

**Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS) project**  
**Steering Committee Meeting 28-29 May 2012**  
**Report on Meeting**

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Bilateral Meetings**



Participants were welcomed to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the First Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS) project by Patricia Sachs-Cornish, Acting Director, Strategic Engagement and Policy Planning Facility, SPC. After introductions the meeting objectives were outlined:

- Raise awareness and share information about the Global Climate Change Alliance, and in particular the GCCA: PSIS project.
- Receive guidance from partner countries as to the focus of national mainstreaming activities and the scope and nature of climate change adaptation activities to be conducted in each country under this project.
- Discuss and reach agreement on the activities in the work plan for year 2 of the GCCA: PSIS.
- Agree on operational procedures for the Steering Committee.

The agenda for the meeting is presented as Annex 1.

Brian Dawson, Senior Climate Change Advisor, SPC, presented an “Introduction to SPC’s integrated approach to climate change.” The presentation outlined SPC’s Climate Change Engagement Strategy that was endorsed in November 2011. This policy focuses on three strategic outcomes: (a) strengthened capacity of Pacific Island communities to respond effectively to climate change; (b) climate change integrated into SPC programmes and operations; and (c) strengthened partnerships at the regional and international level. SPC is implementing a “one team approach” in its delivery of climate change services through its technical divisions and dedicated climate change projects.

Gillian Cambers, Project Manager, GCCA: PSIS project, presented an “Introduction to the GCCA: PSIS project.” The presentation provided a broad overview of the Global Climate Change Alliance

and described how the Pacific project will support the governments of the nine Pacific smaller island states in their efforts to tackle the adverse effects of climate change. The main goals are: (a) climate change mainstreaming; (b) implementation of climate change adaptation projects; (c) strengthening climate change information exchange; and (d) facilitating countries' access to streamlined adaptation finance.

This was followed by individual meetings between the GCCA: PSIS project team and the country representative for Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau and Tonga to advance the planning of project activities in the respective countries. A meeting with the country representative for Tuvalu was conducted at the end of the regional meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

The list of participants is presented as Annex 2.

### **29<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Regional Meeting**

#### **Welcome**

Participants from the previous day's meeting along with representatives from the European Union (EU), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Organisation (SPREP) were welcomed to the second day of the Steering Committee Meeting of the GCCA: PSIS project by Patricia Sachs-Cornish.

#### **Election of a Chairperson**

Ms Ana Tiraa, Director, Climate Change Cook Islands, was elected Chairperson for the meeting.

#### **Guidelines for Procedure for the Steering Committee**

Draft guidelines for procedure for the Steering Committee were reviewed and finalised.

#### **Presentation on the Global Climate Change Alliance**

Cristina Casella, Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific, gave a presentation on the Global Climate Change Alliance. The presentation outlined the 40 GCCA programmes that are ongoing or under preparation in over 35 countries and across 4 regions with an envelope of €300 million. As the experiences accumulate across the globe it is important to ensure that lesson learning is an integral part of the process and that the knowledge generated is shared across countries and regions and with development partners. The presentation was followed by discussion.

#### **Results from the First Year of the GCCA; PSIS project**

Gillian Cambers gave a presentation on the "Main activities and deliverables." The schedule for delivery and implementation of the project over the 3.5 year period was described. The first 12 months has focused on the recruitment of staff, background research and laying the foundation for national implementation. The stage is now set for countries to identify and confirm priority areas of focus and begin planning and implementation in the second year of the project. Specific activities focusing on the project's four goals were described as well as several actions related to communications and visibility. The presentation was followed by discussion.

Netatua Pelesikoti, Director, Climate Change, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) gave a presentation on the "Climate change coordination role of SPREP in the GCCA: PSIS project." The presentation focused on SPREP's overall environmental mandate in the Pacific and in particular the Climate Change Division. The Division covers adaptation, science &

policy, and mitigation. The GCCA: PSIS Climate Change Coordination Advisor will be based in this division and will work closely with the rest of the project team.

Pasha Carruthers, Climate Change Advisor – North Pacific, GCCA: PSIS Project gave a presentation on “National coordination arrangements”. The presentation covered arrangements for the coordination of the project activities in country as well as an outline of the proposed modalities such as national coordinators and letters of agreement. During the presentation country representatives were invited to provide examples of modalities that had worked well in the past and that could add to the GCCA: PSIS project.

Graham Sem, Climate Change Advisor - South Pacific presented an “Overview of countries’ readiness for new climate change funding.” The presentation described the present status of public finance management in the nine countries. Requirements and criteria for climate change financing at the bilateral and multilateral levels, including eligibility requirements for the Adaptation Fund and EU Budget Support, were described. This presentation was followed by discussion.

### **Draft Work Plan for Year 2 of the project (July 2012 – June 2013)**

Gillian Cambers presented the draft work plan for year 2 of the project. After some discussion the work plan was approved.

The meeting concluded with a summary of the items agreed from the morning’s session: Guidelines for procedure and results from the first year’s activities.

The meeting concluded with the Chairperson and the Project Manager thanking the participants for their contributions.

## **Annex 1 Meeting Agenda**



**Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS)  
Steering Committee Meeting  
28-29<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**Pasifika Conference Room, First Floor, Lotus Building, Nabua, Fiji**

### **Meeting Objectives**

- (1) Raise awareness and share information about the Global Climate Change Alliance, and in particular the GCCA: PSIS project
- (2) Receive guidance from partner countries as to the focus of national mainstreaming activities and the scope and nature of climate change adaptation activities to be conducted in each countries under this project
- (3) Discuss and reach agreement on the activities in the work plan for year 2 of the GCCA: PSIS
- (4) Agree on operational procedures for the Steering Committee



## **Draft Agenda**

**Day 1, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2012: Bilateral Meetings  
0900-1730**

### **(a) Introduction and background**

- 09.00 Welcome, Patricia Sachs-Cornish, Director Strategic Engagement and Policy Planning Facility, SPC
- 09.05 Introduction to SPC's integrated approach to climate change: Brian Dawson, Senior Climate Change Advisor, SPC
- 09.30 Introduction to the Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States project: Gillian Cambers, Project Manager
- 09.50 Meeting objectives: Patricia Sachs-Cornish
- 10.00 TEA BREAK

### **(b) Bilateral meetings**

- 10.30 Bilateral meetings between the GCCA: PSIS team and country representatives as follows:
- 10.30 Cook Islands
- 11.15 Federated States of Micronesia
- 12.00 Kiribati
- 12.45 LUNCH
- 1.15 Marshall Islands
- 2.00 Nauru
- 2.45 Niue
- 3.30 Palau
- 4.15 Tonga
- 5.00 Tuvalu



**Day 2, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012: Regional Meeting  
0900-1615**

**(c) Formal welcome**

- 09.00 Welcome and introductions, Patricia Sachs-Cornish
- 09.05 Appointment of a Chairperson for the meeting

**(d) Guidelines for procedure for the Steering Committee**

- 09.10 Review of draft guidelines for procedure for Steering Committee

**(e) About the Global Climate Change Alliance**

- 09.45 Introduction to the Global Climate Change Alliance: EU Representative
- 10.15 TEA BREAK

**(f) Results from year 1 of the project (July 2011 – June 2012)**

- 10.45 Presentation of the main activities and deliverables followed by discussion: Gillian Cambers
- 11.30 Presentation on the climate change coordination role of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) within the GCCA: PSIS project: Netatua Pelesikoti
- 11.45 Overview of countries' readiness for new climate change funding: Graham Sem, Climate Change Advisor, SPC
- 12.15 Overview of national coordination arrangement: Pasha Carruthers, Climate Change Advisor, SPC
- 12.45 LUNCH

**(g) Draft work plan for year 2 of the project (July 2012 – June 2013)**

- 1.45.1 Presentation of the draft work plan for year 2 followed by discussion: Gillian Cambers
- 3.15 TEA BREAK

**(h) Other items and wrap up**

- 3.45 Other items
- 4.00 Agreement on Record of Meeting
- 4.15 CLOSE

## Annex 2 List of Participants

Country/ Organisation	Name	Contact Details	Attending	
			28th	29th
Cook Islands	Ms Anna Tiraa	Director, Climate Change Cook Islands, Office of the Prime Minister, Rarotonga, Cook Islands	✓	✓
Federated States of Micronesia	Ms. Cindy Ehmes	Assistant Director, Division of Environment and Sustainable Development, Office of Environment and Emergency Management, PS 69, Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941	✓	✓
Kiribati	Mr. Andrew Teem	Senior Policy Advisor, Strategic National Policy Unit, Office of Te Beretitenti, Kiribati	✓	✓
Marshall Islands	Mr. Steve Why	Senior Advisor on Climate Change Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination (OEPPC) Office of the President Republic of Marshall Islands	✓	✓
Marshall Islands	H.E. Madam Amatlain E. Kabua	RMI Ambassador to Fiji, RMI Embassy, Suva, Fiji	✓	✓
Nauru	Mr. Bryan Star	Director of Environment, Department of Commerce Industry & Environment, Yaren District, Nauru	✓	✓
Niue	Mr. Haden Talagi	Research Development Officer, Department of Environment, P.O. Box 80, Fonuakula, Alofi, Niue	✓	✓
Palau	Mr. Joseph Aitaro	PAN National Coordinator, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, Government of the Republic of Palau	✓	✓
Tonga	Ms. Luisa Malolo	Team Leader, JNAP Secretariat, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, P.O. Box 917, Nuku'alofa, Tonga	✓	✓
Tuvalu	Mr Tapugao Falefou	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trades, Tourism, Environment & Labour, Government of Tuvalu, Private Mail Bag, Tuvalu		✓
EU	Ms. Cristina Casella	Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific, Private Mail Bag, GPO Suva, Fiji		✓
EU	Mr. Thierry Catteau	Attache, Regional Integration, Natural Resources and Environment, Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific, Private Mail Bag, GPO, Suva, Fiji		✓
SPREP	Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti	Director, Climate Change, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, P.O. Box 240, Apia Samoa		✓
SPREP (as of 1 Aug 2012)	Tagaloo Cooper	Climate Change Coordination Advisor, GCCA: PSIS Project, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, P.O. Box 240, Apia Samoa (as of Aug 2012)		✓
PIFS	Mr. Exsley Taloiburi	Climate Change Coordination Officer, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji		✓
SPC	Mr. Brian Dawson	Senior Climate Change Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, BP D5, 98848 Noumea, New Caledonia	✓	✓
SPC	Ms Patricia Sachs-	Director, Strategic Engagement and Policy Planning Facility, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Private	✓	

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	Cornish	Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji.		
SPC	Dr. Gillian Cambers	Project Manager, GCCA: PSIS Project, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji	✓	✓
SPC	Ms Pasha Carruthers	Climate Change Advisor North Pacific, GCCA: PSIS Project, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Office North Pacific, P.O. Box Q, Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia 96941	✓	✓
SPC	Dr. Graham Sem	Climate Change Advisor South Pacific, FCCA: PSIS Project, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji	✓	✓
SPC	Mr. Sheik Irfaan	Finance Officer, GCCA: PSIS Project, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji (as of 18 June 2012)	✓	✓
SPC Consultant	Ashwini Prabha-Leopold	P.O. Box 13196, Lautoka, Fiji	✓	
GIZ	Wulf Killmann	GIZ Program Director & Senior Advisor SPC/GIZ Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region, P.O. Box 14041, Suva, Fiji	✓	