

Development Partners for Climate Change, meeting minutes

Date: 30/03/11 Venue: UNDP Conference Room Time: 2.30 – 4.30pm

1. Opening/ Chairperson : Toily Kurbanov, Deputy Resident Representative/ UNDP

The Chairperson, Toily Kurbanov welcomed the DPCC group and introductions were done amongst the participants.

2. Outcomes on the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) events in Vanuatu: Cristina Cassella/ E.U

Initiated in 2007 by the European Commission, [the Global Climate Change Alliance \(GCCA\)](#) intends to deepen dialogue, cooperation and enhance support on climate change between the European and poor developing countries, the most vulnerable to climate change, in particular Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Projections on the effects of climate change show that LDCs and SIDS are hardest hit by the adverse effects of climate change while they have the least capacity and resources to react and adapt to climate impacts. Among the main activities done by the GCCA, one can find [financial agreements](#) with selected beneficiary countries, [regional dialogue events](#) to deepen cooperation on climate change and [technical assistance](#) such as project development and capacity building activities.

The High Level Regional Conference on climate change in the Pacific, organized by the European Commission and supported by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, was hosted by the Government of Vanuatu in Port Vila on 4th March 2011. This Conference will provide an opportunity to Pacific Countries and Territories, EU partners and Pacific Regional Organizations to take forward their joint climate change agenda. Indeed, high level participants in the Conference will provide the necessary guidance for the implementation of the Joint Pacific EU Initiative on Climate Change, launched by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the European Commission, by the signature of a [Memorandum of Understanding in Strasbourg](#) on the 15th December 2010.

3. Progress to date on the Pilot Program on Climate Change Resilience ([PPCR](#)) at the national and regional level, 2011 - Marc Overmars, Climate Change Advisor/ ADB,

The Pilot Program on Climate Resilience (PPCR) is a global and multi-donor initiative under the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) to bridge the financing and learning gap between now and a post 2012 global climate change agreement. An aspect of this program in ADB's 'Mainstreaming Climate Change into its Operations, particularly for its Pacific Climate Change Program (PCCP) Responding to Climate Change in the Pacific, moving from strategy to action. The PCCP has adopted a three-pronged strategy in responding to the PDMCs' climate change-related needs: Immediate attention to fast tracking and scaling-up of climate change adaptation and mitigation investments; building capacity to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and practices of sectoral agencies and communities in various climate change-related fields to enable integrating climate change into PDMC development plans and programs; and promoting more effective development partner support by coordinating and harmonizing their responses, sharing best practices, and helping PDMCs access funding from other global financing facilities.

Climate Investment Funds (CIF)

This is a global and multi-donor initiative in bridging the financing and learning gap between now and a post – 2012 global climate change agreement. These are designed to provide scaled-up financing channeled through the Multi-lateral Development Banks – AfDB, ADB, EBRD, IADB, WBG.

4. Outcomes for the Study for Assessment of Ecosystem, Coastal Erosion and Protection/Rehabilitation of Damaged Area in Tuvalu (J-PACE), February 2011: Minoru Tamura/ JICA

The JICA team presented the Outcomes of its Japan Project Against Coastal Erosion (J-PACE) in Tuvalu. An overview of the project was given along with its objectives: 1. To assess ecosystem, coastal erosion and protection/rehabilitation of the damaged area; 2. To make a plan on sustainable measures for coastal protection/rehabilitation; & 3. To strengthen capacity of institutions and communities for coastal management. The J-PACE project covered the areas on Fongafale Island and other islands of Funafuti atoll and focused on ① Wave overtopping, ② Coastal Erosion, and ③ Loss of vegetation. Illustrations showed target areas (Hospital, schools & government facilities) from a Hazard Map. Coastal Protection measures included the Beach nourishment and collection of materials for affected areas as a countermeasure against coastal erosion/ wave overtopping. Beach nourishment materials were from collected gravels from the southern Funafuti atoll beside a runaway that was filled up during World War 2. Sand was collected from the lagoon side and used for backfilling of the runaway.

3 steps were identified: a Research phase (J-PACE), a pilot study phase (National Adaptation Plan of Action – NAPA) and a main project phase. These will identify the following: 1. Effect of gravel nourishment; 2. Gravel movement; 3. Collection of gravel material; 4. Sand sedimentation; & 5. Influence on fishers & communities; in order to enhance the effectiveness of beach nourishment. There have been savior budget cuts to Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) and reconstruction fund of earthquake damage (est. USD \$150 billion) inclusive of the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) fund of USD\$ 420K. These have been reduced in its pilot project phase from \$200m to \$ 60m. For the Final J-PACE report details, please contact [Tamura Minrou](#) from JICA.

5. - Outcomes on the Regional Working Group on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific (est. 2010 Pacific DRM partnership network); & - Global Platform for DRR in Geneva from the 8-13 May 2011: Angelika Planitz, UNISDR

Update from the Regional Working Group on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific: The WG Mainstreaming (short) was established as a WG under the Pacific Disaster Risk Management Partnership Network to support the implementation of the Pacific DRM Framework for Action 2005 – 2015. The UNISDR/UNDP Pacific Centre co-chaired WG meets regularly since February 2010. The WG works towards greater coherence among regional partners in providing support for mainstreaming DRM/CCA into national planning and budgetary processes through advocacy & policy advice; knowledge management of ongoing initiatives, tools, methodologies; coherent programme support; guidance on development and implementation of National DRM Action Plans (NAPs); and fostering integration of DRR/CCA.

During the last meeting of the WG Mainstreaming, held on 16 March 2011, it was noted that there are considerable synergies between WG Mainstreaming and the newly established Adaptation WG under the PIFACC (see outcomes of Pacific Climate Change Roundtable, March 2011). The group therefore recommended that the chairs examine opportunities for close collaboration between the two WGs. The WG Mainstreaming TORs, meetings minutes and action register can be found on the Pacific Disaster Net (PDN) workspace: www.pacificdisaster.net/forum/forums/show/48.page

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Geneva, 8-13 May 2011

The Global Platform is the world's main gathering of stakeholders committed to reducing disaster risk. The Third Session – to be convened in conjunction with the World Reconstruction Conference - will build on existing commitments and set priorities and action that will help strengthen the resilience of nations and communities. The main theme of the Third Session is: "Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow—Increased Investment in Local Action." An important component of disaster risk reduction, is the effective involvement of communities and local authorities in planning integrated, multi-hazard approaches to disasters. Other themes of the conference include: Understanding the Economics of Disaster Risk Reduction; and *Strengthening Alliances for Climate Change Adaptation and Development* towards harmonizing frameworks

for DRR/CCA at international, regional and national level. The Global Platform will be informed by new evidence provided by the 2011 Global Assessment Report on DRR; the findings of the Mid-Term Review of the Hyogo Framework, and the economics study recently completed by the World Bank and the United Nations.

The Pacific region will be represented by national and regional delegations. Preparations of the Pacific delegation are ongoing and coordinated by UNISDR with the support from regional partners, including national statements, national DRM/HFA progress reports, regional progress report, and identification of speakers to showcase success stories from the Pacific. The Pacific delegation is expected to include up to 30 members. The next regional preparatory meetings for the Global Platform will be held on 31 March and 19 April 2011. Members of DPCC are invited to attend.

6. Outcomes on the Disaster Risk Management, [South - South solution](#) [exchange](#) : Karen Bernard/ UNDP

A film demonstrating South-South co-operation in action between the Caribbean and the Pacific was shown for DPCC colleagues in attendance. "Looking South Across the Oceans: Promoting Cooperation Among Small Island Developing States" was featured at a film festival at the 5th Annual Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management, last December in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The film focuses on the vulnerability faced by island nations and tells the story of how SIDS in the Pacific and Caribbean have embarked on a journey to share knowledge and experiences to strengthen the resilience of their communities to natural disasters and climate change. It highlights that many adaptable solutions to the challenges posed by natural disasters can be found by looking South. The film focuses on the project "South-South Cooperation between Pacific and Caribbean Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management" which encourages a systematic sharing of knowledge and experiences to strengthen community safety and resilience to a range of natural disasters in both regions.

The project is coordinated by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) from Fiji, with extensive support from the regional UNDP programme Caribbean Risk Management Initiative (CRMI). Partners in the Caribbean include Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), INSMET (National Cuban Meteorological Institute), CARICOM Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and University of the West Indies (UWI). Key partners from the Pacific region include the Pacific Islands Applied Geo-Science Commission (SOPAC), South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and University of the South Pacific (USP). National agencies in both regions also play an important role. The project is supported by the UNDP's Special Unit for South-South Cooperation and by the UNDP-Japan Partnership Fund. The group was informed about a series of technical and knowledge-sharing activities under way and upcoming under this south-south project for 2011.

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

a. Pacific Climate Change Roundtable – Scott Hook/ PIFS

The Third Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) met in Niue from 14 to 17 March, 2011. The PCCR was established in 2008 to support Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) with the implementation and monitoring of the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change and its Action Plan (PIFACC). Previous Roundtables have been held in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in 2009 and Samoa in 2008. The Roundtable also plays an important role in sharing experience on climate change and coordinating regional approaches to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The PCCR agreed to a structure of four Working Groups and a Steering Committee. The Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee and for each Working Group are attached as Annex B. The following persons were appointed as Coordinators for the Working Groups for 2011-2013: 1. Mitigation Working Group – Solomone Fifita (SPC), assisted by Scott Hook (PIFS), supported by SPREP as secretariat; 2. Adaptation and Mainstreaming Working Group– Diane McFadzien (SPREP), assisted by Padma Lal (IUCN), supported by SPREP as secretariat; 3. Climate Change Resources Working Group– Coral Pasisi (PIFS), assisted by Joe Stanley (SPREP), supported by SPREP as secretariat; 4. Climate Change Information and Knowledge Management Working Group– Tagaloa Cooper (SPC), assisted by Dean Solofa (SPREP), supported by SPREP as secretariat.

b. AusAID program updates, Ryan Medrana (through Angelika Planitz DPCC 30/03)

AusAID has started the design process for a new regional Pacific DRM program. A start date of 1 January 2012 for the new program has been set, which will look to have strong links to the Australian supported Climate Change work across the Pacific. Commencement of a contract for a consultant is being planned for April/May 2011, to develop a concept note for the new program. The consultant will meet with DRM/Climate Change Australian government agencies, Pacific national and regional stakeholders and will include donors.

Annex 1 – DPCC Agenda 30/03/11

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02:30 - 02:35	1. Opening/ Welcome	Chairperson - Toily Kurbanov/UNDP
02:35 - 02:45	2. Outcomes on the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) events in Vanuatu: Policy dialogue & high level meetings in Port Villa	E.U/ Cristina Cassella
02:45-03:00	3. Progress to date on the Pilot Program on Climate Change Resilience (PPCR)at the national and regional level, 2011 - PPCR is a global and multi-donor initiative under the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) to bridge the financing and learning gap between now and a post 2012 global climate change agreement. www.climateinvestmentfunds.org	ADB/ Marc Overmars
03:00 – 03:15	4. Outcomes for the Study for Assessment of Ecosystem, Coastal Erosion and Protection/Rehabilitation of Damaged Area in Tuvalu, February 2011	JICA/ Minoru Tamura
03:15 - 03:25	5. - Outcomes on the Regional Working Group on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific (est. 2010 Pacific DRM partnership network); & - Global Platform for DRR which will be held in Geneva from the 8-13 May 2011	UNISDR/ Angelika Planitz
03.25- 03.35	6. Outcomes of the inter-regional south-south SIDS project	UNDP/ Karen Bernard
03:35 – 04.25	7. AOB	
04:30	End of meeting	

Annex 2 – ParticipantsParticipants:

1. Asian Development Bank – Marc Overmars
2. British High Commission – Rebecca Davies
3. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)– Felix Ries
4. Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific – Cristina Cassella,
5. Embassy of the United States of America (USA) – Sandeep Singh
6. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) – Tamura Minoru, Kentaro Suekane
7. International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Oceania – Bernard O’Callaghan, Steven Edie
8. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) – Scott Hook
9. Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission/ SPC – Tagaloa Cooper
10. Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) – Patricia Sachs
11. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Toily Kurbanov, Laiakini Waqanisau, Karen Bernard
12. United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) – Angelika Planitz