



Minutes of the Meeting between Tuvalu Prime Minister's Delegation and UNDP Management

Venue: Level 2, Tuvalu High Commission, Gorrie Street, Suva

Time: 15:22 hours – 16:15 hours

Date: Friday 22nd February 2019

In Attendance:

Tuvalu Delegation

HE Hon Prime Minister Enele Sopoaga - NDA

Mr Tine Leuelu – Secretary to Government

HE Mr Temate Melitiana – Tuvalu High Commissioner to Fiji

Mr. Fakavae Taomia – CEO for MFATTEL

Pepetua Latasi – Director, Department of Climate Change and Disaster

UNDP/TCAP Management Delegation

Bakhodir Burkhanov – UNDP Resident Representative

Kevin Petrini – Team Leader RSD, UNDP

Arthur Web – TCAP Chief Technical Advisor

Alan Resture – Project Manager, TCAP

Prime Minister's 3pm Meeting

1. Prime Minister asked for any updates, and RR Bakhodir handed over to Kevin for an update.
2. Team Leader (TL) Kevin updated the PM about the GCF-UNDP Technical call earlier on. 8 people from GCF joined the call. Arthur justified why land reclamation on Fogafale is a Category B risk. GCF confirmed that there are major changes to the Prodoc, and as such GoT may require to resubmit a new proposal, and provide more information including a full ESIA.
3. The PM showed his disappointment stating that we are stuck, as there is no room for progress. The Government of Tuvalu wanted to have coastal protection for the outer islands first. Cyclone Mona had a devastating impact on Nanumea, dislocating several families. TCAP should focus on Nanumea and Nanumaga first, and leave Funafuti. Yet, UNDP is focusing on Funafuti. He stated that either GoT changes IE from UNDP to another entity, or have Tuvalu handle all of the project. Before the PBM, we need to clarify whether UNDP is capable of doing TCAP or we look elsewhere.
 - The management of the project is poor. If the project management is given to Tuvalu it would have been better.
 - Tripartite meeting has been delayed since 2018.
 - TCAP having 2 offices is not good. Need to relocate all personnel to Tuvalu
4. RR Bakhodir agreed that we are too fixated on Fogafale. He
 - Assured the PM that UNDP can manage Category B risks projects, which is the land reclamation work on Fogafale.



- UNDP is ready for a tripartite meeting. If a tripartite meeting is to occur, the request has to come from the NDA, and it should happen asap;
- A PBM is not necessary as there is no progress to report on;
- We (TCAP & UNDP) is ready to move on Nanumaga and Nanumea. We only need GoT to approve design (berm and CBs) in order to commence.
- RR is disheartened by how GCF handled TCAP and need the PM's assistance at the political level
- PMU's relocation: Currently, PMU is operating as it should. Alan is the Project Manager stationed at Tuvalu. DPM, Finance Officer, and Procurement Officer are backstopping the project from Fiji. TCAP is still in its preparatory phase and needs staff in Fiji. Once construction is underway, then it might be feasible to relocate.

PM's response

- We practically need to address this issue. He knew that Funafuti proposal for reclaimed land was only after JICA's project failed.
- TCAP's priority was on outer islands. Nanumea did not receive any assistance from NAPA 1 project. Let's move forward, leave Funafuti and focus on Nanumea and Nanumaga.
- Agreed to go ahead with the Tripartite meeting. Concerned about the loss of land and TCAP needs to work on Nanumea and Nanumaga straight after the Songdo meeting
- Let us move on shared understanding. After the Tripartite meeting, we need a way forward

RR's response

- Songdo's meeting is only on land reclamation on Fogafale.
- With PM's support, the project can start on Nanumea and Nanumaga;
- Other bureaucratic matters will be addressed after the Songdo meeting
- This is his last day at UNDP Fiji Office
- Thanked the PM for all his support

PM

On behalf of my people, I want to thank you Mr Bakhodir. Your going to New York will help Tuvalu in your story telling.

Secretary to Government also thanks Mr Bakhodir and reaffirms that the project will and should continue to move forward.

Meeting concludes at 16:13pm followed by refreshments.