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**Integrating Environment Commitments in Investment and Development Decision Making  
(IGECIDDM)**

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**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS**

**THIRD (3<sup>RD</sup>) QUARTER REPORT 2016**

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**Approved by (.....Date :.....)**

## Introduction

This report basically provides an update of the progress of the implementation of the project activities for the third quarter, the key challenges faced; the financial delivery for the period, and the activities earmarked for the fourth and final quarter of 2016.

### 1.0. Project implementation progress

As highlighted in the second quarter report, the key task earmarked for the third quarter is for the Project Management Unit (PMU) to vigorously follow up with UNDP to ensure all contracts for the Individual Consultants posts of the project (seven of them in total) are prepared and signed.

With a delay of three months or more since the advertisement, all the IC posts required to move the project forward has been filled. A total of seven (7) people have signed contracts with UNDP by September. They are:

- Sebastian Wesselman (a Dutch) who took on the REDD+ Specialist role;
- Samson Maeniuta (Solomon Islander), the Community Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist;
- Dr Richard Pauku (Solomon Islander), the Forest Inventory Specialist;
- Sennye Masike (Botswana), the Environmental Economist;
- Ruby Awa (Solomon Islander), the Environment and Customary Law Specialist;
- Cenon Padolina (Pilipino), the Environmental Safeguard Specialist, and
- Kristina Fidali (Solomon Islander), the Social Safeguard and Gender Specialist.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, an induction workshop has been held at the Heritage Park Hotel, purposely to brief the ICs on the deliverables expected of them, the linkages between some of their tasks, and more importantly for them to meet face to face the PMU and the key Government officials they will be working with to fulfil the project outputs. Attached to this report (as annexure 1) are the minutes of this workshop.

With all of the ICs now on board, the PMU expects the project outputs will be slowly realised as the ICs fulfil the deliverables expected of them.

Also during this quarter, SINU has submitted a draft module and teacher resource guide. PMU has forwarded the materials to the project board and other Government officials, the project's International Technical Advisor, GEF Focal point, and UNDP to which most of them have already provided their feedbacks. The second Tranche payment has already been made to SINU following the submission of the materials to the PMU.

### 2.0. Funds spent on the implementation

To date the total funds spent is USD 110, 949.96 of the USD 598,500 budgeted for this year. Table 3 below provides a more detail summary of these funds by outputs and a brief explanation on what they are spent on.

Outputs	Funds Spent from Jan-to date 2016 (USD)	Brief explanation
Output 1.1	\$ 22,675.71	These fund comprise of purchase of the new laptop, UNDP Cost recovery, and consultancy fees due to the international technical specialist and the web-designer

Output 1.2	\$ 0.00	
Output 1.3	\$ 0.00	
Output 2.1	\$ 0.00	
Output 2.2	\$ 5,363	Funds used mainly for adverts of ICs on Solomon Star newspaper
Output 3.1	\$ 0.00	
Output 3.2	\$ 25,977.15	
Output 3.3	\$ 0.00	
Output 3.4	\$ 4,384.13	
Output 4.1	\$ 54,129.96	These funds are used for the Telekom bills, salaries, UNDP cost recovery, sundry, and internet bills
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,949.96</b>	

Given the late recruitment of the ICs, the budget has been revised and reduced from USD 598,500 to USD 345,000. This reduction is important to reflect the activities the PMU anticipate can be completed by the end of this year. Some of the key ones include the planned provincial awareness trainings to be conducted by the PMU in collaboration with the Ministry of Forest and the project consultants, and paying of the fees due unto the ICs for the deliverables they meet this year. With these activities, it is expected that at least 70 to 80 percent of this revised budget will be utilised by the end of the year.

### 3.0. Earmarked activities for fourth quarter 2016

Following are the key activities earmarked for the fourth and final quarter of this year. Attachment 2 is a summary of all the deliverables of the ICs and their due dates.

- PMU to monitor and ensure that the REDD+ Specialist develop and submit a report recommending best practices to implement the REDD+ Roadmap and the TORs of the Forest Sector working group, the Agriculture and Land-use working group and the Technical working group who will be overseeing the mainstreaming of the Rio Conventions into selected provincial development plans. The due date of the TORs is end of October and 2<sup>nd</sup> December is the due date the report should be submitted.
- PMU to ensure that the Environment and Customary Law Specialist completed an Analytical framework to guide integration of Rio Conventions into domestic laws, plans and policies by 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2016. The completion of this deliverable will definitely marks the fulfilment of activity 1.2.1 under output 1.2.
- PMU to ensure that the Environmental Economist completed and submitted REDD+ economic models on appropriate mechanisms, a report on financial mechanisms that could be used in the Solomon Islands for benefit sharing and incentive mechanisms for the greater uptake of REDD+, and a draft national policy on REDD+ economics, benefits sharing etc by 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.
- PMU to ensure that the Environmental Safeguard Specialist and the Social Safeguard and Gender Specialist produce the report identifying and discussing the need for national policy

strengthening and coherence of existing laws with regard to environmental safeguards, the potential environmental a benefits and risks posed by the National REDD+ Road Map and proposed REDD+ activity implementation and priorities. The report is due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

- PMU to ensure the Forest Inventory Specialist produce the training manuals incorporating standardised local friendly methods for community based ecosystem assessments for REDD+ projects and the 2016 third quarter report on services provided in support of the REDD+ Technical Advisor. These reports are due on the 30 November 2016.
- PMU to ensure the Community Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist completed and submitted a comprehensive public awareness plan for MoFR to promote REDD+ in the country and a Public Awareness Strategy & an Implementation Plan for the Project and REDD+. These are due on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Also the PMU will be collaborating with the consultant to undertake a Survey and compiled a report containing statistical and sociological analysis focusing on the awareness and understanding of line ministries staff and stakeholders re REDD. This is due on 2 December 2016. The completion of these deliverables will enable the fulfilment of activity 3.2.2.
- PMU to convene at least a provincial awareness before this year end. The aim would to test the Community strategy developed by the Community Consultation Specialist.

## **Attachment 1:** minutes of the induction workshop

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**Project Name:** Integrating Global Environment Commitments in Investment and Development Decision Making (IGECIDDM).

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Time:** 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

**Venue:** Heritage Park Hotel, Gallery 2

**Scriber:** Eric Houma

### **Present:**

1. Melchior Mataka – PS MECDM
2. Ms. Azusa Kubota – UNDP Country Manager
3. Kristina Fidali – Social Safe guard and Gender Specialist.
4. Ruby Awa – Environmental and Customary Law Specialist
5. Sebastian Wesselman – REDD+ Specialist
6. Cenon. B. Padelina – Environment Safeguard Specialist
7. Peter Wulf – Project Technical Adviser.
8. Deltina Solomon – UNDP
9. Cathy Uga – CB2, UNDP
10. David Tufi – CCD, MECDM
11. Malachi Batee – CCD, MECDM
12. Franklyn Wasi – Planning and Land use, MAL
13. Hayley Kouto – CB2 PM, UNDP
14. Eric Houma – CB2, UNDP
15. Kofi. O. Apreku – SINU
16. Barnabas Bago – MECDM
17. Kedson Ago – MOFR
18. Lynelle Popot – UNDP
19. Gideon Solo – MOFR

### **Apologies**

1. PS MAL
2. PS Forestry
3. Sennye Masike – Environment Economist Specialist

## **Agenda**

1. Opening prayer
2. Remarks from PS MECDM and UNDP Country Manager
3. Workshop Objectives
4. Overview of the Project.
5. Interlinkage between consultants' Role.
6. Going forward and Deliverables.

### **Item 1: Opening prayer.**

- The opening pray of the workshop was said by the CB2 project Manager – Mr. Hayley Kouto

### **Item 2: Remarks from PS MECDM and UNDP Country Manager**

**PS MECDM** – Welcome everyone both the Project Partners and the consultants. He mentioned that the project was based in his ministry. The project is very simple but ambitious. The inputs from the consultants are vital to move the project forward in terms of its implementation. He encouraged all the consultants to work closely together given REDD+ is a new concept in this country. Likewise all the partner Government Ministries should also be collaborating with the project and the consultants. At the end of the day the effective management of the Multi-lateral Environment Agreements (MEAs) such as the Rio Conventions by the Government and the country at large depends to some extent on the outcomes of this project. . He concluded by acknowledging all the consultants for accepting the offer to support the project.

**UNDP Country Manager** – She thanked the PS MECDM for his inspiring words. She also acknowledged the representatives from other partner Ministries for their presence. She then welcomed and introduced all the Consultants. She also acknowledges the Government's representation in the recent UN General Assembly meeting.

She mentioned that getting the consultants on board is a very long tedious process. On that he thanked both the Government for their patience and the PMU for their efforts. She then went on and briefly highlighted the objectives of the workshop. She also acknowledged the presence of all the consultants especially the international ones for making it to the workshop.

### **Item 3: Workshop Objectives**

The UNDP Country Manager explains the Key objectives of the workshop. The objectives are;

- To provide awareness to the ICs (especially the non-Solomon Islanders) on which ministries they will be working with and the key people they should be seeing to gather information;
- To provide an overview of the project
- To clearly explain the expectations of the Consultants (i.e. the deliverables) as per their TORs and how these are linked to the project outputs.

She further encouraged all, especially the Consultants to ask more questions based on their TORs so that they can get clarifications from the Technical Adviser and PMU.

**Item 4: Project Overview.**

The Project Manager presented a brief overview of the project. He explained the three main components of the project namely;-

1. Strengthening institutional capacities for improved implementation of Rio Convention obligations
2. Strengthening the Development Consent Process to more effectively mainstream Rio Convention obligations
3. Strengthening awareness and understanding of REDD+ as a strategy to meet Rio Convention obligations

And he further highlighted the different outputs and activities under each of these components.

**Comment:** The PS for MECDM updated everyone that the Environment Act and the Forestry Act is currently under review. He also mentioned that the Asian Development Bank is taking the lead in the reviewing the Environment Act.

**Item 5: Interlinkage between consultants’ Role**

The Technical adviser mentioned that he is the one assisting the PMU to review the TORs. The TORs are framed in the way whereby all the consultants have to work together given the linkages between some of their tasks and the deliverables. .

The Project Technical adviser runs through the different deliverables and how they link with each other. . He further advised that since the time line is very tight, the consultants need to consult each other to deliver their deliverables. There is an extensive discussion on this agenda especially on different tasks of different consultants and how they can provide support for each other to deliver their tasks. He concluded by encouraging the partner ministries to support the consultants to work towards meeting the expected deliverables.

See below the different deliverable of each of the consultants.

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<p><b>Consolidated ToRs of the Forest Sector Working Group and the Agriculture and Land-Use Working Group and the Technical Working Group;</b></p> <p><b>Proposed best practices, financial and economic instruments to implement the</b></p>	<p>A report identifying and discussing the need for national policy strengthening and coherence of existing laws with regard to social safeguards, the potential social benefits and risks posed by the National REDD+ Road Map and proposed</p>	<p>report identifying and discussing the need for national policy strengthening and coherence of existing laws with regard to environmental safeguards, the potential environmental a benefits and risks posed by the National REDD+ Road</p>	<p>Training manuals incorporating standardised local friendly methods for community based ecosystem assessments for REDD+ projects</p> <p>2016 third quarter report on services provided in</p>	<p>Analytical framework to guide integration of Rio Conventions into domestic laws, plans and policies</p> <p>Training materials on good mainstreaming practices to integrate global environment</p>	<p>A comprehensive public awareness plan developed to targeted activities to promote REDD+:</p> <p>Public Awareness Strategy &amp; an Implementation Plan for the Project and REDD+.</p>	<p>Environmental REDD+ economic models on appropriate mechanisms</p> <p>Report on financial mechanisms that could be used in SI for benefit sharing and incentive mechanism for greater uptake of REDD+ A draft national policy on REDD+ economics and benefits</p>

<p><b>REDD+ Roadmap</b></p> <p><b>Draft sections of the action plans for Solomon Islands' NFMS and RELs/RLs;</b></p> <p><b>Detailed work plan for the development of the Solomon Islands' RELs/RLs;</b></p> <p><b>Proposed recommendations to strengthen the intuitional linkages between the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Environment Monitoring System (EMIS)</b></p> <p><b>REDD+ Training Manual and Glossary and reports on training provided</b></p> <p><b>Technical modules and training sessions based on information from similar manuals, the REDD+ Academy "Learning Journals" and other resources</b></p> <p><b>Terminal mission report</b></p>	<p>REDD+ activity implementation and priorities</p> <p>Gap analysis and reviews as required above including for the Land Use Policy and Code of Logging Practice</p> <p>Reports as required by the Environmental and Customary Law Specialist within the scope of work as identified above</p> <p>Advice on National Guidelines and plans on social safeguards particularly for the forestry and agriculture sectors</p>	<p>Map and proposed REDD+ activity implementation and priorities</p> <p>Gap analysis and reviews as required above including for the Land Use Policy and Code of Logging Practice</p> <p>Reports as required by the Environmental and Customary Law Specialist within the scope of work as identified above</p> <p>Advice on National Guidelines and plans on environmental safeguards particularly for the forestry and agriculture sectors</p>	<p>support of the REDD+ Technical Advisor</p> <p>Awareness training for the importance of REDD+ 2016 Q4 Report</p> <p>Guidelines for Quality Assurance for the field survey of future NFY Cycles and Test the QA methodology during any survey conducted in the provinces. 2017 Q1 Report</p> <p>Training reports on trainings provided to field crews who participate in the survey the methodology and tools used 2017 Q2 Report</p>	<p>priorities into selected national and provincial development plans.</p> <p>Advice on the proposed amendments to the <i>Environment Act</i> and <i>Environment Regulations</i></p> <p>Advice and proposed amendments on the integration of REDD+ into domestic law</p>	<p>First Survey Report containing statistical and sociological analysis focusing on the awareness and understanding of line ministries staff and stakeholders re REDD+.</p> <p>REDD+ Awareness Materials (Posters, brochures, short videos and articles) that communicates issues and facts on REDD+, Climate change and its link to forestry, Livelihoods and development. At least six (6) awareness materials should be developed</p> <p>Consolidated Training packages and programme and resource materials on the revised EMIS and NFMS</p> <p>REDD+ Awareness Materials (Posters, brochures, short videos and articles) that communicates issues and facts on REDD+, Climate change and its link to forestry, Livelihoods and development. At least three (3) awareness</p>	<p>Pilot project proposal to test an innovative forest management approach framed by REDD+ that will demonstrate measurable indicators of delivering global environment benefits</p> <p>Study report on valuation of Environmental Services from Forest Ecosystem</p> <p>Resource Mobilization Strategy and a Prioritized Implementation Plan for the REDD+ Roadmap</p> <p>Consolidated Training programme/materials and Report on the updated EIA guidelines for agriculture and Forestry Sector.</p> <p>Study Report on the Valuation of Environmental Services from Forest Eco-Systems.</p>
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					<p>materials should be developed</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Survey Report containing statistical and sociological analysis focusing on the awareness and understanding of line ministries staff and stakeholders re REDD+.</p>	
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**Action Points**

- 1. All agreed that PMU to circulate the TORs of all consultants and other relevant documents.**
- 2. PMU to assist the consultants to arrange meetings with key officers in the key Ministries.**
- 3. It was agreed that all Consultants will need to send in their availability time and travel Plans to PMU for logistics and meeting purposes.**

**Item 6: Going forward and Deliverables**

Also there will be a Results workshop to be held in June 2017. All consultants must attend. The proposed date for the workshop is 14th June 2017. All consultants have to draft a summary of how their deliverables actually links to the project output and the lessons learnt from the work done. These have to be submitted to the PMU for consolidation.

**Closing remarks**

The project Manager thanked everyone attending the workshop and the workshop was closed at 1:30 pm.

Attachment 2: consolidate matrix of ICs deliverables due dates

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
<p><b><u>1. REDD+ Specialist</u></b></p> <p>[Mr Sebastian Wesselman ]</p>	TORs of the Forest Sector Working Group, the Agriculture and Land-Use Working Group and the Technical Working Group		Proposed best practices, financial and economic instruments to implement the REDD+ Roadmap			<p>Draft sections of the action plans for Solomon Islands' NFMS and RELs/RLs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Detailed work plan for the development of the Solomon Islands' RELs/RLs</li> <li>•Proposed recommendations to strengthen the intuitional linkages between the National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and Environment Monitoring System (EMIS)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•REDD+ Training Manual and Training reports on the training provided</li> <li>•Technical modules and training sessions based on information from similar manuals, the REDD+ Academy "Learning Journals" and other resources</li> </ul>	Terminal Mission Report
<p><b><u>2. Environment &amp; Custom Law Specialist</u></b></p>			Analytical framework to guide integration of Rio Conventions into domestic laws, plans and policies		Training materials on good mainstreaming practices to integrate global environment priorities into selected national and provincial development plan			<p>Advice on the proposed amendments to the <i>Environment Act</i> and <i>Environment Regulations</i></p> <p>Advice and proposed amendments on the</p>	

								integration of REDD+ into domestic law	
<b><u>3. Environmental Economist</u></b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REDD+ economic models on appropriate mechanisms</li> <li>• Report on financial mechanisms that could be used in the Solomon Islands for benefit sharing and incentive mechanisms for the greater uptake of REDD+</li> <li>• A draft national policy on REDD+ economics, benefits sharing etc</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot project proposal to 'test' innovative forest management approach framed by REDD+ that will demonstrate measurable indicators of delivering environmental benefits</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study Report on the Valuation of Environmental Services from Forest Eco-Systems.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource mobilization strategy for the National REDD+ Roadmap</li> </ul>
<b><u>4. Environment Safeguard Specialist</u></b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• report identifying and discussing the need for national policy strengthening and coherence of existing laws with regard to environmental/social</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gap analysis and reviews report focusing on Land Use Policy and Code of Logging Practice</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice on National Guidelines and plans (including checklist) on environmental/social safeguards particularly for the forestry and</li> </ul>

			safeguards, the potential environmental/social benefits and risks posed by the National REDD+ Road Map and proposed REDD+ activity implementation and priorities			• Reports as required by the Environmental and Customary Law Specialist within the scope of work as identified above			agriculture sectors
<b><u>5. Social Safeguard and Gender Specialist</u></b>			• report identifying and discussing the need for national policy strengthening and coherence of existing laws with regard to environmental/social safeguards, the potential environmental/social benefits and risks posed by the National REDD+ Road Map and proposed REDD+ activity implementation and priorities			• Gap analysis and reviews report focusing on Land Use Policy and Code of Logging Practice • Reports as required by the Environmental and Customary Law Specialist within the scope of work as identified above			• Advice on National Guidelines and plans (including checklist) on environmental/social safeguards particularly for the forestry and agriculture sectors

<p><b><u>6. Forest Inventory Specialist</u></b></p>		<p>•Training manuals incorporating standardised local friendly methods for community based ecosystem assessments for REDD+ projects</p> <p>2016 Q3 Report</p>		<p>•Awareness training for the importance of REDD+</p>		<p>•Guidelines for Quality Assurance for the field survey of future NFY Cycles and Test the QA methodology during any survey conducted in the provinces.</p> <p><b>2017 Q1</b></p>	<p>•Training programmes (report) for field crews who participate in the survey the methodology and tools used</p>
<p><b><u>7. Community Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist</u></b></p>	<p>A comprehensive public awareness plan developed to targeted activities to promote REDD+:</p> <p>Public Awareness Strategy &amp; an Implementation Plan for the Project and REDD+.</p>		<p>First Survey Report containing statistical and sociological analysis focusing on the awareness and understanding of line ministries staff and stakeholders re REDD</p>	<p>REDD+ Awareness Materials (Posters, brochures, short videos and articles) that communicates issues and facts on REDD+, Climate change and its link to forestry, Livelihoods and development. At least six (6) awareness materials should be developed</p>		<p>Consolidated Training packages and programme and resource materials on the revised EMIS and NFMS</p>	<p>REDD+ Awareness Materials (Posters, brochures, short videos and articles) that communicates issues and facts on REDD+, Climate change and its link to forestry, Livelihoods and development. At least three (3) awareness materials should be developed</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Survey Report containing statistical and sociological analysis focusing on the awareness and understanding of line ministries staff and stakeholders re REDD+</p>

