



**RESOLUTION FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE
PACIFIC DECADE FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT
2020 - 2030**

The Leaders of the members of the Pacific Islands Development Forum,

Gathered at the Pullman Hotel in Nadi Fiji, on 29 and 30 July 2019 for the PIDF Leader's Summit and Inaugural Biennial Conference;

Recognising the need to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C as compared to pre-industrial levels as per the aspirations of the Paris Agreement;

Recognising the need to control emissions that cause climate change, particularly carbon dioxide;

Recognising that transport contributes significantly to these emissions, constituting about 14% of total global emissions;

Recognising the impact of mobility on human health and the benefits of human powered vehicles (such as bicycles) for health and the negative impact of vehicular transport systems and transport emissions on human health and their impact on human casualties;

Recognising that governments need to set a good example by investing in greening their vehicular fleets, and providing incentives that promote sustainability in the transport sector;

Recognising the impacts of climate change on our nations, oceans and people's livelihood and continued existence on low lying islands;

Recognising the various technological advances being made in the transport sector to support the use of renewable energy for the sector, and the need for the Pacific to utilise these technologies;

Recognising the current over-dependence of the Pacific on fossil fuel imports for transport, petroleum products account for an average of 40% of the regions' total GDP and fuel imports averaging 14–20% of foreign exchange earnings, and considering the fluctuations of fossil fuel prices and therefore the need to reduce this dependence;

Acknowledging the various efforts globally and in the Pacific to both limit emissions and promote sustainable transport, particularly in the maritime transport sector in recognition of the region's geographical realities;

Taking note of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the contribution these efforts would make towards the achievement of a number of SDGs including SDG 3 by contributing to the reduction of deaths and illnesses from air, water and soil pollution and contamination, SDG 7 by enhancing international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy technology, SDG 11 by

providing access to sustainable transport systems for all and reducing the adverse environmental impact of cities, SDG 13 by mitigating for climate change and SDG 14 by addressing the causes of ocean acidification.

Stressing the importance of international cooperation and support, including in technological transfer;

Proclaim **2020-2030 as the Pacific Decade for Sustainable Transport;**

Encourage PIDF members and all other organisations active in the Pacific to have focussed activities for the observance of the Pacific Decade for Sustainable Transport to be undertaken at the local, national and regional levels with the participation of all groups and citizens, to increase awareness on the contribution of conventional transport technology to emissions contributing to climate change as well as the opportunities available to bring sustainability within the transport sector;

Encourage the private sector to invest in the sustainability of the transport sector, and civil society to advocate for greener practices in the sector;

Emphasizing the necessity for Governments, Private Sector and Civil Society of Pacific Island Countries and Territories to coordinate efforts in the sector through the NSDBs and other multi-stakeholder national entities to promote sustainable transport and support implementation of activities that would bring about the greening of the sector;

Requests the PIDF Secretary General, together with national, regional and international partners, to coordinate and support the efforts that promote sustainable transport, including the promotion and improvement of public transport to reduce emissions and traffic congestion, the promotion of sustainable sea transport through the application of improved designs and renewable energy technology, the use of greener fuels including for aviation, support the production of electricity through renewable energy to support electric powered transport, introduction of ferry boats powered through renewable energy to ease congestion on roads, the promotion of cultural aspects of maritime transport in the Pacific with the revival of traditional canoe building fusing this with modern technological advancements, support member countries in their efforts to reflect transport in the reviews of their Nationally Determined Contributions with realistic but ambitious targets, in their Low Emission Development Strategies and in their National Development Plans;

Also requests the PIDF Secretary -General to give widespread publicity to the Pacific Decade for Sustainable Transport and the activities that will mark this decade.

