



Pacific Sport & Physical Activity Policy Roundtable OUTCOME STATEMENT

**Ramada Hotel, Port Vila Vanuatu
2 December 2017**

Preamble

1. The inaugural Pacific Sport and Physical Activity Policy Roundtable was held in Port Vila, Vanuatu on Saturday 2 December 2017, in conjunction with the Vanuatu 2017 Pacific Mini-Games. The Roundtable was co-chaired by the Minister for Cultural and Community Affairs of Palau, the Hon Baklai Temengil and Paul Nalau, Director of Ministry of Youth and Sports Development of Vanuatu.
2. Delegates that attended the Roundtable included Sports Ministers, Officials and Administrators representing Government, Civil Society, Development Partners and regional sport stakeholders from Pacific Island Countries and Territories.
3. The Roundtable builds on the outcomes of the 4th Pacific Sports Ministers Meeting in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea in July 2015, which recognized sport and physical activity as a tool to achieve inclusive sustainable development.
4. The agenda reflected the theme of the 5th Pacific Sports Ministers Meeting on 'Using Sport as a Tool to Achieve National Development Outcomes' and addressed national sport and physical activity policy in the Pacific, the contribution of sport to socio-economic and environmental development in the Pacific, and the development of a Pacific Sport and Physical Activity Action Plan.

Delegates attending the inaugural Pacific Sport and Physical Activity Roundtable endorsed the recommendations below for the consideration of Ministers at the 5th Pacific Sports Ministers Meeting on Sunday 3 December 2017 in Port Vila, Vanuatu:

Recommendations

5. Delegates recognize:

- 5.1 The importance of sport in the lives of Pacific people and the powerful role of sport in showcasing national identity and shaping Pacific regionalism.
- 5.2 Physical education, physical activity and sport as a fundamental human right and an important enabler of sustainable development and contributing to the implementation of the Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development (PRSD).
- 5.3 The potential of physical education, physical activity and sport to improve mental and physical well-being, particularly in addressing the risk factor of physical inactivity in the fight against Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

- 5.4 Sport and physical activity has a significant role to play in protecting and promoting the Blue and Green Economy, and Pacific traditions and cultural identity.
- 5.5 The contribution of sport to national development plans and outcomes to improve the quality of life of Pacific people.
- 5.6 The three themes and corresponding sub-themes of the Kazan Action Plan i) developing a comprehensive vision of inclusive access for to sport, physical education and physical activity 2) maximizing the contribution of sport to sustainable development and peace 3) protecting the integrity of sport.

6. Delegates call on Pacific Ministers Responsible for Sport to:

- 6.1 Accept the Kazan Action Plan adopted at the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport in July 2017 as a comprehensive sport policy follow up framework and a global call for action.
- 6.2 Endorse the Kazan Action Plan as a viable framework to develop national and regional sport policy development to maximize the contribution of sport to the Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development.
- 6.3 Endorse the development of a regionally coordinated sport policy framework and promote best practice.
- 6.4 Agree to host an interactive multi-stakeholder roundtable dialogue ahead of the Sports Ministers Meetings in conjunction with the Pacific Games and Pacific Mini-Games, including a dedicated consultation with civil society.
- 6.5 Request the host country to provide full secretariat support for the Sports Ministers Meetings.

7. Delegates call on Pacific Sports Ministers to request Forum Economic Ministers to:

- 7.1 Mandate the Pacific SDGs Taskforce to expand the data collection and statistical analysis to include physical education, physical activity and sport to inform evidence based policy making and programming.
- 7.2 In order to give effect to recommendation 7.1, task the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs from Palau and the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture from Samoa to act on behalf of the Pacific Sports Ministers to ensure that a progress report from the 5th Pacific Islands Sports Ministers Meeting is presented to the 2018 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting in Palau.