

## **Concept Note: Design an Institutional Framework for the Climate Change Division in Niue**

Technical assistance for the design of an Institutional Framework for the new Climate Change Division in Niue is being provided by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States project funded by the European Union.

- In 2013 it was announced by Cabinet that there would be a Climate Change Division (CCD) under the Department of the Environment.
- In December 2013, a transformation of the public service was announced in Niue. This follows two years of discussions and will involve the establishment of five new ministries, each led by a CEO:
  - Ministry of Infrastructure: Public Works, Power, Telecom
  - Ministry of Social Services: Education, Health and Police
  - Ministry of Finance and Planning: Treasury and fiduciary planning including an Aid Management Unit
  - Ministry of Natural Resources: Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Environment and Meteorology
  - Premier's Ministry: Crown Law, External Affairs.
- December 2013 Niue made a written request for GCCA: PSIS to provide technical assistance to design an institutional framework for the CCD.
- Request for proposals has been issued and a contract will be awarded in July 2014.
- The Consultants will undertake the following:
  - (a) desktop review of institutional structures in other Pacific countries, and of existing policies, plans, institutional structures and matrices in Niue;
  - (b) individual consultations with government and non-governmental stakeholders in Niue;
  - (c) preparation of a draft institutional framework for the CCD;
  - (d) consultations on the draft framework;
  - (e) preparation of the final framework which will include a corporate plan, job descriptions and funding requirements.
- The functions of the CCD will likely be aligned with those in the climate change policy (2009), namely:
  - Communication and awareness raising
  - Data collection, storage, sharing and application
  - Approaches to adaptation
  - Approaches to mitigation
  - Governance and mainstreaming
  - Regional and international cooperation including commitments and negotiations under the UNFCCC; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> National Communications to the UNFCCC; and approaches to climate change funding including trust funds, budget support and other modalities.
- In addition the government has determined that the JNAP Secretariat will also come under the Department of the Environment. The JNAP has recently been updated and a revised version for the period 2014-2017 will shortly be available. The JNAP is overseen by the National Disaster and Climate Resilience Committee which is in turn overseen by the Niue Disaster Council. At present DRM is managed by the Police and a new National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is under construction.