

Development Partners in Climate Change (DPCC) Meeting

Wednesday 18th August 2010 – UNDP Conference Room 10:00 – 13:00 hrs

Introductions

- Opening/Welcome - Mr. Toily Kurbanov; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Agenda item 1.: Preparatory work for the Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 16) at Cancun, Mexico – Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti/ SPREP

Pre COP 16 meetings & expectations

From the 2nd – 6th November a meeting will be held in Trinidad as one of the pre-COP 16 preparatory work by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) since the Solomon Islands meeting has been cancelled. Additionally pre-COP meetings in Cancun, will be from 22 to 24 November. The purpose of the pre-COP meetings in Cancun would be twofold: 1). it would enable PICs to agree on common positions to be negotiated in the context of the AOSIS meeting from 25 - 26 November, and also to assign personnel to take on the tasks of participating in the various thematic groups (adaptation, mitigation, technology, finance, etc.). 2). SPREP also plans a negotiations skills training session to assist the delegations. In terms of preparations for the COP 16, SPREP will seek to prepare a paper on key areas of the negotiations, in particular on adaptation.

- Side events are being promoted by SPREP. NGO attendance was discussed but no clear indication at this stage who may be going. Attendance confirmation from the region would be useful as SPREP suggests division of supporting roles for PICs to various CROP agencies and other individuals that will be attending the COP 16 meetings. International Government Organization (IGOs) have also requested to be given access to some of the meeting venues. 2009 statistics of attendance for PICs attending previous CC meetings is available online.

Action points

- Submission of names to the DPCC network to help SPREP organize support to PICs at COP 16.
- SSPREP to prepare list of COP 16 side events to be shared via the DPCC network.
- Create an exchange forum (facebook or twitter page) on Climate Change in anticipation for COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico – DPCC.

Agenda item 2: Climate change activities of GTZ/SPC on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation (REDD+) - Felix Ries/ GTZ

Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) in developing countries is one of the new Climate Adaptation projects for the Pacific region. REDD+ aims to reduce CO₂ emissions from the forest sector by providing funding for the following activities: (a) Reducing emissions from deforestation; (b) Reducing emissions from forest degradation; (c) Conservation of forest carbon stocks; (d) Sustainable management of forest; (e) Enhancement of forest carbon stocks. REDD+ is part of the international climate negotiations (UNFCCC).

REDD+ regional components include: Stocktaking of existing REDD policies, roadmaps, strategies; Analysis of drivers of deforestation; Drafting policy through a participative process. National activities and outputs include scoping studies, the development of REDD+ Policies, Establishment of central elements, Development of Pilot projects and Development capacity measures. Both national and regional components require coordination and harmonisation.

Agenda item 3 : AOB

1. Forum Economic Ministers meeting (FEMM) 2010 updates from PIFS – Pacific leaders are critically assessing the regional processes in the way Climate Change finance is accessed, for their respective countries – Coral Pasisi/ PIFS
2. Climate Change finance from a Global perspective – Toily Kurbanov/ UNDP
3. Next DPCC meeting in late November or December 2010 – TBC

Appendix 1 – Participants

Participants:

1. Australian AID (Aust AID) - Ryan Medrana, Marina Illingworth,
2. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) – Felix Ries
3. Embassy of the United States of America (U.S.A) – Sandeep Singh
4. European Union (E.U) - Cristina Casella

5. International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – Tim Nolan, Taholo Kami
6. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) – Coral Pasisi, Alfred Schuster
7. Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) – Marita Manley, Caroline Tupoulahi-Fusimalohi, Fekitamoeloa Utoikamanu
8. South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) – Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti
9. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Toily Kurbanov, Asenaca Ravuvu, Laiakini Waqanisau
10. University of the South Pacific – Dr. Tony Weir, Leone Limalevu

Apologies:

1. British High Commission – Rebecca Davies, Joyce Rounds
2. New Zealand AID - Arati Sudhakar, Emma Dunlop-Bennett
3. Pacific Islands Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) – Tagaloa Cooper
4. Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) - Brian Dawson
5. University of the South Pacific (USP) – Prof. Lal

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

Wednesday 20th October 2010 – UNDP Conference Room 10:00 – 12:00 hrs

Development Partners for Climate Change Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 20 October 2010

Venue: UNDP Conference Room

Time: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
10:00 - 10:05	1. Opening/Welcome	UNDP/ Toily Kurbanov
10:05 - 10:20	2. Preparatory work for the Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 16) at Cancun, Mexico	SPREP/ Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti
10:20 – 10:50	3. Climate change activities of GTZ/SPC on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation (REDD+)	SPC/Felix Ries
10:50 – 11:20	4. Discussions	
11:20 - 11:50	5. AOB	
12:00	End of meeting	