

In Fiji, the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Programme will target two important aspects of the GCF approach: access to funds and private sector engagement. In this context, the Programme focuses on a range of readiness activities in the following **priority areas**: i) **build and strengthen the institutional capacity of national entities** in Fiji with a focus on enabling **direct access**; and to ii) help Fiji **prepare climate change mitigation and adaptation investment strategies, programmes and projects**, including through the active involvement of the **private sector**.

## 1. Institutional readiness

- Status of readiness of NDA:  
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the NDA. It is getting support from GCF Secretariat for institutional strengthening. The National Coordinator is working closely with the NDA in terms of the roles of the NDA.
- Status of readiness of NIEs for accreditation:  
UNEP engaged a consultant who undertook Accreditation awareness from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August for 8 interested agencies in response to an Expression of Interest call by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Government prioritized the Fiji Development Bank (FDB) as Fiji's potential national accredited entity. A Roadmap was provided by the UNEP consultant to the FDB which identified gaps in their current proposal and Action items that FDB must pursue now in time for the November Board meeting. It is targeted to register the FDB as a user with the GCF Secretariat by August, and providing guidance, and preparing all supporting documentation between August and November and submitting the application before the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## 2. Project pipeline:

- Readiness of project pipeline:  
The partners expect that Fiji will be able to submit first projects to the GCF in 2016. In 2014 the partners supported Fiji to develop a process, criteria and an assessment/scoring matrix to select projects for submission to the GCF, in line with GCF requirements and Fiji's climate priorities. (*Note: By mid - 2015 six project ideas were already formulated and submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*) UNEP is working closely with FDB to also develop a project which they can also submit after becoming accredited.

- Status of strategic framework/country programme: includes

Green Growth Framework – Fiji launched its Green Growth Framework (GGF) on June 1 2015, which was endorsed in August 2014. The GGF is an innovative tool to accelerate integrated and inclusive sustainable development that inspires action at all levels in the country to build environmental resilience, build social improvement and reduce poverty, build economic growth, and build resilience to the anticipated adverse effects of climate change. It is intended to complement Fiji's National Development Plan.

National Development Plan – Fiji is currently formulating its long term National Development 2015-2035. It will be the successor to the Roadmap for Democracy and Sustainable Socio- Economic Development 2009-2014. Fiji's long term development Plan will be comprehensive and which will be in line with the previous Development Plans (DPs) for Fiji that existed prior to 1987. Fiji is targeting to launch the new Development Plan by November 2015.

National Climate Change Policy – This will be reviewed in 2016.

Draft National Climate Change Coordination Guideline – In progress

Draft Climate Change Finance Guideline – In progress

Climate Public Expenditure Institutional Review (CPEIR) has been endorsed by the Budget and Aid Coordinating Committee (BACC) and it has been submitted for Cabinet consideration.

3. Readiness Plan approved: Yes. To be circulated to GCF Readiness Programme board members.

4. Country coordinator on board in Fiji: Yes, since July 27<sup>th</sup> 2015. Based in the Climate Change Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Finance Associate is based at the UNDP Multi Country Office.