



FSM NDA Office Newsletter



FSM participates in the GCF Global Programming Conference held in Songdo, Republic of Korea from 19-23 August 2019

FSM participates in the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Global Programming Conference held in Songdo, Korea, with over five hundred participants from all over the world. The GCF has recently appointed a new Executive Director, Yannick Glemarec, and is also developing its new strategy and seeking replenishment after the first tranche of USD 10 billion which is near depletion. The main objective of the meeting is to explore ways in which the Fund can help countries raise and realize climate ambitions. National Designated Authorities or focal points, Accredited Entities, and others partners deliberated on effective ways to support countries and match their demands on GCF resources with their capacities and competencies and for GCF to consider ways in which its strategy and programming for the first replenishment period could respond to such demands. Some of the key discussion points that are of great interests are:



1. An urgent need for collective and holistic action – Developed countries should scale up their pledges to ensure action as GCF’s role. “None of the solutions could be implemented by a single country, institution or sector on its own; all must work together to provide the necessary resources and support” said Ban Ki-moon, Former UN Secretary General.
2. Long-term country plans – Every country needs a longer-term country plan to achieve its climate targets.
3. Time is running out and attention must turn to solutions –SIDS



and other vulnerable countries, frustrated at continued talk of the various climate issues, threats and challenges have reiterating that the

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science and nature of the problems were already clear. They regarded the requirements to produce evidence and data to demonstrate the climate science underpinning each project as a waste of the little time left before the world reached a climate emergency tipping point. It was more important now to realize the solutions with some urgency.

Accelerating Access to GCF Resources through the Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) modality to address Capacity Needs of the Local Authorities

The FSM Green Climate Fund National Designated Authority through its Department of Finance & Administration in collaboration with the Pacific Community (SPC) conducted a workshop on October 17, 2019 at the Island Palms Hotel in Pohnpei. The workshop objectives were to present the EDA concept note to key stakeholders and to discuss the geographic and thematic scope of the proposed EDA program as well as its implementation and modalities.

All four states expressed strong support for this proposed concept and acknowledged the lack of capacities and access to adaptation finance at the municipal level. Hence, the FSM NDA Office and SPC will work on finalizing the EDA concept note and submit it to FSM Climate Change & Sustainable Development (CC&SD) Council’s review.

The proposed program will strive to establish a dedicated grants facility to strengthen climate change resilience in the four different States of FSM, through support to municipalities for impact-driven adaptation actions. The facility would be managed by SPC as the accredited entity for this proposal.



FSM kick starts the development of its National Adaptation Plan (NAP) on November 23, 2019 at the Island Palms Hotel in Pohnpei



FSM kick starts the development of its National Adaptation Plan through a workshop that was held at the Island Palms Hotel in Pohnpei. The workshop brought together more than 30 participants across the Federated States of Micronesia who are on the front line of climate change and disaster risk management. It was led by Ms Filomena Nelson, SPREP's Adaptation Specialist and Ms Fiona Percy, GCF Consultant through their Technical Assistance support

under the Readiness program with the support and assistance of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management.

There were exercises to draw out inputs from the key stakeholders and meaningful

exchanges on the proposal intentions and good practices criteria which will help inform the NAP proposal.

Outcomes from the NAP side meetings and the stakeholder workshop have presented a clear picture of the way forward for the NAP proposal.



The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has decided to pursue the NAP proposal to the GCF valued at an amount of USD 3 million, to be delivered by end of February 2020 and implemented over a 5 year period thereafter.

FSM NDA Office Participates in the Training Program on Green Climate Fund Concept Note Development through the Simplified Approval Process in Bangkok, Thailand (18-22 November 2019)

Ms Belinda Hadley, a GCF NDA Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia, participated in the Capacity Building Program on the Green Climate Fund Concept Note Development for Climate Adaptation through the Simplified Approval Process (SAP) held from 18-22 November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The workshop will then be further developed through coaching and mentoring support provided by the Asian Institute of Technology. Each country is expected to fully elaborate their GCF SAP Concept Notes throughout the capacity-building engagement that culminates in May 2020 and should be ready for submission to the GCF Secretariat for feedback.

During the five-day training 28 participants across Asia and Pacific shared experiences and learned the practical skills and know-how to develop a draft GCF SAP Concept Note. The draft concept notes worked by the participating countries during

The country representatives greatly appreciated GCF SAP specialists that were present at this meeting and provided assistance and support throughout the training program giving much merit through their validation and clarification on policies, processes, expectations and good practices. The FSM NDA office trusts GCF's continued support for countries' efforts in towards building capacity in order to effectively access



climate finance, advance climate change action, and enhance disaster risk reduction.

FSM NDA Office Welcomes Ms Caroline Lemailwer Werthog as the Program Assistant

The FSM NDA Office wishes to welcome and introduce Ms Caroline Lemailwer Werthog who recently joined the NDA office team in mid October 2019. She will be working as the Program Assistant to support the NDA office mainly with financial, administration and logistics that will strengthen capacity at the NDA office to implementation of the Readiness activities.



The following dates are proposed for meetings of the Board in 2019:

B.25 10-12 March 2020

B.26 23-25 June 2020

B.27 22-24 October 2020