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POHNPEI FSM - The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Structured Dialogue with the Pacific, hosted by the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and supported by the Government of Australia, brought together key stakeholders to strengthen the engagement of the Pacific Island Countries and their partners with GCF and accelerate the implementation of the GCF projects and programmes in the Region.

The four-day event convened almost 150 participants from 14 Pacific countries, including Government Ministers for a High-Level Session, and representatives of National Designated Authorities, Accredited Entities, Delivery Partners, civil society

organizations, the private sector and development partners.

The dialogue was critical to GCF's efforts to engage Pacific island countries on achieving their low carbon, climate resilient sustainable goals. New project ideas were discussed during the dialogue and may translate into proposals for funding approval to go before the GCF board in the future.

Some of the key outcomes and points of shared learning from the Structured Dialogue include:

- Climate Vulnerability: The Pacific region is acutely

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Bilateral discussions between GCF and FSM were held after the Structured Dialogue 6-8 August 2018

Immediately after the Pacific Structured Dialogue, a small team of GCF officials remain behind to hold bilateral discussions with FSM Key stakeholders. The GCF team met with the NDA office, key partners, nominated entities, and state representatives to strengthen the engagement with the Federated States of Micronesia and accelerate FSM's access to GCF resources.

During the bilateral discussion with MCT as FSM's Direct Access entity, the request for technical assistance from GCF was finalized with the NDA support letter. GCF responded favorably and quickly arranged for a consultant to visit FSM with the objective to expedite the preparation of the Food & Water Security Project Concept note.

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The Global NDA Conference brought together participants from all GCF National Designated Authorities and Focal Points, including high level government representatives, to help set the ambition and vision for the future of the Fund. Events during the week aim to strengthen engagement and strategic planning between countries and GCF, as well as introduce private investment opportunities to all stakeholders.



Participants had the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences in accessing GCF through its diverse support programs, funding modalities, and development of project pipelines. Government officials shared firsthand accounts of how GCF projects are being implemented in their countries, and GCF staff was made available to provide guidance and clarification on GCF processes and procedures.

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vulnerable to climate change. A number of the participants stressed that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees will avoid some of the drastic impacts.

• Need for climate science: There was a general acknowledgement that strong climate science must underpin the rationale of climate change projects. While a lot of data exists at the national level, the development and implementation of projects need to be linked closely with the national meteorological services. GCF is working with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to determine indicators to strengthen the climate change rationale. At the same time, while scientific evidence is key,

uncertainty and a lack of data should not prove a barrier to action.

- Private Sector: The private sector in the Pacific continue to face challenges in accessing GCF funds. This is due partly to a lack of understanding of GCF processes, and to the small scale and fragmentation of private sector in the Pacific island countries. Options discussed to strengthen private sector engagement include_
 - enhancing the participation of small to medium enterprises such as through tax incentives and legislative reforms,
 - the pooling of resources, including sub-regional projects where relevant
 - and forging public-private partnerships.



At the country market place, countries presented their project proposal ideas and concept notes. FSM presented the following project ideas as the most progressed in terms of project development.

1. FSM Renewable Energy Investment Program
2. FSM Food & Water Security Project
3. Protection against the vulnerability of the people of Pohnpei to the loss of access to critical services
4. Sustainable Sea Transport
5. Community and Coastal Resilience in Chuuk State to Climate Change

Okeanos Vaka motu: Sustainable Sea Transport for FSM

Okeanos Foundation is a German Philanthropic non-profit organization with a US entity which is based in New Zealand. This organization builds fossil fuel-free traditional sailing canoes known as vakas for daily passengers and cargo transportation needs. For the past couple years Okeanos partnered with Pacific experts and built these traditional canoes which inspired innovative, culturally based solutions and also proved effectiveness in navigating for a variety of purposes and can also address climate change issues.

It has recently received requests from Yap State legislators and the Pohnpei State Governor's office to build each a Vaka for the purpose of filling the gap in available sea transportation. Okeanos responded favorably to these states and have had worked out arrangements to deliver one vaka to Pohnpei shores in November 2018 and to Yap in April 2019.

Sea transport is a priority area which is included in the FSM's Country Program for the Green Climate Fund. Hence, the NDA office is currently working with SPREP and Okeanos to develop a funding proposal for sea transport in the Micronesia region. The states' efforts in obtaining these vakas will be received positively with GCF as a 'country driven' effort and a real service that FSM communities are choosing.



Thank you and Until then Mr Patrick Blank!



The FSM NDA Office wishes to take this opportunity and express our sincere gratitude for Mr. Patrick Blank's work as a Project Development Specialist. Mr Blank had tirelessly worked with national and state stakeholders to progress the Country Program priority projects and was very instrumental in making the GCF Structured Dialogue a successful event. The NDA Office wishes you the best and hopes to cross paths with you in the future.

FSM projects with AE's for GCF:

1. Renewable Energy Investment Program with ADB
2. Food & Water Security Project with MCT
3. Sea Transport with SPREP

Dates of Upcoming GCF Board Meetings:

Dates proposed are as follows:

B.22 26-28 February 2019

B.23 11-13 June 2019

B.24 15-17 October 2019



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