



PACC Snapshot 15

Building Resilience to Climate Change

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Talofa lava everyone!

I hope this PACC Snapshot reaches you in the best of health and that the implementation of the PACC project is progressing well.

This communication will briefly touch on Dr. Pradeep's visit, Project Board meeting and some plans for the next six months.

Visit from Dr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya (UNDP NY)

We had a visit from Mr. Pradeep two weeks ago. He is the Senior Technical Advisor for Climate Change Adaptation based in New York. In his Pacific Mission, he visited the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Samoa. We had a very useful discussion with him at SPREP and it concluded with a field visit to one of the pilot sites.

Some important issues raised during our discussion that we all need to be cognizant of for the next six months:

- Urgently need the Multi Year Work Plan (MYWP) to be developed and submitted to UNDP in the next few weeks;
- In order to complete that, all countries need to have clear outputs and activities mapped out in particular for mainstreaming.

Photo 1 - Pradeep in traditional *sulu* dress code – adapting very fast



- The other issue we touched on is reporting. A lot is already happening at the national and pilot demonstration level but they are not systematically reported in the quarterly reports.
- Most are discussing processes in their reports but miss out on some crucial details and impacts. Say for example, if you are describing an



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awareness workshop. It is also important to detail: i) who attended the workshop (number); ii) males & females (remember gender issues); what change have come about due to the workshop you conducted and so on. It would also be good to make it a point to evaluate your workshops and training. The RPMU is also guilty of this and we all need to improve.

- As a proposal to improving the quarterly reports, we urge that all Coordinators submit their reports to the Steering Committee so that they can review before submission to the RPMU at SPREP. At present, it is quite a challenge to deal with some quarterly reports. It seems like a last minute throwing together of ideas and sent to the RPMU. As a result, sentences are jumbled and lack logic and readability. We can improve and we should work together to achieve that.
- As a very practical tip; please make it an effort to do weekly updates, detailing the results of your work every week. And you can do that in the quarterly template already. Saves you time and energy to hunt around for information come reporting time.

PACC Project Board (PB)

There is now a new PB in place and the current members are: Ms Nileema Noble – Resident Representative of UNDP and Madam Chair; Mr Kosi Latu – Deputy Director of SPREP; Mr. Robert Jackson – FSM, Mr. John Harunari - Solomon Islands member; Mr. Sauni Tongatule – Niue; Professor Murari Lal – USP; and Mr. Gabor Vereczi – Regional Technical Advisor.

A teleconference meeting of the PB was held at the UNDP Multi Country Office on 9 August 2010, at 11.30 a.m.

A report of what transpired in the PB will be circulated to you shortly. In short, there is a general concern on the lack of progress in implementation. The PB has requested the RPMU at SPREP to scale up activities particularly at the regional level to assist in the implementation. As a result of the direction from the PB, the RPMU is planning several initiatives

In-country support

The regional PMU and UNDP colleagues will be making country visits at the beginning of September onwards to address the following:

- i) Operational support on planning and reporting processes (in-country missions by SPREP and UNDP).
- ii) Mainstreaming Support (national workshops through PACC RPMU and collaboration with UNDP and the PASAP programme);
- iii) Demo implementation support (sub-regional workshops on V&A, socioeconomics training, CBA, CEA or MCA etc);

Action Training on Face Form and Planning

We are planning an Action Training tentatively on the **1st week of October** to have a meeting in Apia to address this issue. This is how we would like to run it.

- You will travel to Apia with your Face Forms and Narratives and we will provide all necessary support from SPREP and UNDP to address the issues related to reporting (FF etc). This will be followed up again during in-country missions;
- Pradeep has also promised that he will send someone from the UNDP NY office for that training;
- In terms of the Participants, we are already thinking of the PACC Coordinator or Assistant dealing directly with the Face Form and narrative reporting and someone you deal with closely at Finance or Treasury Office.

Sub-regional training support on SEA-PACC

You well know that we have a socioeconomic guide already developed and ready to be rolled out through training. We are planning three sub-regional workshops by sector. One is planned for September and two others will be rolled out consecutively depending on availability of trainer and other factors. The first to deal with water (venue to be decided maybe Tonga), the second to deal with Food Security in (Palau tbc) and the third on coastal in (Vanuatu or the FSM tbc). This training will provide overall support for the assessment and planning work to be undertaken for the demo implementation, with particular focus on socio-economic aspects. Participants will be lead through the process using the host country demo site to conduct on-site assessment.

Hope you can factor these developments into your calendar. Apart from the areas addressed above; if you have additional views on how we can improve project implementation at the national level; it's most welcomed.

General Information

For more information on the PACC project, please visit the website (link below):

http://www.sprep.org/climate_change/pacc

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