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Fifth Meeting of the Regional Technical Advisory Group  
for the SOPAC/UNDP/UNEP/GEF Project:  
*“Implementing Sustainable Water Resources and Wastewater  
Management in Pacific Island Countries”*

Rarotonga Island, Cook Islands, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011

## MEETING MINUTES REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (RTAG) 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

### 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

#### 1.1 Attendees

Marc Wilson (GEF IWRM Project Manager)  
Donye Numa (GEF IWRM Steering Committee Chair)

#### *Science and Technical Experts*

Chris Paterson  
David Duncan  
Bruce Missingham

#### *Other Representatives*

Leerenson Lee Ariens (public water utility representative)  
Ulukalesi Tamata (USP - CROP Representative)  
Ampai Harakunarak (UNEP)  
Jose Erez Padilla (UNDP)  
Sopoaga Sam Semisi (GEF IWRM Country representative)  
Rhonda Robinson (EU IWRM Project)  
Milika Sobey (IUCN – NGO Representative)

#### 1.2 Apologies Ongoing

Peter Sinclair (Technical Expert)  
Marius-Adrian Oancea (EU)

### 2 RTAG MEETING MINUTES

The Provisional minutes of the RTAG's 3<sup>rd</sup> Session were adopted unchanged.

### 3 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Action	Lead	When	Status
1. Changes would be made to the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to incorporate RTAG comments and any RSC direction for consideration at RTAG5, to enable RSC approval of the framework at RSC3	David Duncan	RTAG5	RTAG Agenda Item
2. PCU would present a draft version of the regional indicator framework to the RSC for consideration, incorporating a review of the framework against GEF and GWP criteria	David Duncan	RSC3	Completed
3. A recommendation would be made to RSC that applicable WUE principles will be incorporated into national IWRM planning strategies rather than as specific separate strategies	David Duncan	RSC3	Completed
4. A recommendation be made to RSC to recognise that WUE strategies need to be developed in the context of improving social, economic and environmental values, which will differ at a local, catchment, island and national scale	David Duncan	RSC3	Completed
5. Advice RSC to support an analysis of WUE approaches applicable to the Pacific be undertaken, considering different drivers and needs of atolls with limited water resources and larger islands with more abundant resources, as well as considering both options for WUE in urban centralised systems and at a household level	David Duncan	RSC3	Completed
6. Comments are to be provided on the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and the framework to be presented to RSC for approval	RTAG Members	Thursday AM	None Received

### 4 PROJECT INDICATOR FRAMEWORK

RSC endorsed the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (PMEF) presented during RSC3 Session 6.1. Outstanding comments from UNDP on the draft PMEF were considered by the RTAG. It was agreed that the RTAG would be guided by any comments arising from the Mid-Term Review process on appropriateness of indicators, particularly the downscaling of targets relating to strategies from the national to the local scale

### 5 REGIONAL INDICATOR FRAMEWORK

In response to the RSC request to develop a reporting format for the Regional Indicator Framework by March 2012, ***RTAG tasked the PCU with developing a draft framework for circulation to RTAG members by the end of January 2012.***

### 6 TECHNICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

From the RSC, RTAG was tasked to identify:

- Areas of technical expertise for review of country demonstration project technical outputs
- A process for review of country demonstration project technical outputs

The areas of technical expertise are outlined in the following table.

<b>RTAG Member</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Area of Review</b>
Bruce Missingham	IWC	Community Engagement and Participation; IWC – Aquatic Ecology; Monitoring and Evaluation; Stygofauna
Peter Sinclair	SOPAC-SPC	Hydrogeology; Hydrology; Water Resource Management
Chris Paterson	SOPAC-SPC	Mainstreaming; Monitoring and Evaluation; Coastal Systems; Fisheries; Knowledge Management; Integrated Coastal Management
David Duncan	SOPAC-SPC	Sanitation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Pollution; Water Resource Management; Modelling; Hydrogeology; Monitoring and Evaluation; WUE; Coastal Water Quality
Leerenson Lee Ariens	FSM Government	WUE; Leak Detection
Ulucalesi Tamata	USP	Water Quality and Pollution; Gender
Ampai Harakunarak	UNEP	Capacity Building
Jose Erez Padilla / Emma Sale-Mario	UNDP	Economics; PES / Monitoring and Evaluation
Sopoaga Sam Semisi	Samoa Government	Catchment Management; GIS
Milika Sobey	IUCN	Marine and coastal systems; Reef monitoring

A process is proposed for review, whereby the PCU Environmental Engineer provides a coordinating role collating technical outputs and circulating to relevant RTAG members. Reviews will be undertaken as soon as practical (typically within two weeks); with country project staff notified of difficulties achieving this timeframe.

## **7 TECHNICAL REPLICATION**

***The RTAG agreed to defer the discussion on technical replication to the RTAG 6<sup>th</sup> Session to enable a full discussion of the issues raised during the RSC3 Session.***

## **8 WATER USE EFFICIENCY**

RSC tasked RTAG with an analysis of WUE approaches applicable to the Pacific be undertaken, considering different drivers and needs of atolls with limited water resources and larger islands with more abundant resources, as well as considering both options for WUE in urban centralised systems and at a household level.

***RTAG agreed that PCU would undertake the analysis in partnership with the GEF Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) project and present a draft report to the RTAG (out of session) by the end of 2011.***

## **9 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**