

PRIF Newsletter - March 2025 Edition

In November 2024, we relaunched the PRIF Newsletter to disseminate PRIF knowledge products, news on PRIF activities and events around the Pacific region, and interest work our partners are delivering in the infrastructure space. Our newsletter is evolving and will become a monthly occurrence starting this year. The newsletter is intended to increase awareness of PRIF work and now includes a dedicated section to PRIF knowledge products and insights, tools and resources to help Pacific infrastructure practitioners, PICs member countries and our partners.

PRIF CO hopes the information is useful to your work and we welcome any comments and questions you may have to [enquiries@theprif.org](mailto:enquiries@theprif.org). If you are not on our distribution please subscribe to [enquiries@theprif.org](mailto:enquiries@theprif.org)

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PRIF Management Committee approves PRIF Annual Report 2024

On March 13, 2025, the PRIF management committee endorsed the PRIF 2024 Annual Report; the 2025 workplan; the Communication, Engagement and Outreach strategy, knowledge management strategy; and the monitoring, evaluation, and learning plan ( *summarized below*). They also discussed progress on the public infrastructure pipeline, the capacity development plan for national infrastructure investment planning, and a coordinated approach to support Vanuatu's recovery.

While PRIF is preparing to publish the report, here is a snapshot of our achievements.



Driving Infrastructure Coordination  
Enhancing the role of PRIF working groups

On 25 February 2025 the **Urban Development** working groups dedicated their efforts to providing updates and soliciting feedback on the PRIF Building Codes TA, particularly the Feasibility Study for the Pacific National Building Codes Secretariat and discussed ADB's planned Regional Recycling Facility project and IFC's Building Resilience Index (BRI) Pacific launch.

The **Climate and Disaster Resilience** working group convened on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 received a briefing from the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and the IFC's Building Resilience Index (BRI) team. The meeting discussed a summary of the analysis of CDR information in the PRIF Pipeline and sought feedback on the proposed Technical Assistance: Good Practice Guide for incorporating nature-based solutions (NbS) into infrastructure projects to enhance climate and disaster resilience.

The **Sustainable Infrastructure Management** working group convened on March 7, 2025, to discuss the progress of the public-facing pipeline project and the release of the recruitment for technical assistance. The members also reviewed the Updating and Capacity Development Plan for National Infrastructure Investment Planning.

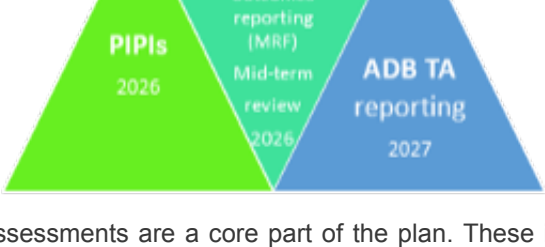
The **ICT** working group deliberated on the PRIF-supported technical assistance project focused on regional interventions to enhance digital readiness and resilience in Pacific Island countries. They also explored areas for collaboration and opportunities for co-financing.

PRIF CO Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan

In March the PRIF Management Committee endorsed the PRIF CO Phase V MEL Plan 2024 – 2027. The Plan covers the period April 2024 – December 2027 and aligns with the ADB TA titled *Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office—For Quality, Climate, and Socioeconomic Resilient Infrastructure*, the PRIF Phase V Strategic Workplan (2024), and PRIF implementation strategies including the Communications, Engagement and Outreach Strategy and Workplan, the PRIF GESDI Action Plan, and the NIIP Capacity Development Plan.

Over the next three years, PRIF CO will be collecting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data on:

- effectiveness of coordination mechanisms;
- delivery of PRIF activities and the impact of this work on infrastructure at sectoral, national and regional levels;
- success in mainstreaming cross-cutting issues in infrastructure including gender, disability and inclusion, sustainability and quality, and local Pacific engagement and infrastructure leadership; and
- visibility, engagement and use of PRIF resources, guidelines and toolkits.



Regional evaluations and assessments are a core part of the plan. These include quarterly and annual reporting, the PRIF mid-term review, planned for 2026; and partnership and member feedback studies to be conducted in 2025 and 2027. PRIF will also be coordinating measurement against the Pacific Infrastructure Performance Indicators in 2026, preparing the fourth PIPs report in a series stemming back to 2011. The PIPs monitor statistical baselines and trend data for all PRIF Pacific member countries, and track the performance of the economic infrastructure sectors, including energy; telecommunications; transport; solid waste; and water and sanitation. Performance is measured in terms of five dimensions - access, quality, efficiency, affordability and safety. The PIPs monitoring process is undertaken every 5 years; reports from 2011, 2016, 2021 can be found in the Publications - Infrastructure Performance section of [www.theprif.com](http://www.theprif.com) ( *Kylie Mullins, M&E specialist*).

Infrastructure Performance



Regional Aviation Ministers Meeting

The Third Regional Aviation Ministers Meeting (RAMM3), the first face-to-face high-level regional meeting in aviation in the Pacific, was held in Suva, Fiji, on 20-21 March 2025. The meeting was hosted by Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation. It brought together several Ministers for Aviation from the Pacific, a range of stakeholders from regional and international organisations, and the private sector to discuss issues relevant to the development of the aviation and transport industry.

Aviation Ministers unanimously endorsed the Suva Declaration for Regional Collaboration and Connectivity at the closing of the RAMM3 meeting. The Suva Declaration looks at

- Strengthening Regional collaboration
- Enhancing safety and security
- Promoting environmentally sustainable aviation practices
- Expanding inclusive and accessible connectivity
- Building capacity and resilience
- Enhancing international air law framework
- Advancing innovation and digital transformation
- Ensuring financial and economic sustainability.

At the margins of the RAMM3 meeting, participants of the PRIF Transport working group, ADB, AIFFP/DFAT, NZ MFAT, and WB held an in-person meeting to discuss the PRIF study supporting PASO sustainability.

Knowledge Products

The PRIF Coordination Office has been reading:

**New Publication:** "Engineering Climate Adaptation: A Cross-Sector Approach to Scaling Up Adaptation Finance"

In the Pacific, there is an urgent need to unlock financing for sustainable, equitable, and resilient infrastructure globally. A new report from the International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure, with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, and the Institution of Civil Engineers focuses on scaling up adaptation finance for infrastructure, with an emphasis on bridging gaps between engineers, policymakers, insurers, investors, and multilateral development banks. It proposes standardized approaches to climate risk data collection, analysis, and communication to create a common language across sectors, enabling better project development and de-risking investments to attract capital at scale. The report recommends that engineers and other built environment professionals embrace new collaborative approaches, advocate for consistent technical standards, and develop cross-sectoral skills that enhance their ability to work effectively with financial and policy partners. ( *Robert Guild, PRIF CO Team leader*)

[Engineering Climate Adaptation: A Cross-Sector Approach to Scaling Up Adaptation Finance](#)

PRIF Communication Tools

PRIF has released these fantastic knowledge product postcards to interface and share PRIF knowledge products with partners and Pacific member countries. The QR code allows interested practitioners the ability to quickly access and download the reports, while increasing efficiency of dissemination compared to publishing hard copies.



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