**Annex 1**

**Report on the GCCA: PSIS Planning Meeting, 25th July 2012**



**SPC Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States Project (GCCA: PSIS)**

**Planning Meeting**

**Thursday 26th July 2012, 3.00 -5.00pm**

**Cliff, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia**

**Report**

Twenty people (6 female, 14 male) attended the meeting. The agenda is presented as Addendum 1 and the list of participants as Addendum 2.

Andrew Yatilman, OEEM, introduced the GCCA: PSIS project and acknowledged the support provided by the project to cover transportation and per diem costs for participants from the states of Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap to attend this meeting and the workshop on the review of the Hyogo Framework of Action.

Gillian Cambers provided an overview of the GCCA: PSIS project and described some of the activities being undertaken in the other participating countries.

Cindy Ehmes, ESD-OEEM, outlined the progress made with the GCCA: PSIS project to date. Significant work had been done to progress the Letter of Agreement between SPC and FSM and to develop the terms of reference for a SPC-FSM Climate Change Coordinator to be based in the OEEM. They hoped t begin the recruitment process shortly. The project had started in March, and during stakeholder consultations in April and May it was agreed that the project activity would focus on “Coastal management for food and water security in the face of climate change” in the outlying islands of FSM.

During further discussions in June it was decided that the project would focus on outlying islands in Chuuk and Yap. These islands were selected because the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) project is focused in Kosrae, and there are serious accessibility issues with the outlying islands of Pohnpei.

Pasha Carruthers, GCCA PSIS, then led a small group exercise to begin to define the types of activities that could be implemented under this project. The results of this were as follows:

Chuuk: Several ideas were proposed:

* Hard and soft shoreline protection measures, including mangrove planting, planning with natural shoreline trees, beach nourishment
* Transferring sand to vulnerable atolls
* Improvement of rainwater harvesting
* Elevation and protection of taro patches

Yap: One main idea was discussed:

Modify Ulithi runway to provide rainwater catchment

* Rainwater for agriculture and human consumption
* Infrastructure (drains) already in place, but will need modification together with piping, storage tanks and arrangements for water treatment

The discussions clearly illustrated the need for feasibility studies to determine if these ideas are workable within the constraints of the project.

Pasha Carruthers then led a brief discussion as to how the GCCA: PSIS activities could link up with other climate change activities.

Andrew Yatilman then closed the workshop by thanking the states for their support. He mentioned that further work was necessary to develop more detailed project concepts and that Pasha Carruthers and Cindy Ehmes would leas this process.

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**Agenda**

3.00 – 3.10 Opening Introduction by Andrew Yatilman, ESD-OEEM

3.10 – 3.25 Overview of GCCA:PSIS Project by Gillian Cambers, GCCA: PSIS

Discussion

3.20 – 3.50 Outline of Process to identify GCCA:PSIS Project Focus in FSM by Cindy Ehmes,

ESD-OEEM,

Discussion

3.50 – 4.30 Group Sessions on Next Steps for Project Planning and Site Identification led by

Pasha Carruthers, GCCA: PSIS

Group 1: Yap with Kosrae participants

Group 2: Chuuk with Pohnpei participants

4.30 – 4.45 Linkages with Other Climate Change Projects by Pasha Carruthers

4.45 – 5.00 Wrap-up and Next Steps by Andrew Yatilman

Reminder about reporting for the participants whose travel is supported by GCCA:

PSIS Project.

**Addendum 2**

**List of Participants**