



PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT

PACIFIC ACP REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Meeting Summary



On 13-14 June 2019 Senior Officials of the Pacific ACP States, Representatives of the Pacific ACP States in Brussels and CROP Representatives participated in the Pacific ACP Regional Workshop on the post-Cotonou negotiations.

The purpose of the Workshop was to help the region prepare for the negotiations on the EU – Pacific Regional Protocol.

As a collective, meeting participants took stock of the state of play of the Foundation Agreement and discussed the shape, focus and contents of the Pacific Regional Protocol which will guide the region during the negotiations.

Participants acknowledged that the Regional Protocol is to be anchored on the Foundation Agreement as a single undertaking as per the mandate given to the ACP Ministers by the Leaders in Port Moresby. Therefore, the regional protocol is to be aligned to the Foundation Agreement with specificities negotiated based on the regional priorities, agreed by the PACP Leaders in Samoa in February this year.

Following extensive Working Group Discussions, meeting participants agreed on a way forward to commence initial work in populating the EU-Pacific Indicative Skeleton to use as the basis to start formal negotiations with EU.