NSDS. This will allow Government departments to track its progress against planned commitments.

The TWG is currently working on finalising the draft consultation report before the end of September, which it will share with the public for input.

The NSDS process was first implemented during the Scotty government in 2005•

It's the law:

Drive safely. Speed limit 50 km/h. Wear a seatbelt. Wear a helmet.

Be considerate of fellow motorists and pedestrians. Keep Nauru safe.

Taiwan awards more scholarships

The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Nauru awarded another five scholarships to Nauruan students for the opportunity to study in Taiwan for the next five years.

Ambassador Joseph Chow conferred the scholarship certificates to each student at a farewell ceremony on Friday 25 August urging them to utilise the opportunity well.

The students, Pender Fritz, Xiena Wiram, Ezekiel Quamen Cain, Karisma Jose, and Johnlen Paul Taburea will take up the first year to study Mandarin at Fu Jen Catholic University. Learning the language will assist in their learning and living in Taiwan as most of the instructions are delivered in the Mandarin language.

The students then will apply for university placements and courses to study for four years.

Taiwan has sponsored 41 Nauruan students since the program commenced in 2006.

Past recipients of the scholarship Joel Waqa and Adalane Depaune gave inspiring and guiding speeches of their experience and successes during their time in Taiwan.



Students (standing) proudly received their scholarship certificates from Taiwan Ambassador Joseph Chow

Nauru's Ambassador in Taiwan Ms Chitra Jeremiah welcomed the students to their new journey in Taiwan.

His Excellency President Baron Waqa, Madam Louisa Waqa and parents of the students were present to witness the proud event•

Menen residents benefit from water reticulation project

The Menen community water reticulation project was launched following months of successful operation and delivery of brackish water to the vulnerable areas of the district.

Then Acting President and Minister for Justice Hon David Adeang officially launched the project in the ribbon cutting ceremony on 22 August.



Acting President and Minister for Justice Hon David Adeang officially launches the Menen water reticulation project

The project commenced several years ago and was revived last year following calls from the community as the need for brackish water supply increases with the growing population in the areas known as Menen Terrace and Statehouse and later expanded to include Ataro.

Brackish water is commonly used in households to flush toilets, laundry, watering driveways and bathing. Its use saves wastage of valuable fresh water supplies.

In selecting a community, the University of the South Pacific (USP) Nauru campus Director Alamanda Lauti said a committee comprising the USP and the Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment (CIE) conducted a survey of vulnerable communities and Menen Community was identified as the most vulnerable and in need of brackish water supply to assist everyday household needs of this growing community.

“Water security is an underlying threat to the sustenance of

our people. The completion for this project is a testament that through oneness and collaboration with all stakeholders, nothing is impossible. But with all projects we learn from the past to gauge a better informed tomorrow,” Ms Lauti said.

In-country coordinator Haseldon Buraman encouraged the Menen Community to take ownership and responsibility of the project.

“Climate change is something we have no control over but we can help by reducing the human activities that (are) believed to have contributed to global warming,” Mr Buraman said.

The EU Global Climate Change Alliance (EUGCCA) objectives are achieved through the training of national and regional experts on climate change and the adaptations as well as the development and implementations of sustainable strategies for community adaptation to climate change.

The reticulation process was already in place from a time when foreign workers resided in the area. However with the increased population that is now Nauruan, the need to supplement water usage is in greater demand.

Project coordinator with the Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment Jaden Agir estimates a population of 500 and growing in this area. The cost savings since December 2016 are estimated in excess of \$300 for water alone.

An existing 35,000 litre water tank and an additional four 10,000 litre water tanks are used as secondary storage tanks that gravity feed to individual households.

Minister for Home Affairs Charmaine Scotty thanked the various entities that assisted with the project as well as individuals for making the water reticulation process a reality for the residents of Menen.

The project has been made possible through the coordinated efforts and support of USP's PaCE-SD Pacific Centre for Environment Sustainable Development, the UNGCCA, Government of Nauru, Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC), and Australian company Canstruct for their technical input and the people of Menen for their innovation and perseverance. Six Menen residents were engaged to install the pump and lay the pipeline under the direction of a Canstruct engineer•

Beautiful Samoa, host of the 48th Pacific Island Forum leaders' meeting

The 48th Pacific Island Forum leaders' meeting held in Samoa centred on the theme 'The Blue Pacific – Our sea of islands – our security through sustainable development, management and conservation', from 4-8 September.

The theme was chosen by Samoa and launch by Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi at the United Nations ocean conference, reflecting the UN ocean conference and to support Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 – 'to conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources for sustainable development'.

Several meetings took place prior to the opening of the Forum proper on Tuesday 5 September.

All leaders meetings were closed sessions and the first of the series of meetings was the Smaller Island States (SIS) leaders meeting on Monday 4 September.

Smaller Island States (SIS) meeting

The meeting of leaders of Smaller Island States (SIS) was the first of a series of meetings during the Forum week.



President Baron Waqa chairs SIS meeting with PIF Secretary General Dame Meg Taylor

In assuming the chairmanship for this year's SIS leaders' meeting, His Excellency President Baron Waqa acknowledged and thanked the outgoing Chair, and Prime Minister of the Cook Islands Henry Puna.

In his opening address, President Waqa reflected on this year's theme.

"We all know that the waters that surrounds us is what sustain our islands and our people. We owe it to our children and their children to ensure that their future is one in which they can enjoy with happiness and with abundant blessings. I look forward to working with you all on the theme over the course of this week."

President Waqa emphasised the importance of leaders discussing and building solidarity on issues of common and special interest to SIS.

"As the smallest members of the Forum, we must stand together and be firm on what we believe is importance to our future."

While the SIS meeting centred on the Forum's theme The Blue Pacific, the SIS also addressed other issues of common interest such as maritime issues and protecting the oceans, infrastructure, building resilience through the Green Climate Fund (GCF), and air space management.

The leaders agreed to explore options on how to better manage their airspace to maximize returns; the leaders emphasised the importance of facilitated, political dialogue between SIS and

Forum Leaders on the need for equitable and fair air services agreements in the region.

Nauru's upper air space management is in order says President Waqa and Nauru is now offering assistance to other SIS in the management of their upper air space.

The SIS Strategy is due for review in 2018.

Following the meeting President Waqa spoke to the media and said that Fiji's chairmanship of COP23 in Bonn Germany is good for the Pacific and will strengthen the concerns of Smaller Island States.

EU/PIFS sign financing agreement to tackle gender inequality and violence against women and girls in Pacific

The European Union (EU) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) signed a 13-million Euro financing agreement to tackle the root causes of gender inequality and violence against women and girls in the Pacific, on 6 September.

The Director for Asia, Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf and the Pacific at the European Commission's Department for International Cooperation and Development, Pierre Amilhat and the PIFS Secretary General Dame Meg Taylor signed the agreement on the margins of the leaders meeting.

Australia will provide an additional 5-million Euro (AUD 6.5-million) to the program, which will further strengthen the EU-Australia cooperation to support Pacific responses to gender inequality in the region.

The program will support activities at the regional level as well as in Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Official opening of the 48th Pacific Island Forum leaders meeting

The second day of the Forum week was the official opening of the 48th Pacific Island Forum leaders' meeting held at the grounds of the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum in Vailima, Samoa on 5 September.



The traditional 'ava' ceremony was performed at the official opening ceremony of the 48th Pacific Island Forum meeting

In his opening address Prime Minister Tuilaepa said the theme of the Forum 'The Blue Pacific: Our Sea of Islands - Our Security through Sustainable Development, Management and Conservation', "speaks to the very heart of Pacific Regionalism."

"For the Pacific region and its island countries, the ocean is crucial. Exercising a sense of common identity and purpose linked to the ocean, has been critical for protecting and promoting

CSO/private sector has audience with leaders, Vanuatu joins PACER Plus

the potential of our shared Pacific Ocean.”

The Framework for Pacific Regionalism was endorsed by leaders in 2014 and states that, ‘Pacific peoples are the custodians of the world’s largest, most peaceful and abundant ocean, its many islands and its rich diversity of cultures.’

PM Tuilaepa says the Framework “resonates well with the Blue Pacific concept of recapturing the collective potential of our shared stewardship of the Pacific Ocean.”

Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat Dame Meg Taylor said that leaders endorsed the Framework as a step taken “to raise the ambition for collective political action in the Pacific” and for “a common concern that regionalism had lost its way.”

“Over the past three years, we have all worked hard to bring the Framework for Pacific Regionalism to life. Today, we see the region’s policy agenda being developed through an inclusive and transparent process that provides the people of our region an opportunity to raise with Leaders issues of key importance to them through the Framework’s public consultation process. We are also seeing a regional policy agenda taking shape that is focused and political.”

“The Framework is grounded in the understanding that our region’s political and developmental priorities are set by you, the Leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum. Together you represent the apex of decision-making for regional action. However, more needs to be done to ensure that your decisions are effectively implemented through the regional system that you own and oversee,” SG Dame Meg said.

Vanuatu signs PACER Plus

The Vanuatu Prime Minister Honourable Charlot Salwai Tabimasmas signed the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER) Plus in Apia, Samoa on 7 September.



Vanuatu PM Salwai signs PACER Plus

PACER Plus is a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) covering goods, services and investment.

PM Salwai said that by signing the PACER Plus Vanuatu is taking on duties and responsibilities to ensure market access for goods and services are secured in the region for the foreseeable future.

“We now join the rest of the Forum family to travel together on a long journey of exciting possibilities. Vanuatu is always ready to do business and we have reaffirmed that by signing this agreement,” PM Salwai said.

Vanuatu is the ninth Pacific island country along with Australia and New Zealand to sign up to PACER Plus.

Civil Society Organisations engagement with leaders and Private Sector dialogue with leaders

Civil society organisations and private sector representatives met with the leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum underscoring the role and contribution of civil society and opportunities for the private sector focusing on the Blue Pacific.

PIF Secretary General Dame Meg Taylor said there has been much action over the last three years to increase the participation of leaders to have dialogue with civil society and the private sector.

President Baron Waqa indicated that the session with CSO will also be on the program at next year’s Forum when Nauru hosts the meeting.



Chairperson for Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Ms Sarah Thomas-Nedegog hails the CSO meeting with all 18 leaders as a historic first

Chairperson for Pacific Island Association of Non-Government Organisations Sarah Thomas-Nedegog described the meeting as a “historic first and that is we had all 18 leaders in the room from our Pacific area.”

“A reaffirmation that we are really one people and large ocean states and I think we have to continue to believe that is true and that our strength comes from us working together,” Ms Taylor Nedegog said.

CSO raised concerns in seabed mining and activities that cause irreversible harm to the ocean and the environment and ultimately its people.

The ‘tsunami of non-communicable diseases’ was also on the agenda raising concerns about health issues in the Pacific and calls for leaders to take over health budgets and identify health policies to promote healthier lifestyles.

Peace and security was the third area identified by CSO as a concept of protecting the dignity and rights of all Pacific people including persons with disability, children, youth, and persons with varying gender choices.

The private sector posed questions for opportunities the Blue Pacific may provide to grow commerce and investment in to the region to develop the private sector and to harness these opportunities whilst ensuring conservation and management of the Blue Pacific, and how should businesses old and new transition towards this blue business practices.

Also raised were issues for opportunities and incentives for business models, investing in, restoring and promoting ocean health and what should the governments do to offer to encourage better and sustainable business practices, as well as policies and practices in promoting and protecting ocean health.

Nauru and Tuvalu reaping benefits from green climate fund / Nauru reiterate Taiwan support

48th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders dialogue sessions

Forum leaders met in a closed session with dialogue partners under the panel theme 'Maritime domain awareness' and spoke on issues underlining maritime domain awareness perspectives, and strengthening regional approaches.

In the closed session with Forum dialogue partners under the panel theme 'Ocean governance' the issues centred on strengthening Pacific regional ocean governance and the Blue Pacific as a pathway for resilient development.

MOU signed for sale of Nauru rock boulders to Tuvalu

Nauru's President Baron Waqa and Tuvalu Prime Minister Enele Sopoaga signed an agreement for the sale of Nauru rock boulders as part of Tuvalu's coastal adaptation project to protect the country's newly reclaimed Queen Elizabeth II Park.



President Baron Waqa and Tuvalu PM Enele Sopoaga sign the agreement for the sale of Nauru boulders to Tuvalu as part of the country's coastal adaptation project

The park will be developed as part of Tuvalu's initiative for its preparation in hosting the 2019 Forum leaders meeting.

A landing craft from Vanuatu will come to Nauru to load and transport the boulders to Tuvalu.

For this initial agreement, Tuvalu will purchase 5000 metric tonnes of the boulders.

The purchase is made possible through Tuvalu's access of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Secretary General Meg Taylor said the initiative is an example of achievable south-to-south cooperation and partnership between smaller island states. The signing took place on 7 September.

Nauru and PIF sign Green Climate Fund readiness grant project



President Waqa and PIF SG Dame Meg sign the Green Climate Fund readiness grant project for Nauru

Nauru and the Pacific Islands Forum signed the implementation agreement in relation to strengthening Nauru's capacity and

strategic engagement with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) readiness grant project.

His Excellency President Baron Waqa and PIF Secretary General Dame Meg Taylor signed the agreement on the margins of the 48th PIF leaders meeting in Samoa on 7 September.

The objectives of the agreement are to enhance Nauru's national designated authority (NDA), and to develop a strategic engagement framework for working with GCF.

The readiness project is valued at US\$339,000 and is expected to be implemented over the next two years.

Nauru has chosen the PIF to be the implementing agency for the project.

Pacific Allies call for greater recognition for Taiwan at 25th ROC Taiwan-Forum countries dialogue

The Republic of China (Taiwan) invited its Pacific dialogue partners – Nauru, Kiribati, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu, to a dinner reception at the start of the Forum week on Monday 4 September at the Tanoa Tusitala Hotel.

The dinner reception was a casual affair with group singing entertainment performed by the Pacific delegations and the Taiwan group led by Deputy Minister for Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Francois Chih-Chung Wu.

Later in the week on 7 September was the 25th ROC Taiwan-Forum countries dialogue that articulated an ever strong voice calling for renewed support for Taiwan both at the regional leaders meeting and at international fora.

In his opening statement Mr Wu said that since Taiwan's engagement with the PIF, his country has worked with the Secretariat to promote development projects in areas of fisheries, energy, and education, to better serve the needs of the island states and the Pacific region.



ROC Taiwan's Pacific allies call for renewed support and recognition of Taiwan at the dialogue

Nauru also benefits from visiting medical teams and technical assistance in vegetable and poultry farming.

Taiwan also contributes to education and scholarships through the Taiwan-PIFS scholarship program, which the Pacific dialogue partners expressed concern that the distribution of this funding support should be categorised so that Taiwan's Pacific allies receive more allocations over others that do not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

President Baron Waqa was vocal at the meeting reiterating Nauru's strong support for Taiwan and expressed disappointment at the treatment of Taiwan during the Forum adding he would like to see better participation and recognition of Taiwan as a

Nauru-Aust sign MOUs as Samoa forum concludes

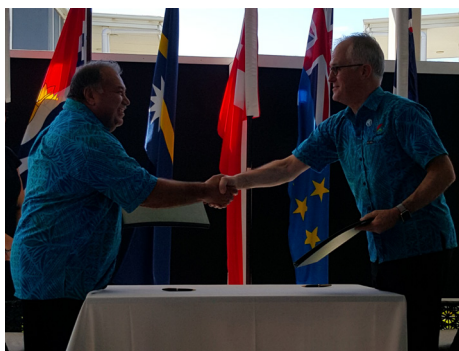
donor partner in future Forum meetings.

Fellow leaders echoed those sentiments and in drafting the agreement, demanded for amplified support for Taiwan's participation at the Forum meetings.

Tuvalu Prime Minister Enele Sopoaga observed and suggested that the Secretary General of the PIF attend the Taiwan-Pacific allies' dialogue at the next Forum meeting. A suggestion well received by Taiwan that it would reciprocate with their highest officer attending.

Nauru and Australia sign MOUs on security, labour mobility, and pharmaceuticals

President Baron Waqa and Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull signed three MOUs on labour mobility, security, and pharmaceuticals on the margins of the 48th Pacific forum in Samoa on 8 September.



Nauru and Australia sign MOUs on security, labour mobility, pharmaceuticals

Labour mobility opens up work experience and skills through regional and rural Australia, an opportunity President Waqa says will build capacity that can be utilised in Nauru. Mr Turnbull says at the same time Australia can address existing labour shortages throughout its towns and farms.

Security is ever important on different levels as crime across the border increases and the need to protect borders and people amplified.

In his statement at the signing ceremony Mr Turnbull acknowledged the health challenges faced by Pacific countries who rely on imported medicines said the Pacific pharmaceuticals laboratory testing program MOU is a pilot program "that will link PIF countries into Australia's testing regime for medicines offering the services of the therapeutic goods administration to lower the cost of drugs and make them safer and more effective."

Mr Turnbull says the signing signifies the very close and productive relationships shared and developed by Australia and the island nations including through the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

"They (PIFS) will help prepare us address through our shared and contemporary challenges. These MOUs demonstrate my personal commitment and that of my government to step up our engagement with the Pacific. And they support our ambition which I know my fellow leaders here today share the regional stability and prosperity," Mr Turnbull said.

President Waqa acknowledged Australia's ongoing assistance and support to Nauru and is pleased that Nauru is partner to the three areas of security, labour mobility and pharmaceuticals.

"As we know the Pacific is no exception, the dynamics of the security in the Pacific has changed greatly. It's become more and more complex and requiring greater participation by all. And Nauru is very happy to be participant and in close cooperation with Australia addressing these issues."

President Waqa was equally grateful for the training and employment opportunities that will be made available through the labour mobility scheme.

"We get medicine from everywhere around the world, and this will now improve the standards of the medicine we receive and give to our people. Again Australia has stepped up again and helped us in this, not just for Nauru but for other Pacific countries as well.

"We are indeed, indeed indebted to you Prime Minister and your government and the people of Australia."

Eight documents were signed at the signing ceremony in Apia between Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Tonga and Australia.

Forum Communiqué

In the Forum Communiqué, leaders reaffirmed the Framework for Pacific Regionalism as their platform for a renewed commitment to collective action to drive the region's policy agenda towards the realisation of the Leaders vision for a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion, and prosperity so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy and productive lives.

Leaders also endorsed and reiterated various other developments and policies designed to strengthen and unite regional efforts and actions.

Leaders also unanimously agreed to reappoint Meg Taylor as Secretary General for the PIF for a second, three-year term.

Nauru will host the next meeting, the 49th Pacific Island Forum leaders meeting in 2018•

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