# FIGURE 1: AUSTRALIA & FRANCE: COORDINATION AND COOPERATION IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

# FRANCE

# OTHER AUSTRALIA-FRANCE BILATERAL COOPERATION & COORDINATION

## Diplomatic

- Antarctica: bordering continent claims; signatories to Antarctic Treaty
- Cultural, diaspora, linguistic, historical exchange
- Educational, scientific, technological & research (e.g., FASIC, AFRAN network CSIRO-INRAE cooperation, CNRS office in Australia)
- Feminist foreign policy
- · Global forums: G20, G7, ASEM
- Multilateral coordination in UN forums

- Trade S investment (EU-Australia FTA negotiations; Australia-France Trade S Investment Dialogue)
- Counter-terrorism and violent extremism
- Space cooperation (Australian Space Agency- Centre National d'Études Spatiales agreements)
- Sport cooperation
- Cyber security

# Development Global development

 Global development & humanitarian coordination (e.g, Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission)

- Multilateral environment & climate coordination (e.g., Convention on Biological Diversity, International Coral Reef Initiative)
- · World Bank

# Defence

- Defence industry trade and investment
- International security (e.g., Ukraine)
- Franco-Ivorian International Counter-Terrorism Academy (Australia provides funding)
- Declaration of Intent on military space coordination

# SOUTH EAST ASIA

# Diplomatic

- ASEAN partners (Australia & EU are dialogue partners; France has a Development Partnership)
- ASEANAPOL (Australia is a dialogue partner; France is an observer)

## Defence

- ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting (France is a ADMM Observer; Australia is a ADMM-Plus member)
- Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting
   Joint patrols in South

China Sea

 Partners in the Blue Pacific (Australia is a member;
 France is an observer)

PACIFIC

Diplomatic

· Australia-France senior officials

Caledonia & French Polynesia)

dialogue on the Pacific

· France-Oceania Summit

New Colombo Plan (New

Development Community

(PIDC) (Members: French

Polynesia, New Caledonia,

· Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)

(Members: New Caledonia,

French Polynesia; Observer:

Wallis & Futuna; Dialogue

Western and Central Pacific

(Members: Australia & France;

Fisheries Commission

Participating territories:

Futuna, New Caledonia)

Organisation (Members:

French Polynesia, New

Caledonia, Wallis & Futuna)

Oceanic Customs

French Polynesia, Wallis &

FRANZ Arrangement

Pacific Immigration

Wallis & Futuna)

Partner: France)

# Development

- Growing AFD-DFAT coordination (Letter of Intent under negotiation)
- Australia Awards
   (Wallis & Futuna)
- CREWS: Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems
- Direct Aid Program (Wallis & Futuna)
- Kiwa Initiative
- Pacific Community (SPC) (Mainland France and all French Pacific territories are members)
- Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
- Pacific Regional Environment Programme (Pacific Members: French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis & Futuna; Metropolitan Member: France)
- Energy Resource
   Governance Initiative (New
  Caledonia participates)

### Defence

- ADF liaison officer at FANC (and to FAPF)
- Annual CDF-FANC Commander Dialogue
- Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHoMSA) (New Caledonia)

- Defence Cooperation
   Plan (ADF-FANC)
- Exercise Croix Du Sud
- Exercise MARARA
- Exercise EquateurExercise Tagata'toa
- Joint Heads of Pacific Security (JHOPS)
- Oceania Directorates of
   Military Intelligence Meeting
- Quadriliateral Defense Coordination Group (Pacific Quad)
- RIMPAC (US-led)
- South Pacific Defence Ministers' Meeting
- Western Pacific Naval Symposium
- Pacific Fusion Centre (New Caledonia participates) and French Polynesia
- South-West Pacific
   Hydrographic Commission
   (Members: Australia & France;
   Observer: New Caledonia)
- Southwest Pacific Heads of Maritime Forces Meeting
- Pacific Transnational Crime Network (Australia & New Caledonia are network members)
- Pacific Islands Chief of Police (Members: New Caledonia and French Polynesia)

# OVERARCHING BILATERAL COORDINATION IN INDO-PACIFIC

# **Diplomatic**

- "Bilateral Roadmap"
- 2+2 Ministerial Consultations
- Senior Foreign Affairs & Defence Officials Dialogue
- Indo-Pacific senior officials dialogue on the Indo-Pacific
- WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region

# Development

 Asian Development Bank (Regional Member: Australia; Nonregional Member: France)

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (Regional Member: Australia; Nonregional Member: France)
- Bali Process
- Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians from the Humanitarian Consequences arising from the use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas
- Good Humanitarian Donorship (GHD) Principles (Australia and France are signatories)

# Defence

Australia-France Defence Cooperation
 Status of Forces Agreement

- Exercise Talisman Sabre
  - Exercise Pitch BlackExchange of classified
  - information Agreement

     Mutual Logistics Support Agreement
  - Annual dialogues between Australian and French militaries and service arms
  - Exchange officer program between Australian and French militaries
  - · Military liaison officers
  - RAN-Marine nationale agreement to increase interoperability





australian high commission, mauritius

INDIAN OCEAN & SOUTHERN OCEAN

# Diplomatic

- Australia-India-France Trilateral Dialogue
- Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)
- Treaty on maritime cooperation in the Southern Ocean (fisheries surveillance, research, law enforcement)
- Bordering EEZs in Southern Ocean
- Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
- Indian Ocean Commission (Member: France (Réunion); Australia funds projects but is not a member)
- Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
- Indian Ocean Commission (Member: France (Réunion); Australia funds projects but is not a member)

# Development

 Joint climate risk mapping in Indian Ocean INTERREG projects (Réunion)

# Defence

- La Perouse exercise
- Indian Ocean Naval Symposium
- Joint fisheries patrols of Southern Ocean
- Information Fusion Centre -Indian Ocean (hosted by Indian Navy in New Delhi; Australia and France contribute liaison officers)
- Basing of French polar ship in Hobart









What does it look like for Australia to Enhance Coordination with France in the Indo-Pacific



POLYNESIA

