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

**Project Implementation Quarterly Report.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report**

**[Reporting period: July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015]**

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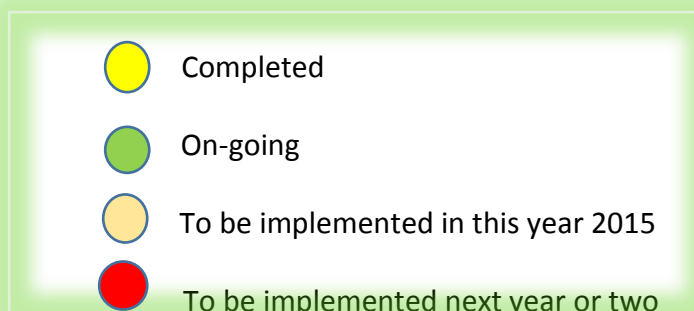
## Introduction

This report mainly provides an overview of: 1) key activities implemented in the third quarter of 2015 and the achievements; 2) the challenges faced and how they are being mitigated; and 3) the upcoming activities expected to be implemented in the third quarter of the year.






### 1.0. Summary of status of activities implemented and achievements







Table 1 below highlights the key activities already being implemented and completed, those that are currently being implemented (ongoing), and those that are yet to be implemented in this year, and finally those which will be implemented next year or the year after. You will note that these activities are the same ones contained in the 2015 Annual Work Plan (AWP) as well as the Multi-year Work plan 2016-17 (MYWP).






For Convenience, a 'traffic light' key is given below to better understand the status of these activities implementation.




















| Components, Outputs and Activities  | Traffic Light   | Status/Achievements   | Indicator                                      |
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| <b>Component 1: Strengthening institutional capacities to implement Rio Conventions</b> |   |   |  |
| <b>Output 1.1</b>   | <b>Strengthened management arrangements for Rio Convention implementation</b> |   |  |
| 1.1.1   | <div style="text-align: center;"> <span style="color: green;">●</span> </div> | On-going<br>Key focus recruiting of International Specialist and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior Forest Officer.<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>International Specialist advertised.<br>Working with UNDP to recruit the Senior Forest | RIU has mandate to coordinate CC CD Activities |








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| 1.1.2             | Formally establish the National REDD+ Committee and Focal Points                     |    | On-going-<br><b>Comments:</b><br>PMU already sent draft cabinet paper (the REDD+ Roadmap cab paper) to MoFR for reviewing. Establishing the NRC is one item in it           | NRC & Focal points formally established          |
| 1.1.3             | Strengthen coordination and institutional linkages                                   |    | To be implement this year.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>This is one of the tasks to be completed with the International Specialist when on board-drafting and signing of the MOU. | MOU signed between NRC, TWGs and Govt ministries |
| 1.1.4             | Support working group on land degradation and formulate National Land-use Policy     |  | To be implement next year or two.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>Liaise with MAL on areas CB2 can support the already formulated NLUP or setting up a LDWG.                         | LDWG established & NLUP Endorsed                 |
| 1.1.5             | Convene training workshops for improved inter-agency coordination and collaboration. |  | To be implement this year.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>This is pending bringing the International Specialist on board.   | Training workshop materials                      |
| <b>Output 1.2</b> | <b>Mainstream RCs into selected development plans through REDD+ framework</b>        |   |   |  |
| 1.2.1             | Develop analytical framework for Rio Convention obligations into sector planning     |  | To be implement next year or two.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>CB2 will be drafting a TOR for specialist to undertake this work next year 2016.                                   | Analytical Framework                             |

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| 1.2.2 | Convene expert working group to integrate conventions into forest sector planning      |    | To be implemented next year or two.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>With the guidance of the International specialist, CB2 will be drafting the TORs for these groups with the aim of having the groups fully functional next year or two. | Tracking and Progress Reports, Meeting Minutes |
| 1.2.3 | Convene expert working group to integrate conventions into agriculture sector planning |    | To be implemented next year or two.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>Same as Activity 1.2.2.  | Tracking and Progress Reports, Meeting Minutes |
| 1.2.4 | Convene expert working group to integrate conventions into provincial development plan |   | To be implemented next year or two<br><b>Comments:</b><br>Same as Activity 1.2.2  | Tracking and Progress Reports, Meeting Minutes |
| 1.2.5 | Convene training sessions to integrate environmental priorities into development plans |  | To be implemented next year or two.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>Same as Activity 1.2.2   | Meeting minutes, Tracking & Progress Reports   |
| 1.2.6 | Pilot forest management approach using REDD+ (building on 1.2.2, 1.2.3 and 1.2.4)      |  | To be implemented next year or two.<br><b>Comments:</b><br>CB2 will be working closely with the International Specialist this year on how to implement this activity next year or two   | Tracking and Progress Reports                  |
| 1.2.7 | Prepare lessons learned report from piloting activity 1.2.6                            |  | To be implemented next year or two<br><b>Comments:</b><br>Pending implementation  | Lessons learnt report                          |

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| <b>Output 1.3</b>   | <b>Resource mobilization strategy</b>  |   |  |   |
| 1.3.1   | Develop Resource Mobilization Strategy and Plan for National REDD+ Roadmap.                |    | To be implemented next year or two.<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>Pending recruitment of a consultant to do this work   | Resource mobilization strategy                        |
| 1.3.2   | Identify best practices and instruments to pilot and implement REDD+ Roadmap               |    | To be implemented next year or two.<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>Pending recruitment of the consultant to do the activity 1.3.1.   | Feasibility study report on best practices            |
| <b>Component 2: Mainstreaming Rio Convention obligations into Development Consent Process</b> |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Output 2.1</b>   | <b>Global environment priorities and REDD+ Safeguards integrated into DC process</b>       |   |  |   |
| 2.1.1   | Develop safeguards framework integrating Rio Conventions and REDD+ safeguards              |  | To be implemented next year or two<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>Pending recruitment of the consultant. In the meantime CB2 will be liaising with the International Specialist on developing a TOR for this Activity. | Country safeguard system framework                    |
| 2.1.2   | Integrate Rio Conventions obligations into agriculture and forestry sectors EIA guidelines |  | To be implemented next year or two<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>Pending recruitment of the consultant to be hired to do Activity 2.1.1.  | Strengthened EIA Guideline/check list for MoFR & MAL  |
| 2.1.3   | Convene training sessions on updated EIA guidelines for agriculture and forestry sectors   |  | To be implemented next year or two<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>Pending recruitment of the consultant to be hired to do  | Training & workshops for revised guidelines completed |

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|   |  |   | Activity 2.1.1.  |   |
| 2.1.4   | Initiate approval process for National Safeguard Information System and EIA guidelines |    | To be implemented next year or two year.<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>CB2 will be working with the Consultant to do Activity 2.1.1 to draft a cabinet paper to seek approval of the NSIS and the EIA guidelines. | NSIS & Updated guidelines endorsed by cabinet                                   |
| 2.1.5   | Initiate process to explore valuation of ecosystem services in EIS and PER processes   |    | To be implemented next year or two year.<br><br><b>Comments:</b><br>CB2 will be working the Consultant on how to implement this activity.  | Study on eco-systems services valuation within EIS & PER Process                |
| <b>Output 2.2</b>   | <b>Improved EMIS and NFMS</b>  |   |  |   |
| 2.2.1   | Carry out an in-depth baseline analysis of information needs                           |  | To be implemented next year .  | Information Analysis study  |
| 2.2.2   | Convene technical working group to improve EMIS  |  | To be implemented next year or two year  | working group established and meet to draft & review proposal for improved EMIS |
| 2.2.3   | Strengthen institutional linkages with NFMS and Development Consent processes          |  | To be implemented next year or two year  | unified data for all SG institutions  |
| 2.2.4   | Develop training programme and technical training resources on EMIS and NFMS           |  | To be implemented next year or two year  | Training program & resources for EMIS & NFMS                                    |
| 2.2.5   | Train government staff on revised EMIS and NFMS  |  | To be implemented next year or two year  | Training program implemented in month 15 & 27                                   |
| <b>Component 3: Strengthening awareness of REDD+ as a strategy to meet Rio Convention obligations</b> |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Output 3.1</b>   | <b>Project Launch and Results Workshop</b>   |   |  |   |
| 3.1.1   | Organize and convene one-day project launch workshop                                   |  | Completed/<br>Achieved   | Inception Report, minutes & attendees list                                      |
| 3.1.2   | Organize and convene one-day project   |  | To be  | Workshop  |

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|                   | results workshop  |   | implemented in final year of project  | report, minutes                          |
| <b>Output 3.2</b> | <b>Public Awareness campaign, survey, and educational materials</b>                   |   |   |  |
| 3.2.1             | Conduct broad-based survey of line ministries' understanding of Rio Conventions       |    | To be implemented next year   | Survey report on understanding of RCs    |
| 3.2.2             | Prepare comprehensive public awareness implementation plan                            |    | To be implemented this year.<br><br>Comments:<br><br>CB2 will be working closely with the International Specialist to draft up a plan                                 | Public Awareness plan                    |
| 3.2.3             | Prepare articles and brochures on Rio Conventions and REDD+ activities                |    | Achieved<br><br>Comments:<br>This has been achieved however, this is also an on-going activity as more brochures/articles will be published as the project progresses | Brochures and Sol star newspaper article |
| 3.2.4             | Develop and integrate an education module on the global environment for high schools  |  | To be implemented next year or two year   | High School Education models             |
| 3.2.5             | Develop an education module for inclusion in environmental science course at SINU     |  | To be implemented next year or two year   | Education modules for SINU               |
| 3.2.6             | Prepare radio PSA discussing good community practices to safeguard global environment |  | On-going.<br><br>Comments:<br><br>CB2 will be working with International Specialist and MoFR and MECDM on the relevant radio programs.                                | PSA Radio programs                       |
| <b>Output 3.3</b> | <b>Awareness-raising dialogues and workshops</b>                                      |   |   |  |
| 3.3.1             | Organize and convene private sector sensitization panel on Rio Conventions and REDD+  |  | To be implemented next year and the final year  | 3 panel discussions minutes              |
| 3.3.2             | Organize and convene provincial awareness workshops on Rio Conventions and REDD+      |  | On-going  | Provincial workshop minutes and          |

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|                           |   |   |   | awareness materials |
| <b>Output 3.4</b>         | <b>Internet visibility of good practices for REDD+ implementation</b>                 |   |   |                     |
| 3.4.1                     | Improve selected or create webpage with info on all REDD+ & Rio Convention activities |  | On-going  | Website launch      |
| <b>Project Management</b> |   |   |   |                     |
| <b>A</b>                  | Locally recruited personnel: Project Coordinator                                      |  | Achieved/ Completed                                 | Copy of Contract    |
| <b>B</b>                  | Locally recruited personnel: Project Assistant  |  | Achieved/ Completed                                 | Copy of Contract    |
| <b>C</b>                  | International Evaluation Consultant: Terminal Evaluation                              |  | To be implemented after the duration of the project |                     |
| <b>D</b>                  | Office facilities and communications  |  |   |                     |
| <b>E</b>                  | Project start-up: Organize project team and review work plan                          |  | AWP 2015 Approved                                   | Copy of AWP         |
| <b>F</b>                  | Policy Board meetings   |  | Ongoing   | Board minutes       |

## 2.0. Challenges/risks faced and their mitigation

| Potential Risks   | Category | Mitigation strategy  |
|---|----------|--|
| <b>1. Bureaucratic process and limited capacity risk</b>  |          |  |
| <b>UNDP</b><br>Delays in procurement within UNDP – Honiara sub-office resulting in long delays in procuring of goods and services essential for moving the project forward. | High     | CB2 through the PROMPT is working with UNDP to address this issue. |



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| <b>SIG</b><br>Competing for priority with other UNDP Projects and Donor Agencies – All projects demanding time and effort from a limited pool of officers within the Government and partner agencies. | Medium | Convene Quarterly meetings with MECDM, MoFR & MAL PSs and directors to update them on progress as well as rallying their support for the project. |
| <b>2. Political will risk</b>   |        |   |
| <b>SIG</b><br>Currently experiencing delays with submission of REDD+ Roadmap to cabinet. Reason change of Minister.   | High   | Liaising with both PSs MECDM/MoFR to brief the new Minister. PMU has taken the initiative to review the draft cabinet paper.                      |

### 3.0. Upcoming activities for the third quarter

The key activities in line for the third quarter are as follows:

**I. Under output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1- Strengthening capacity of the RIU-MoFR, PMU will:**

- Finalise the LoA- Liaise with UNDP Ms Cecelia to progress recruitment of the second RIU Officer. Expected completion Date – 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Liaise with MoFR and UNDP Procurement to recruit the second IRU officer and the TA.
  - Expected starting date of second officer- November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Expected starting date for consultant- November 6<sup>th</sup>

**2. Under output 3.2, Activity 3.2.6- Public awareness**

- From this workshop PMU is currently in the process of drafting the structure of the Public Awareness Plan to be review by the International Technical Specialist.
- PMU is also still in contact with MECDM and MoFR to develop Public awareness programs or radio programs to be aired on radio. This programs should focus on good community practices to safeguard global environmental benefits. This

programs should be aired at strategic intervals. Special consideration will be made to translate the audio version of the PSA into key indigenous language for the radio version.

Expected date of completing a radio awareness program- November 30<sup>th</sup>

**3. Under output 3.3, Activity 3.3.2- Awareness workshops, PMU will:**

- PMU is currently in the process of drafting and finalising the Lessons learnt Report of the Lata REDD+ Provincial Awareness workshop.

In summary, these activities cannot be completed if the risks mentioned in table 2 are not mitigated effectively. However, it should also be noted that despite the PMU's best efforts, there might be some risks which is beyond its control, including SIGs.