Regional Dialogue on (Intended) Nationally Determined Contributions, (I)NDCs, for the Pacific Islands

6-7 December 2016
Nadi, Fiji
(MRV workshop held on 8-9 December in same venue)

Location: Tanoa International Hotel
Votualevu Road, Namaka

AGENDA

CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

This Regional Dialogue on (Intended) Nationally Determined Contributions, (I)NDCs, for the Pacific Islands is co-organized by the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat, and the UNDP/UNEP Global Support Programme (GSP) for National Communications and Biennial Update Reports funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It is hosted by the Government of Fiji and supported by a number of donors. The dialogue will convene government representatives from the Pacific region and international organizations/experts involved in (I)NDC processes and implementation.

The dialogue will seek to accomplish the following objectives:

• Take stock of submitted INDCs and initial NDCs from the region;
• Provide a forum for exchanging country experiences and perspectives on preparing (I)NDCs and planning for implementation, including envisioned challenges and support needs; and
• Discuss next steps and key technical and institutional issues related to NDC implementation at the national level (strengthening institutional arrangements for managing the NDC process; designing implementation plans to translate contributions into concrete actions; developing systems to monitor progress toward (I)NDC goals; mobilizing resources; etc.).

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# DAY 1 – 6 December

## Session 1: Opening & Dialogue Objectives

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| 9:00 – 10:15 | **Welcome** (5 min)  
- Ms. Makereta Konrote, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Fiji  
**Opening Remarks** (5 min each)  
- Ms. Osnat Lubrani, Resident Representative, UNDP Pacific  
- Mr. Jigme, UNFCCC Secretariat  
- Mr. Stanford Mwakasonda, UNDP/UNEP GSP  
- Mr. Jesus Lavina, Team Leader, Delegation of the European Union to the Pacific Islands  
**Dialogue Objectives; Setting the Scene for Discussions** (10 min)  
- Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP  
**Round of Introductions** |

**Session Chair:** Mr. Kevin Petrini, UNDP Pacific

## Session 2: The Climate Negotiations & Submitted (I)NDCs from the Pacific

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| 10:15 – 11:15 | **The Climate Negotiations & (I)NDCs** (15 min)  
- Mr. Jigme, UNFCCC Secretariat  
**Submitted (I)NDCs from the Region** (15 min)  
- Mr. Thomas Jensen, UNDP Pacific  
**Plenary Discussion** |

**Session Chair:** Mr. Kevin Petrini, UNDP Pacific

## Session 3: Planning for NDC Implementation

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| 11:45 – 13:30 | **Preparing for NDC Implementation** (10 min)  
- Mr. Michael Comstock, UNDP  
**Country Experiences in Planning for NDC Implementation & Support Needs** (15 min each)  
- Ms. Ilisapaci Vakacegu, Fiji  
- Ms. Toiata Uili, Samoa  
**The Role of the NDC Partnership in Facilitating Technical & Financial Support** (10 min)  
- Ms. Elizabeth Buchan, NDC Partnership  
**Plenary Discussion** |

**Session Chair:** Mr. Thomas Jensen, UNDP Pacific

## Coffee/Tea Break

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## Lunch

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**Session 4:**
**Strengthening Institutional Arrangements & Engagement for NDC Implementation**

Successful NDC implementation and monitoring of progress, as well as preparation of future NDCs, will require robust institutional arrangements. This includes improving coordination between relevant ministries and strengthening the capacity of institutions involved in NDC implementation. NDC implementation will also require concerted efforts to fully engage stakeholders (including local governments and the private sector) and improve national awareness of climate change goals. In this session, panelists will provide perspectives on how to address these challenges.

**14:30 – 16:00**
**Session Chair:**
Mr. Damiano Borgogno, UNDP/UNEP GSP

**Moderated Panel Discussion on Planned Institutional Arrangements** (5-7 min each)
- Ms. Elizabeth Buchan, Australia
- Mr. Antony Garae, Vanuatu
- Ms. Lilu Moala, Tonga
- Ms. Gwen Sissiou, Papua New Guinea

**Plenary Discussion**

**16:00 – 16:30**
Coffee/Tea Break

**Session 5:**
**Translating (I)NDC Goals into Action**

Achieving the adaptation and mitigation goals laid out in countries’ (I)NDCs requires translating these components into concrete policies, programs, and projects. This session will discuss the development of adaptation interventions in the context of NDC implementation, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and monitoring and evaluation challenges. It will also address the role of nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) in achieving mitigation goals, as well as linkages with low-emission development strategies. The session will focus on the identification and prioritization of measures; technical analyses related to adaptation and mitigation options; and potential links between mitigation and adaptation in certain sectors.

**16:30 – 18:15**
**Session Chair:**
Mr. Stanford Mwakasonda, UNDP/UNEP GSP

**Developing Concrete Adaptation and Mitigation Actions to Achieve (I)NDC Goals** (15 min)
- Mr. Stanford Mwakasonda, UNDP/UNEP GSP

**Approaches to Translating (I)NDC Goals into Action** (15 min each)
- Mr. Kireua Bureimoa, Kiribati
- Ms. Marlaina Aroi, Nauru

**Plenary Discussion**

**18:15**
End of Day 1

**18:30**
Welcome Reception

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**DAY 2 – 7 December**

**Session 1:**
**Monitoring & Transparency of NDC Progress**

Effective monitoring systems will be central to tracking progress toward countries’ goals, as well as reporting on NDC progress as part of the Paris Agreement’s enhanced transparency framework. Countries intend to build on existing national monitoring systems where possible and seek out efficient mechanisms for linking to existing reporting efforts, such as those for the National Communications and Biennial Update Reports. Countries will present their plans for establishing/strengthening monitoring systems in the context of NDCs, opportunities for linking with other mechanisms, and capacity development needs.

**9:00 – 10:30**
**Session Chair:**
Ms. Toiata Uili, Samoa

**Monitoring Progress toward NDC Goals & Ensuring Transparency** (15 min)
- Mr. Damiano Borgogno, UNDP/UNEP GSP

**Country Plans Related to Monitoring & Transparency of NDC Progress** (15 min each)
- Mr. Jamie Ovia, Tuvalu
- Ms. Cindy Ehmes, Federated States of Micronesia

**Plenary Discussion**

**10:30 – 11:00**
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<td>NDC implementation will require the development of funding strategies that comprehensively consider opportunities for mobilizing resources from: 1) national budgets and planned investments, 2) private sector investment, and 3) international sources (as needed for conditional NDC components). This session will provide participants with an opportunity to engage in a candid conversation about NDC finance and resource mobilization, including strategies for attracting support from various sources.</td>
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<td>NDCs represent an opportunity to catalyze sustainable development at the national level, as well as achievement of the global Sustainable Development Goals, or SDGs (including transitioning to resilient, zero-carbon economies). This link with sustainable development must be front and center in NDC implementation planning. In this session, panelists will provide their perspectives on the relationship between NDCs and national sustainable development, based on their national experiences. They will also offer suggestions for making as concrete as possible the link between national NDC implementation planning and global progress toward the SDGs.</td>
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