

Building a Network of Networks

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Which of the following best describes the nature of activities carried out by you or the agency, institution, or organization you are affiliated with?

Research Services Management Other Planning & Capacity Building (please specify)
Coordination

With respect to PaCIS, would you describe the agency, institution, or organization you are affiliated with as: (select any that apply):

NOAA Regional NOAA National Non-NOAA US Federal Agency
Int'l Regional Int'l National State, Territory, or Local NGO
Academic Institution Private Sector Other (please specify)

What agencies, institutions, or organizations would you identify as your *primary* partners or collaborators? (please feel free to write on the back if you need more room)

Primary Partners: Other regional agencies, donor agencies, national institutions and governments, regional groups.
LIST: SOPAC (SPC, PIFS, AusAID, NZAID, USAID, SPREP members (25)), Pacific NMS, RMSD + Pacific Meteorology Council (PMC), ~~NOAA~~ NOAA, BOM, CSIRO, NZMet, NIWA, JICA, China, Taiwan, Govt. of Finland, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, WHO

What agencies, institutions, or organizations would you identify as your *secondary* partners or collaborators? (please feel free to write on the back if you need more room)

Secondary: NGOs, Community Based Orgs, other international/regional agencies, private sector, Academic institutions

LIST: IUCN, WWF, Red Cross, ~~WHO~~ IOC, FAO, USP, UH,

Whom would you identify as partners or collaborators that make up a *third tier* or beyond?

- (i) Developed country national institutions (SPREP is working with FMI Finnish Met Institute)
- (ii) Other region's networks (eg. Caribbean based networks) and institutions
 - CCCCC,
 - Caricom,
 - CMO
 - CMIH
- (iii) Developed country Academic institutions.
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 - Oklahoma University
 - Oxford
 - IRI

Thinking about SPREP's regional role w/ the pearl concept is interesting. This due to demands on SPREP being a mix of things i.e. helping guide policy development, actual onground implementation work, strategy development, monitoring, to national and regional level capacity building and training efforts.

In this light then orgs like SPREP/COPAC/SPC can spread themselves across different layers and roles w/ then the obvious disadvantage of being spread thin.

What it does do is, make very specific partnerships matching the need for a particular work area. Eg. climate change, conservation, education and outreach, disaster management.

~~My paper~~

Looking at the circular pearl graph, SPREP probably has a pie slice cut across the different layers w/ diff. partners then at each level. Interestingly, where the pie slice touches the user pearl center, the tip of the pie could be analogous to the fact that at the end of it all, there is a very specific contact final point that touches the user pearl uniquely. And I don't think that Auct is SPREP, so I think regional orgs like SPREP are at least 1 layer away from the user pearl.

My interpretation of the user pearl here being AJOTS (A... on the Street) but really center for just about user of SPREP.