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Switzerland.

1<sup>st</sup> September, 2025.

### **SUB: Expression of Interest for the Position of Vice President of WMO Regional Association Five(RA V)**

Dear Professor Celeste Saulo,

Greeting from the far-flung islands of the Republic of Fiji. I hope this email finds you well Madam. On behalf of Fiji Meteorological Service, I write formally to your good office to register and express my interest into the position of Vice President of WMO Regional Association Five(WMO RA V).

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| Name                 | Misaeli Funaki                                                                                          |
| Position             | Director of Fiji Meteorological Service                                                                 |
| WMO Affiliation      | Permanent Representative of Fiji to WMO                                                                 |
|                      | Head of Regional Specialise Meteorological Centre(RSMC – Nadi)                                          |
|                      | Fiji's Focal Point to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change(IPCC)                               |
| Regional Affiliation | Chairman of the Weather Ready Pacific Initiative                                                        |
| Years of Service     | 20years.                                                                                                |
| Organisation joined  | Fiji Meteorological Service<br>Bureau of Meteorology(BoM)<br>World Meteorological Organisation, Geneva. |

For almost 30 years, RSMC-Nadi has been the 'go to centre' for almost all the NMHS in the Southwest Pacific. Since its inception in 1975, FMS has been overseeing the provision of Public, Marine and Aviation Weather Forecast to most of the NMHS in the Southwest Pacific. Since the establishment of RSMC-Nadi in 1996, our services also include the provision of Tropical Cyclone bulletins, alerts & warning to all the island countries within Southwest Pacific region. In recent years, some NMHS have progress to handle their own domestic forecasting service but most still rely on RSMC-Nadi.

Through the decades, Fiji Meteorological Service has committed itself to the fulfilment of the WMO vision in the region and have worked effectively with the Regional offices in Singapore



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and Samoa. FMS has also worked with other UN and regional Organisation to meeting the needs of the region especially on the pertinent threat of Climate Change.

Fiji Meteorological Service recognizes the emerging issues from the Region and in recognising the call for a calibration and training centre in the region, it is working with the Government of Japan on the construction of a Regional Training Centre(RTC) & Regional Instrument Centre(RIC) which is scheduled to be completed in the 2027.

Fiji Meteorological Service is very thankful to the work of WMO and is keen to support its various initiatives, strategic priorities and regional focus projects which are geared towards the safety of lives and properties in the region.

Given the work which Fiji was done and continues to do for the region coupled with my 20years of service in the field of Meteorology and Hydrology in the region and beyond, Fiji will be honored to offer our services to the position of Vice President for RA V. We vow to continue our good work in the region and internationally as well.

Fiji extends its sincere appreciation to you for considering this expression of interest. Should further clarity be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me on [Misaeli.Funaki@met.gov.fj](mailto:Misaeli.Funaki@met.gov.fj) or [Funaki.misaeli@gmail.com](mailto:Funaki.misaeli@gmail.com).

Vinaka Vakalevu(Fijian work for Thank You Sincerely).

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Misaeli Funaki', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Mr.Misaeli Funaki  
Director – Fiji Meteorological Service  
PR of Fiji to WMO  
Fiji's IPCC Focal Foint  
Chaiman of Weather Ready Pacific Program