



# PACC Snapshot 7

## *Building Resilience to Climate Change*

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Talofa lava everyone,

It has been a while since I last sent out an update from the regional PMU at SPREP. In this edition of the Snapshot I would provide a brief update on what transpired during the technical meeting that was held in early October and the National Inception Meeting of PACC FSM (Kosrae).

### Technical Meeting

The PACC Technical Meeting was carried out on the 5-8th October 09 in collaboration with the Pacific Sustainable Development Centre (PACE SD) of the University of the South Pacific. It was a great workshop with a lot of enthusiasm shown by participants to understand the processes/approaches to the two main components of the project (Mainstreaming and Pilot Demonstration). It was a collaborative effort with all partners and CROP agencies contributing to different components of the workshop.

Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the assistance provided to PACC by the USP PACE through Dr. Tony Weir and Mr. Leone Limalevu, SPC Land Resources Division's Dr. Siua Halavatau, and SOPAC's Dr. Arthur Web. Assistance on the socioeconomics aspect of the training was provided by Dr. Cheryl Anderson from the University of Hawaii.



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Socioeconomics was a crucial part of this training as we all know, climate change impacts are significantly altering and damaging the limited resource bases of our coastal and island communities and affecting their demographic, social, cultural, and economic structures.

### *Key issues and messages delivered*

### *PACC is a climate change project*

This point seems clear to everyone but the haziness dawns when implementation starts. In pure development projects, often climate change information is not necessarily taken into consideration in the design of projects. During the Technical workshop, a process was outlined to participants on how climate change information could be incorporated into the design of pilot adaptation interventions.

The participants that were present were also encouraged to work closely with their Meteorology departments and other projects e.g. Second National Communication, SCOPIIC project; models such as SIMCLIM, Climate Change Explorer etc. to determine climate change projections.

### *Technical Assistance*

The last day of the workshop focused on capacity support for the Coordinators. In the morning, pocket meetings were carried out with technical advisers from SOPAC, SPC, USP, UNDP and SPREP. These officers are keen to provide technical support to Coordinators and the PACC Country Teams if and when the need arises at the national/community level. Countries also mentioned in those discussions that they do have national and international consultants that they are able to engage if needed.

On the afternoon, Ms Moneeba Hanif and Ms Emma Mario walked the participants step by step on the fundamentals of the FACE Form. It was a very informative session and conducted in a very participatory process that allowed a very good exchange.

Even though Participants had to be evacuated on a Tsunami alert, they returned to the workshop venue three hours later to continue with the session. It was a crucial piece of support and a timely one that PACC Coordinators needed. Sincere thanks to UNDP Fiji for their support.

### *Technical Workshop Materials*

The workshop materials have been posted on the PACC website for your information and necessary action (see website below).

## PACC FSM (Kosrae) Inception Meeting



The lieutenant governor of the State of Kosrae the Honorable Mr. William Tosie welcomed the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change project and its Project Manager Mr. Taito Nakalevu to Kosrae and indicated the State of Kosrae's support to the GEF/UNDP/SPREP PACC project.

The Inception meeting was attended by most government agencies, representatives from the NGOs, the chair of Kosrae's Women Association, tourism, and mayors of town councils.

The PACC project for the Federated States of Micronesia is being implemented in the State of Kosrae. FSM has three other states; Phonpei, Chuuk and Yap in the far West.

### General Information

You can read the following stories on the PACC website:

[http://www.sprep.org/climate\\_change/pacc](http://www.sprep.org/climate_change/pacc)

- Technical Meeting
- PACC FSM (Kosrae) Inception Meeting

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