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Items for discussion and decision: data and metadata presentation and dissemination


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**Statement:**

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Data and metadata presentation and dissemination

SPC appreciates the report of the Secretary General on data and metadata presentation and dissemination and supports endorsement of the:

vision and way forward for the implementation of the new UNdata portal; and

establishment of an inter-agency and expert mechanism for the full development and implementation of a new UN data hub and the regular review and update of its data and metadata, and to approve its proposed terms of reference.

Suggestion to the Commission: To have SPC participate in the inter-agency consultation in going forward with the development of the UNdata portal.

SPC has recently launched the Pacific Data Hub (PDH) which contains data and metadata produced (often with assistance from TA providers like the SPC) by the Pacific Island Countries and Territories. The PDH also redisseminates or reuses data and metadata that have already been published by the countries themselves on their websites, UN, IMF and others. SDD of SPC’s participation with the UN will benefit both the organisations:

  - create awareness on common standards and techniques for data sharing and data integration,
  - technical capacity and skill development, and

help avoid duplication of work e.g., SPC is working towards establishing a Pacific Commodity Trade Database which UN can redisseminate through its UNdata portal.

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