

# **DR RUSSELL HOWORTH**

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **(Principally for the period September 2005 - March 2016)**

Dr Howorth has been a member of the Legal and Technical Commission for the past 5 years and is eligible for re-election. For 3 of the past 5 years he has been the Chair of the Commission. He was nominated by Fiji with the understanding and support of the PSIDS with missions in New York.

His first involvement with the International Seabed Authority began some 20 years ago when SOPAC the South Pacific Geoscience Commission was one of the first international organisations to be granted Observer status at the Authority. At that time SOPAC was also known as the Committee for Coordination of Offshore Prospecting in the South Pacific.

Dr Howorth retired from the position of Director, of the SOPAC Division of the SPC on 31<sup>ST</sup> of January 2013 after serving the region 34 years.

He returned to SOPAC the Commission as Director in February 2010 at the request of Vanuatu the Chair of the then SOPAC Commission Governing Council.

In 2010 he steered the Members of the Commission through “unchartered waters” needed to fulfil the Leaders desires in regard to the Regional Institutional Reform process. He and Dr Jimmie Rodgers, Director General of SPC together promoted the benefits that can be derived from the bringing together and integrating the work programmes of the two organisations.

The period 2011 – 2012 brought new challenges of settling down the new corporate arrangements as well as realising some of the new opportunities, including the establishment of new partnerships and strengthening existing ones.

He is a professional earth scientist. He retired as Deputy Director of SOPAC on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2005, after serving the region with SOPAC for over 26 years. He has worked for, and/or carried out fieldwork in all Pacific small island developing states. He has published over 60 research papers, as well as being on country teams as adviser at many international fora such as UN-CSD for seven years, 1998-2005, the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, and in 2004-2005 the preparatory meetings for both the Mauritius International Meeting on SIDS and the Second World Conference on Disasters in Kobe. During 2005 he also assisted the ACP/EU Secretariat and member states draft the new ACP/EU Natural Disaster Fund and participated on the Task Force drafting the Pacific Plan. He has worked with all development partners supporting the region.

Dr Howorth is also the owner/operator of Matadrevula Advisory Services, a small company he established and registered in the Fiji Islands in 2006, in order to provide visibility to his being requested to provide advice with a broad environmental and sustainable development emphasis to countries, organisations and individuals in the region.

From 2006 until February 2010 he provided services to the New-York based UNDESA Division for Sustainable Development, and UNDESA Water Branch and SIDS Unit, the UNDP Pacific SubRegional Centre in Suva, the European Union Suva Delegation, and the South Pacific Tourism Organisation, as well as been a part time Senior Adviser to the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) Directorate. In mid 2007 he completed a substantial project proposal for the Christian World Service to support the churches in the Pacific islands develop and strengthen their role in disaster risk reduction. During the first half of 2008 he has assisted the newly established Regional Office for IUCN Oceania in preparing its strategic and operational plans and developing particular project concepts, including the Pacific Ocean 2020 Challenge a major project endorsed in October 2008 by the World Conservation Council. Country specific work in 2007 included visits to FSM, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu to develop country implementation plans for disaster risk management related projects supported from the EDF9 National Programmes. In September 2008 he was in the Cook Islands drafting of a Business Plan for Emergency Management Cook Islands, as part of the Prime Minister's Office.

Prior to his return to be Director of SOPAC, specifically in 2009 he was engaged in the following consultancies.

- Senior Technical Advisor to the EU Regional Authorising Office based at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat to assist in managing the selection of projects to be funded under the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Regional Indicative Programme worth 95m EU.
- A member of a 3-person team to analyse and validate the regional institutional arrangement proposed for SOPAC, SPC and SPREP.
- Prepared a regional overview of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for the Asian Development Bank in conjunction with the UNDP Pacific Centre.
- Consultant for the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre to prepare the reporting for the 5-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for SIDS.

Following his retirement from SPC/SOPAC in February 2013 he has been engaged in the following consultancies.

- In July 2013, he completed consultancy for the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre to prepare the reporting for the 5-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for SIDS.
- In November 2013 he completed for the European Union and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, a Regional Environmental Profile and Country Environmental Profiles for twelve Pacific Island Countries (Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu).
- From January-June 2014 he was Lead Technical Adviser funded by the ADB to support the Fiji Ministry of Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics prepare a first National Green Growth Framework.
- In September 2015 he completed a review of the Tuvalu Lands and Survey Department and development of a Corporate Plan for the 5-year period 2016-2021.
- In January-February 2016 he completed Chapter 6 of the Update of the Diagnostic Trade Integration Study for Tuvalu. The Chapter was entitled: " Chapter 6: Emerging Prospects - Blue Economy/Oceans Economy and Deep Seabed Minerals.

He has a keen interest in capacity building for Pacific island national and established the Certificate in Earth Science and Marine Geology for in-service training of technicians working in the earth sciences.

His broader environmental and sustainable development interests are demonstrated in many ways for example; (i) as a team leader of the work on developing the first globally applicable environmental vulnerability index which Pacific SIDS presented at the Mauritius Meeting, and (ii)

as a technical adviser to the UN on National Sustainable Development Strategies and the Millennium Development Goals in Pacific SIDS; and (iii) as the designated SPC adviser to Pacific SIDS in the Rio+20 review process leading to the UN Global Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio, in June 2012. .

He is currently a Director of the Circum Pacific Council (for Energy and Minerals), and an Honorary Visiting Senior Fellow at the University of the South Pacific.

In January 2012 he took up a 5-year position in his personal capacity on the 24 member Legal and Technical Commission of the International Seabed Authority based in Kingston, Jamaica. In June 2012 he was appointed Chair of the Legal Technical Commission, a position held following his re-election in February 2013, and 2014.

## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Date of Birth:	4 January 1950
Marital Status:	De facto partner, Seni Patterson: Children; Rowena (32); John (31); Robert (26)
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