

**NAURU RIDGE TO REEF  
LPAC [LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE] MEETING**  
Venue: Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment, GoN  
Date: Wednesday 18 March, 2015 Time: 11:00 – 12:00 pm

**Minutes of the Meeting**

The Nauru R2R LPAC was chaired by Secretary for DCIE who also made an opening remark to the meeting participants. Present in the meeting was the Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Trade together with other representative from other key government stakeholders such as (DCIE – Environment and Agriculture, Presidents’ Office – Climate Change, Planning Aid Division, UN CDM and Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resource Authority) and including UNDP and Nauru UN CDM.

UNDP presented an update of the content of the project document focusing specifically on project sites and the interventions, project outcomes, outputs & activities, management arrangement, project result framework, activity budget, partnership, monitoring and evaluation. Following the presentation was a feedback session from key players on thoughts and recommendations to put forward in the upcoming inception workshop.


<b>FEEDBACK: LPAC Members</b>	<b>RESPONSES: UNDP</b>
<p><b>Project Interventions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where is the boarder for the ridge to reef project on the island</li> <li>• The placement and use of FADs need to be considered because of open use access on marine resources outside the reef area especially from those districts on the western side of the island. Proposal was made in the meeting to place one FAD each for the current pilot districts while the 2<sup>nd</sup> FAD to be placed in other districts in the western side. The selection of sites for the 2<sup>nd</sup> FADs should consider district population size, the most effective place to place it, if there are any existing FADs in place etc to help avoid people from the western side fishing off FADs of the project sites. A question was raised if canoes will also be provided for the other districts.</li> <li>• It is important to ensure that the whole</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four districts will focus on marine interventions while one district will focus on terrestrial interventions. The boundary of the reef extends as far as the reef drop while the terrestrial is limited only to areas that have not used for mining</li> <li>• This proposal on the placement of FAD is possible and should be identified in the inception workshop. The use of FADs in part of management planning that should be incorporated into each districts management action plans</li> <li>• There is opportunity in the inception to discuss about the canoes and will need to be properly justified on needs and benefits.</li> <li>• It is possible and is encouraged.</li> </ul>

<p>island is able to also receive and plant seedlings rather than focusing only on the five project sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A concern was raised on what will be the design for the composting toilets taking into consideration the results of a different funded project on composting toilets currently being used that did not buy in the interest of the communities. This is important in order to gain support to the project. Can the R2R project upscale the composting toilets currently in place?</li> <li>• Data will need to be collected on whether the existing composting toilets have worked to address water quality – water quality monitoring in nearby areas as evidence base results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes this is possible as the design has not been confirmed in the project document. An assessment will need to be conducted of the current one if it has or has not worked etc to better design one that serves the purpose of proper waste management and is within the budget allocated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Management Arrangement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What will be the role of the PMU Advisor?</li> <li>• Project Aid Management is not identified in the management structure considering the key role it plays for monitoring project funds etc</li> <li>• Who will be reporting to UNDP?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently developing the ToR of the PMU Advisor</li> <li>• Project Aid Management could be placed in the Project Assurance and to raise this in the inception</li> <li>• All PMU staff will be managed by UND. Reporting lines are identified in the ToRs. Project progress will be submitted to UNDP on quarterly basis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Outcomes and Outputs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will these be monitored as per project interventions eg composting toilets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes and outputs are monitored through the indicators and target identified in the project document.</li> <li>• The monitoring of intervention success is also taken into consideration because they will help determine management actions in terms of what has worked.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will the project ensure that the other sites around the island currently not part of the pilot will also be funded for interventions considering that the intention of the project will be to manage the whole island by the end of the project period</li> <li>• To ensure that there are enough funds to spend on the ground on some of the key activities for implementing the project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project budget can be revised during the implementation period to determine if there are any excess available to facilitate cost of expanding the interventions to sites outside the pilot site</li> <li>• The revision of budget will allow us to better identify costings needed on the ground for activities. The AWP 2015 has been signed but will be revised during the inception. The multi-year workplan will be finalized and signed off at the board meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important that individual households selected for the project is able to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PMU will employ a Communication Officer. His role will be to help ensure</li> </ul>

<p>understand the importance of their participation and ensure success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes people who receive handouts are not very appreciative and do not do what is expected of them to ensure success of the project</li> <li>• Confirmed concerns over lack of awareness and appreciation amongst community members citing lesson learnt from another project. Initially there was much interest but lack of appreciation thus poor implementation</li> </ul>	<p>awareness raising, community consultation etc to engage community interest and buy-in to the project.</p>
<p><b>Overall Project Document</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no mention on EIA in the project document. How can the project strengthen EIA considering that there are a lot of development happening that will affect the project</li> <li>• The idea of setting up protected areas within our fishing ground will affect the types of fish eaten as we will be expected to fish from outside the reef targeting only one type of fish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has a component focusing on governance and institution which will be to develop relevant policies for key sectors in which concerns on EIA can be included etc</li> <li>• There are different forms of management that can be considered when developing management action plans. The setting up of protected areas will not impose such threat if planned out properly etc</li> </ul>

**On behalf of Implementing Partner**  
**Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment**

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