

In-country Consultation Details

Mission to Palau, FSM (Pohnpei), RMI, Kiribati and Nauru
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Background

The mission has been programmed primarily to consult countries and key stakeholders to progress the development of a GCF Proposal on the *Vaka Motu (boat for the islands) – building indigenous community resilience with low emission sea transportation in the Micronesian region.*

The Vaka Motu proposal, following discussions on Friday 12 October with GCF and the NDAs confirmed that the submission be up scaled to a possible GCF financing of USD 50m – noting that a concept note was submitted to the GCF under the SAP (USD 10m) on 26 September 2018.

The in-country consultation will be with key stakeholders on their possible roles and collation of required data and information to assist in finalising the proposal.

The anticipated submission date of the proposal is for the July /October 2019 GCF Board meeting (B23 & B24, respectively).

The mission is carried out by Manasa Katonivualiku (Palau and FSM) and Rupeni Mario (RMI, Kiribati and Nauru).

Further, the mission will also consider discussions on other SPREP pipeline projects with these countries. Specific details are outlined below.

Proposed Work Programme and Schedule

Date	Time	Organisation /Entity	Task	Person to Meet	Purpose of the Meeting	Outputs
Kiribati pipeline projects						
<i>Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands (SAP); GCF Readiness National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Support Program; Renewable Energy; Vaka Motu – building indigenous community resilience with low emission sea transportation in the Micronesia region; and, the AF project on water and food security</i>						
12 Nov	am	Arrive Tarawa from Nadi				
	pm	NDA's Office, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	Provide an overview of CNs & proposals to the GCF for Kiribati	Jonathan Mitchell and, NDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline mission details and confirmed appointments Letter(s) of no Objection for the Vaka Motu project 	
13 Nov	am	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration	Provide an overview of the purpose of the mission and update of SPREP pipeline projects, and activities	tbc	Courtesy call – focal point of SPREP	
	am /pm	Ministry of Communications, Transport and Tourism Development (MCTTD)	Summarise the Vaka Motu project and the possible integration in to policies and other necessary elements on the use of the vaka and other activities	Transport and Tourism Departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process and contacts to gather data and information Identify key stakeholders and roles in the implementation 	Data and information
14 Nov	am	Ministry of Women, Sports and Social Welfare (MWSSW)	Consultation on the inclusion of women in the proposed projects		Discuss any gender policies and other relevant national documents that projects should address	Gender policy documents and plans
	pm	Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development (MELAD)	Discuss next steps to progress the readiness NAP support programme			
		Maritime School	Possible participation in the Vaka Motu project	tbc	Explore the needs and roles with the Vaka Motu project	Clear direction on potential involvement
15 Nov	am	Ministry of Public Works and Utilities (MPWU)	Discuss the proposed Renewable Energy project for the outer islands	Energy Division (Kireua)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the RE Plan Gather details on the RE project under GCF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of draft plan Ideas for the proposed GCF project
	am /pm	NDA's Office, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	Outline of next steps to progress the respective SPREP projects and activities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debrief on the mission Note any follow up requirements 	Draft mission brief
16 Nov	am	Depart Tarawa for Majuro				

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RMI pipeline projects						
<i>Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands (SAP); GCF Readiness National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Support Program; Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Resilience Programme; Vaka Motu – building indigenous community resilience with low emission sea transportation in the Micronesian region; and Enhancing climate resilient planning and decision making in the Republic of Marshall Islands (SAP)</i>						
16 Nov	pm	Arrive Majuro from Tarawa				
19 Nov	am	Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination (OEPPC)	Overview of mission activities	Clarence Samuel – NDA	Firm up on the week’s schedule	Letter of no objection on the projects
		SPREP sub-regional office	Provide an overview of SPREP pipeline projects	Kilom Ishiguro	Courtesy call and seek assistance from the office to progress pipeline activities	
	pm	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Provide an overview of the purpose of the mission and update of SPREP pipeline projects, and activities	tbc	Courtesy call – focal point of SPREP	
20 Nov	am	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Discuss the policy aspects of integrating low carbon sea transportation	Transport Department	Possible specific activities that the Ministry can lead	Process required on the policy review /consultations
	pm	University of the South Pacific	Discuss potential collaboration with the Vaka Motu project and the USP Sustainable Sea Transportation activities	Head of the	Identify potential joint implementation of activities and USP’s role in the project	List of activities and how to formalise these – e.g. an MOU
21 Nov	am	Ministry of Resources and Development	Discussions and stocktake of ongoing mitigation activities in the RMI	Energy Division – Angeline Heine	Identify potential integration of current mitigation activities with proposed SPREP pipeline projects	Specific areas of collaboration
	pm	College of the Marshall Islands	Discuss CMI programmes related to Adaptation /mitigation	tbc	Identify any potential roles with the Vaka Motu project	
22 Nov	am	Private sector representative		tbc	Identify potential interest and activities with the Vaka Motu project	
	pm					
23 Nov	am	Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination (OEPPC)	Provide a summary of results from the week’s activities	Clarence Samuel – NDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debrief on the week’s mission activities Outline any immediate activities to follow up 	Draft mission brief
		SPREP sub-regional office		Kilom Ishiguro		
25 Nov	am	Depart Majuro for Nauru				

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Nauru pipeline projects						
<i>Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands (SAP); and, the Vaka Motu – building indigenous community resilience with low emission sea transportation in the Micronesian region</i>						
25 Nov	pm	Arrive Nauru from Majuro				
26 Nov	am /pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Provide an overview of the purpose of the mission and update of SPREP pipeline projects, and activities	Secretary and GCF NDA – Mr Michael Aroi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firm up Nauru's participation in the Vaka Motu project and meetings with other Ministries /Departments Courtesy call – focal point of SPREP Finalize meeting appointments Discuss the idea of combined AF & GCF funding for the Vaka Motu (blended or in parallel) 	Letter of no Objection on the projects
27 Nov	am /pm	Department of Transport	Discuss Nauru's proposed participation in the pipeline projects	Head of Department	To identify /rationalize Nauru's participation in the Vaka Motu project	Clear direction on way forward
28 Nov		President's Office	Discussions on Renewable Energy, Meteorology Services, Environment and Climate Change	Representatives from these Departments	Identify any additional projects for consideration under GCF /AF for concept development; e.g. Readiness for Nauru and what to consider	Ideas for CN development
29 Nov	am /pm	NDA, Nauru Utilities	Discuss and explore other potential projects for consideration under GCF	Mr Michael Aroi & GM		
30 Nov	am /pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Debrief with NDA as required	Mr Michael Aroi	Finalise mission activities and discuss any other needs for SPREP support	Draft mission brief
02 Dec	pm	Depart Nauru for Apia (via Nadi)				

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Palau pipeline projects						
<i>Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Resilience Programme; Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands (SAP); GCF Readiness National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Support Program; Water security and Renewable Energy; Vaka Motu – building indigenous community resilience with low emission sea transportation in the Micronesian region; and, the Palau Energy Financing Programme</i>						
19 Nov	pm	Arrive Koror from Seoul (0145)				
19 Nov	am	President's Office	Provide an overview of the purpose of the mission and update of SPREP pipeline projects, and activities	Nick Ngwal – GCF NDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to firm up on the pipeline projects – are ALL still to be considered under GCF Support for a PPF for the NDBP project? Letter of no Objection for the Vaka Motu project and others as necessary – noting that we need this for the PPF Palau for Readiness – what has been /to be done? The idea for GCF and AF funding for the Vaka Motu (is Palau agreeable to this idea?) 	Clear directions and firm up on the pipeline projects
		Department of Foreign Affairs			Courtesy call – focal point of SPREP	
	pm	National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP)	Seek the views of the Bank on the proposed project – Palau Energy Financing Programme particularly on the sustainability aspects	Karla West – Operations Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather data and information on past energy loan schemes Views on becoming a national accredited entity Their idea on areas of the proposed project 	Reports on past projects with data & information
20 Nov	am	Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC)	Discuss the proposed idea of the water security and RE project and take stock on ongoing related activities	Water and Sewage Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether to pursue the project under GCF? The need to have the NDA support 	Clear instructions and way forward
	pm	Palau Energy Administration Office (PEAO)	Discuss and seek support and advice on the way forward on proposed mitigation projects	Greg Decherong – Director	Their views on the NDBP project ¹ and possible having a staff ² placed at the PEAO	Ideas to include the PEAO as part of the NDBP GCF project
		Department of Natural resources, Environment and Tourism	Discuss the Vaka Motu concept and potential support from the tourism industry	Tourism Department	Explore opportunities where the Tourism industry could consider low carbon sea transportation	Data and information on tourism use of sea transport
21 Nov	am	Depart for FSM (Pohnpei) via Guam (depart 0200hrs)				

¹ Also the renewable energy component of the water security and renewable energy project

² Energy Efficiency Officer with an activities budget to work on related policy needs such as for an Appliance Labelling and Standards Programme (ALSP), awareness educational activities, etc

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FSM pipeline projects						
<i>Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands (SAP); GCF Readiness National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Support Program; Vaka Motu – building indigenous community resilience with low emission sea transportation in the Micronesian region; and, the AF project</i>						
21 Nov	pm	Arrive Pohnpei from Palau				
22 Nov	am	Department of Finance	Meeting with the NDA Office	Secretary Laurence and Belinda	To firm up on scheduled meetings and discuss specific GCF and AF projects	Meeting schedules
	am /pm	Department of Foreign Affairs	Provide an overview of the purpose of the mission and update of SPREP pipeline projects	tbc	Courtesy call – focal point of SPREP	
23 Nov	am	Department of Transport	Meeting to discuss potential policy activities	Assistant Secretary	To explore the need to integrate low carbon emission sea transport in to policies and other related activities	Specific relevant activities identified
			Discussions on the existing plans for Vakas in the FSM	tbc	Data and information on the current use of the Vaka particularly on the new Vaka that is been procured	Highlight use of the Vaka areas that the GCF project can focus on
	pm	Department of Environment and others	Discuss /update of implementation of the AF project and other pipeline projects	tbc	Explore areas for further SPREP assistance required	An update on FSM AF & GCF projects
24-25 Nov	Saturday and Sunday					
26 Nov	am /pm	National consultations – all 4 State representatives in Pohnpei		States Representatives & NDA	Consider the state views particularly on implementation of projects	Discussion notes
27 Nov	am	Department of Finance		Belinda	To provide a summary of discussions held and address next steps	Draft mission brief
	pm	Department of Finance		Belinda	To provide a summary of discussions held and address next steps	Draft mission brief
28 Nov	pm	Depart for Apia via Honolulu				