



PACC Snapshot

Building Resilience to Climate Change

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It is indeed a privilege to again be given an opportunity to work with you all on the PACC project. We have all contributed to the development of this project and it is my hope that the spirit of community you have shown through out will trickle over to implementation. I look forward to this challenge with great enthusiasm and I pray that we will all work together to ensure that the implementation process is robust in all facets and at the same time deliver tangible benefits to our people and our region.



Project document

Please find attached for your information the approved project document and the signature page. I have been informed by UNDP that the project is now operational as the PACC prodoc has already been signed between UNDP (GEF IA), SPREP (Implementing Partner) and 3 governments. I believe some of you may have been approached to sign the project document and have done so.



The above process begs the question; what then is the process for formalizing the PACC project for those countries that have not signed the prodoc. In short, and to effect paragraph 156 of the project document, SPREP is intending to have bilateral MoUs with the 13 PACC Focal Points. The MoU will have all necessary details (institutional etc.) and in particular specific project outputs to be delivered. I will start working on bilateral MoUs shortly and will discuss with you as we progress this together until signing. I will also try and give time during the Inception meeting for discussion of this important issue.



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Coordination and Implementation Arrangements

In page 68 of the project document, standard implementation jargon of UNDP projects is spelt out for your consideration. This (and the PACC NEX document sent earlier) should be read as a guide on how things should be done. If you strongly feel that there is a better way forward on how PACC could be institutionally arranged to expedite implementation, please let me know your proposal.

National Coordinator

Some of you have already expressed views that you wish to look at the option of cofinancing arrangements with respect to the National Coordinator position. I deeply appreciate that proposal and will be discussing this and other issues in detail with Senior UNDP staff of Apia Samoa next week.

PACC Inception Meeting

There will be an Inception Meeting for the PACC project and June (2009) has been proposed, most probably towards the end in view of the need to establish the Project Management Units first. I will keep you informed of the actual dates when finalized and if you have some strong reservations for the end of June dates, do let me know in advance.

Institutional and Technical Capacity Assessment

I indicated during my bilateral discussions with you that a template would be provided for the purpose of capacity assessment. This capacity assessment form is intended as a guide for PACC Focal Points and Implementing Agencies to assess their institutional and technical capacity for executing the PACC at the national and community level. It is not intended to be used as a tool to change implementation arrangements but to identify where gaps exist and capacity building is needed.

Once this is ready from our end, we will provide this to you.

General Information

The new Climate Change Adaptation Adviser for UNDP is now on-board. I was formally informed of this yesterday (Thursday 16th) and he is Mr. Gabor Vereczi. I believe UNDP may have already informed their focal points accordingly.

Ends.....!