



PACC Snapshot 11

Building Resilience to Climate Change

February 25th, 2010

Talofa lava everyone!

I hope this PACC Snapshot reaches you in the best of health and that the implementation of the PACC project is progressing well.

Several developments are on the horizon that I would like to convey to you for information and preparation as appropriate.

PACC Project Audit

SPREP received communication from UNDP three weeks ago that the PACC project will be audited. Further communication was received this week that the consultancy firm to carry out the audit has been appointed and the audit will commence on the first week of March which is literally next week.

With this Snapshot, I seek your support to ensure that the PACC finance (income & expenditure) in your project is in order in case the Audit Team will be visiting you. Receipts and any other necessary supporting document will need to be made available to the Auditors when requested. I am not in a position at present to convey which PACC countries will be visited by the Auditors thus the need to be prepared always.

At the regional PMU here in Apia, we are preparing for the audit as well. I have been advised by the SPREP Finance that the following is needed from you urgently:

- A signed PACC Face Form for end of fourth quarter 2009. Please have that signed and send to me as soon as possible. I believe you have all received the Face Form templates we sent you that included all transfers per their budget lines.
- If you wish to send the Forms to us for checking prior to signing we are keen to provide that support.
- Even if you have not spent the PACC funds, you still need to submit the Face Form with some explanations as to why the funds have not been spent.

Multipartite Review Meeting

As part of the PACC monitoring and evaluation procedures, a Multipartite Review Meeting [MPR] will be carried out in May 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to review progress after first year of PACC implementation.

As this is a policy meeting, either the Directors or Chiefs of Implementing Agencies or Focal Points would be invited. The PACC



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Coordinators would also be invited to attend and also undertake some capacity training support during that week.

The MPR meeting will be in Apia and we are planning around the 2nd or 3rd week of May. If you have any events already planned around those dates, please let me know as soon as possible. You will be informed shortly on the confirmed dates of the meeting.

Communication Strategy

During the PACC MPR meeting in May, you are encouraged to showcase some of the communication work you have carried out at the national or community level. Posters, pamphlets, slide shows, or even videos on the PACC project are encouraged.

The plan is that you will be allocated a space in the meeting room to present the communication work you have carried out. Hope you will prepare for that event accordingly.

General Information

For more information on the PACC project, please visit the website (link below):

http://www.sprep.org/climate_change/pacc

On a general note:

PACC Coordinators please send in stories of activities you are working on at the national and community level to be featured in the Snapshot and the PACC website.

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