



Development Partners in Climate Change (DPCC) Meeting

Tuesday 22nd June 2010 – UNDP Conference Room 10am – 12pm

Introductions

1. Opening/Welcome - Mr. Toily Kurbanov; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
2. Address to DPCC group - Mr. Knut Ostby welcomes DPCC group

Agenda item 1: GTZ: Outcomes of Appraisal Mission

Presenter: Mr. Felix Ries SPC/GTZ

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)/ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) Regional Programme on Adaptation to Climate Change

Adaptation to Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region (ACCPIR) facts:

GTZ donated 4.2 million from 2009-2012 with a focus on adaptation to land based resources. Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu made up the 3 main partners. In 2009, Germany pledged €10 million (M) for Climate Change (CC) activities in the Pacific. An appraisal mission and consultations were done in February and March of 2010 with a full programme proposal under development. SPC is the main implementing agency with some collaboration with other CROP (Council of Regional Organizations) agencies and Non Governmental Organizational (NGOs) sharing technical and administrative functions in specific Pacific Island Countries (PICs). These partner agencies include the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) which has the mandate to coordinate CC issues in the region.

An extended programme is planned for GTZ, amounting to €14.2M for the timeframe 2009 – 2015; for 12 project countries: Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, FS Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

The core components of this programme are: Capacity development at regional level; Mainstreaming and developing adaptation strategies; Implementing adaptation measures (natural resources) including community level; Sustainable tourism and climate change; and Sustainable Energy Management.

Agenda item 2: Pacific Islands Climate Change Framework for Action (PIFACC) mid – term review

Presenter: Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti: SPREP

A peer review was done in Apia (Samoa) the week prior to the DPCC meeting with some suggestions being put forward. SPREP's vision is that there needs to be a regional policy and a high level strategic framework that is broad enough to include CC issues and stakeholders. In the PIFACC, , language, level of strategy and the gaps were identified as critical aspects.

In 2011, the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) will be held in Niue to discuss CC issues and its mechanisms. SPREP states that the linkages of CROP agencies into the implementation of a CC framework is critical along with other cross cutting issues such as Good Governance.

The Disaster Risk Management (DRM)

Following the example of the Pacific Islands Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster Management Framework (DMF) for Action, the PIFACC should be supplemented by a more concise booklet that is relevant to PICs and to the organizations that provide assistance to them. Thus the focus will be on 4 strategic points: enhancing resilience to climate change; achieving low carbon development; strengthening the capacity to respond; and monitoring, reporting and evaluation. The four strategies would be supported, at regional level, by four action themes: research and development; human resources development; information generation and management;

monitoring, reporting and evaluation.

Revision of the PIFACC should be used as an opportunity to harmonize it and the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster Management Framework (DMF) for Action, and for signaling to countries and their development assistance partners that integration of policies and work programmes related to DRR and climate change adaptation is practicable and highly desirable.

The SPREP meeting planned for Papua New Guinea (PNG) in September 2010 will present the PIFACC review, with recommendations for a final decision. In addition, a communication strategy is needed for PIFACC.

Agenda item 3: Debriefing from COP meetings in Bonn Presentation: Mrs. Asenaca Ravuvu; UNDP

Developments and observations relevant to PICs

Overall, while little progress occurred with regards to mitigation crunch issues, it was felt that there was slight progress with CC adaptation issues. AOSIS request to the Secretariat for a study that will work out what GHG emission reductions would be required to keep temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius instead of 2 degrees was not agreed to by emerging economies. Decision is deferred to climate summit in November. Developing countries continue to push for a weaker system of voluntary pledges.

Agreement on the urgency of adaptation actions but significant differences amongst parties on: a) scope of enhanced action on adaptation, b) institutional arrangements for adaptation under the Convention, c) addressing loss and damage associated with CC impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable d) how to match adaptation action with support;

National capacities and preparedness for the COP - still opportunities here for development partners to support/build national capacities and institutional capacities in a sustainable manner. PICs have responded to the gaps in their capacity needs in various ways: e.g. paid consultants to be negotiators, making use of CSO? NGO resources etc. Need to supplement efforts of SPREP to this end, and pool resources as a team of development partners supporting PICs.

Agenda item 4 : AOB

Australian AID -

Australian AID (Aus AID) revealed at the Bonn meeting their commitment of \$550M over a period of 5 years to the Pacific Island region. This includes their Forest Carbon initiative, improvements in the transport sector for Vanuatu (\$3M), Rainwater retention projects in Tuvalu (\$600 thousand – K) and to other development programmes (USP - \$400K, Melanesian Spearhead Group – MSG, \$2.7M). In the pipeline is Niue which will come under the \$50M being provided for developing countries in the Pacific.

PIFACC

- Conference of the Parties (COP) follow-up meeting to familiarize with the current CC regime and issues was suggested by DPCC.
- Calendar of events for DPCC group members would be useful.

Follow up items:

- Next DPCC meeting on the PIFACC review: 10th - 11th August 2010 (TBD)

Appendices 1 – Participants

Participants:

1. Australian AID (Aust AID) - Ryan Medrana, Marina Illingworth
2. European Union (E.U) – Cristina Casella
3. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) – Felix Ries
4. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) – Minoru Tamura
5. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) – Coral Pasisi,
6. Pacific Islands Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) – Tagaloa Cooper, Stephanie Zoll
7. Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) – Marita Manley
8. South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) – Dr. Netatua Pelasikoti
9. United Nations Habitat for Humanity (UN- Habitat) – Sarah Mecartney
10. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Knut Ostby, Toily Kurbanov, Asenaca Ravuvu, Laiakini Waqanisau, Karen Bernard

Apologies:

1. Asian Development Bank (ADB) – E. Ferguson
2. International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Oceania – Bernard O'Callagan
3. SPC – Amena Yauvoli
4. United States of America (USA) Embassy – Norman Barth & Sandeep Singh
5. World Bank - Emilia (Milina) Battaglini

Appendices 2 - Development Partners in Climate Change (DPCC) Meeting

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10:00-10:05	Opening/Welcome	Mr. Toily Kurbanov; UNDP
10:05–10:25	GTZ : outcomes of appraisal mission	Mr. Felix Ries; SPC/GTZ
10:25–10:55	Pacific Islands Climate Change Framework for Action (PIFACC) mid – term review	Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti: SPREP
10:55-11:15	Debriefing from COP meetings in Bonn	Ms. Asenaca Ravuvu; UNDP
11:15–11:30	AOB	