



**Virtual Training program on Understanding Access to Climate Finance  
“Essential aspects for access to climate finance” and  
“Gender, Social inclusion and Safeguards”**

[Nomination of participants deadline: **10 November 2020**]

**DATE & TIME**

1. Essential aspects for access to climate finance

- i) Self-paced learning: 12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November (UTC+ time)
- ii) Q&A: questions could be submitted until 17<sup>th</sup> November (UTC+ time).

Experts will provide response and comments on the following dates.

- iii) Submission of exercise output: by 20<sup>rd</sup> November (UTC+ time)
- iv) Virtual consultation: 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Date and Time (Apia)		Countries (local time)
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	12:00	Solomon Islands (9 am), RMI (10 am)
	13:00	Kiribati (11am)
	14:00	Palau (9am)
	15:00	PNG (11am)
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	12:00	FSM (9am)
	13:00	Cook Islands (1 pm on 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.)
	14:00	Tonga (1 pm)
	15:00	Nauru and Tuvalu (1 pm)
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	12:00	Vanuatu (9 am)
	13:00	Samoa (1 pm local)
	14:00	Niue (1 pm on 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.)
	15:00	Fiji (2 pm)

2. Gender, Social inclusion and Safeguards

- i) Self-paced learning: 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. - 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. (UTC+ time)
- ii) Q&A: questions could be submitted until 2<sup>nd</sup> December (UTC+ time).

Experts will provide response and comments on the following dates.

- iii) Submission of exercise output: by 7<sup>th</sup> December (UTC+ time)
- iv) Virtual consultation: 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December

Date and Time (Apia)		Countries (local time)
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	12:00	Solomon Islands and Vanuatu (9 am)
	13:00	Kiribati (11am)
	14:00	Palau (9 am)
	15:00	PNG (11 am)

10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	12:00	FSM (9 am) and RMI (10 am)
	13:00	Cook Islands (1 pm on 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
	14:00	Tonga (1 pm)
	15:00	Nauru and Tuvalu (1 pm)
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13:00	Samoa (1 pm)
	14:00	Niue (1 pm on 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
	15:00	Fiji (2 pm)

## AGENDA

### 1. Essential aspects for access to climate finance

#### 1. Strategies, policies and guidelines and supporting programs of climate finance

##### 1.1 Basics of climate finance: (JICA, Mr. Yoshida) 15-20 min.

Basic of climate finance will be presented to provide an accurate understanding about climate finance to the participants including: Background and definition of climate finance; and Landscape of climate finance: domestic budget, international public finance (including multilateral climate funds), private finance, blended finance.

##### 1.2 Strategies, policies and guidelines and supporting programs of Multilateral climate fund: Green Climate Fund (GCF)

###### 1.2.1 Strategies, policies and guidelines of GCF: (JICA, Mr. Yoshida) 30 min.

Main policies and result areas; Investment strategies and criteria (overview); Approved projects in the PICTs; Application and approval process; and Supporting programs.

###### 1.2.2 Project Preparation Facility (PPF): (Dr. Peter King) 20 min.

GCF has up to \$1.5 million for assisting countries to prepare full project proposals. This section will outline some of the requirements of the PPF application, including the budget, management fee, and contingency allowance.

###### 1.2.3 Concept notes: (Dr. Peter King) 25 min.

Key elements of preparing a concept note (especially important for the Green Climate Fund) include explanation of the intended paradigm shift (GCF's overarching mandate), theory of change, country ownership, co-financing, sustainability, implementation arrangements etc.

###### 1.2.4 Full project proposal and simplified approval process (SAP): (Dr. Peter King) 30 min.

GCF introduced the SAP to minimise the work needed to prepare the full project proposal and the 21 annexes that may be required. This section will outline the differences between the full proposal and SAP and why there may not be a significant advantage.

**1.3 Strategies, policies and guidelines and supporting programs of Multilateral climate fund: Adaptation Fund (AF) : (JICA, Mr. Yoshida) 15-20 min.**

Strategic properties policies; Eligibility criteria; Approved projects in the PICTs; Application and approval process; and Supporting programs.

**2. Essential concepts to formulate climate projects**

**2.1 Centrality of the climate rationale: (Dr. Peter King) 30 min.**

Climate change adaptation projects must be distinguished from normal development projects by indicating which climate change problem(s) are being addressed.

**2.2 Adaptation options: (Dr. Peter King) 30 min.**

Multiple adaptation options are available, so the rationale for choosing the specific adaptation interventions must be transparent. This section will deal with appraisal and prioritization methods such as qualitative matrices, multi-criteria analysis, scenario analysis, and barrier assessment.

**2.3 Project/programme objectives: (Dr. Peter King) 30 min.**

Use of problem trees and objective trees and how these are used to craft the Logical Framework (a first step in project formulation).

**2.4 Public participation (Dr. Peter King) 25 min.**

All sources of funding insist on country ownership and inclusive, participatory approaches both during project preparation and implementation. This section will outline some of the key principles of public participation.

**3. Exercise (Dr. Peter King, Mr. Yoshida)**

Participants are expected to undertake problem tree analysis and log-frame development including analysis of the climate rationale which can be the basis of a concept note for GCF.

2. Gender, Social inclusion and Safeguards

**1. Principles of gender, social inclusion, safeguards of GCF**

**1.1 Climate change impact on gender in Pacific Islands Countries (OUCs) (JICA, Mr. Matsukawa) 30 min**

Gender and climate change; Climate change impact such as disasters to gender in Fiji (Meta level); and Socio-economic, cultural and institutional impacts to gender in Fiji (Macro and Meso levels.needs).

**1.2 Policies and relevant documents on gender equality and social inclusion (JICA, Mr. Matsukawa) 30 min**

Policy of gender equality and social inclusion; Mainstreaming of gender; and Gender assessment and gender action plan.

**1.4 Environmental and social safeguards (Dr. Peter King) 30 min**

Principles of environmental and social safeguards; and Procedure of social safeguards

**2. Key aspects to address gender, social inclusion and environmental safeguard in PICs**

**2.1 Gender and social inclusion (Gender Expert) 30 min -45 min.**

This session will present key topics to support climate change practitioners in the Pacific islands region to integrate gender into their programmes and projects. The principles and practices proposed in the The Pacific Gender & Climate Change Toolkit will be presented to address needs of climate change professionals working in national governments, non-governmental organizations, regional and international organizations who are involved in managing and implementing climate change programmes. Also, a case study on gender and social inclusion related to COVID-19 and TC Harold will be presented.

**2.2 Environmental safeguard (SPREP) 30 min - 45 min.**

This session will present procedure of environmental safeguard. It will also present the current situation and issues on impacts to ecosystem in PICs caused by not only climate change but non-climate change activities that will be described in EIA report in the project. Those are essential information to develop concept note of project which will have environmental risks.

**3. Exercise (JICA, Mr Matsukawa & Gender Expert)**

Participants are expected to undertake gender analysis and environmental risk screening which can be utilized for a concept note for GCF.