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STATUS OF CLOSURE OF THE EU IWRM NATIONAL PLANNING PROGRAMME

Summary: *The EU-funded Pacific Integrated Water Resources Management Planning Programme formally concluded its four and a half years of operation on 30 June 2012. The Programme was implemented in close collaboration with the GEF Funded Pacific IWRM Project for the overlapping period of 2009-2012, and provided support to 14 Pacific Island Countries to improve their water governance through the development of a range of IWRM frameworks and tools based on the individual circumstances and specific governance needs of participating countries. While the Programme has reached its formal end date, a number of commitments were formalised before closing to allow specific country and regional activities to be completed over the 2012-2013 financial year. These will be discussed at RSC agenda item 4.2. This paper summarises the status of national-level activities supported by the Programme, including those activities committed by countries to be finalised over the coming year.*

Status of Closure of the EU IWRM National Planning Programme

1. Introduction

In accordance with its agreed schedule, the Pacific Integrated Water Resources Management Planning Programme formally concluded its four and a half years of operation on 30 June 2012. The project, funded by the European Union, provided support to 14 Pacific Island Countries (PIC's) to improve their water governance through the development of a range of IWRM frameworks and tools based on the individual circumstances and specific governance needs identified by countries.

Support included the development of policies, plans, strategies and legislation, as well as the facilitation of multi-stakeholder participation and empowerment, support for improved understanding and management of information needs, and support to water and sanitation apex bodies as a mechanism for national level coordination. Support also included assistance in the development of National Outlooks for Water, Sanitation and Climate.

The Programme was implemented in close conjunction with the GEF Funded Pacific IWRM Project for the overlapping period of 2009-2012, and sought to incorporate the lessons learned from the GEF demonstration projects in order to feed into national IWRM governance processes and vice versa. Through collaboration and co-financing, the two programmes jointly supported the development of regional indicator frameworks, communication strategies and awareness activities, regional and national capacity building, knowledge exchange, as well as the coordination of joint programme activities across the Pacific.

2. Closure and ongoing activities

While the Pacific IWRM Planning Programme has reached its formal end date, a number of commitments were formalised before this to allow specific country and regional activities to be completed over the 2012-13 financial year. These activities include:

- Progressing regional consultations on water and sanitation;
- Finalisation of IWRM policy and planning work with countries that have made significant progress so far;
- Specific technical assistance to the Solomon Islands and Tonga;
- Policy support to the Melanesian Spearhead Group (to be confirmed);
- Collation of project materials and lessons learned; and
- Project reporting and auditing.

The funding for these activities was committed in full before the project close date of 30 June. Proposed regional level activities will be further discussed at RSC Agenda Item 4.2.

3. Status of Closure of Countries-level Activities

The following table summarises the status of national-level activities being implemented with the support of the Programme, and activities that countries have committed to continue to finalisation in 2012-13 financial year.

Status of national-level activities	Activities progressing to finalisation in 2012/13
<p>Cook Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Water Policy Officer support October 2010 to October 2011 • Development of Draft Water Policy • Preparation of National Outlook <p>Fiji</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to Government's development of water policy frameworks, including Draft National Water and Sanitation Policy, Groundwater Resources Exploitation and Management Policy, and Rural Water and Sanitation Policy and Guidelines • Completion of Institutional Analysis and IWRM Governance Review for Nadi Basin (pending finalisation of reports). <p>FSM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Water Policy Officer support Feb 2011 to Dec 2011 • Development of Draft Framework Water Resources Water Policy • Preparation of Draft National Outlook • Convening of National Water Summit and participation in sub-regional framework <p>Kiribati</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of National Sanitation Policy and Implementation Plan • Support for National Water Resources Policy and Implementation Plan • Support for development of South Tarawa Programme for Water, Sanitation and Solid Waste Management <p>RMI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Water Policy Officer support March 2009 to February 2011 • Development of Draft National Water and Sanitation Policy • Preparation of Draft National Outlook • Convening of National Water Summit and participation in sub-regional framework <p>Nauru</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Policy and Implementation Plan • Preparation of National Outlook <p>Niue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Water Policy Officer support April 2009 to June 2012 • Development of National IWRM Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of Policy and TOR for National Water Committee • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Development of National Outlook • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. • Finalisation of IWRM Review and progression of recommendations by NBCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation of National Outlook • Finalisation and endorsement of National Policy • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Development of National Outlook • Publication of National Policy documents • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation and endorsement of National Policy • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal endorsement of Implementation Plan • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of National Outlook • Support for finalisation of <i>Water Act 2012</i> <p>Palau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Water Policy Officer support December 2010 to June 2012 • Development of National Water Policy • Preparation of National Outlook • Convening of National Water Summit and participation in sub-regional framework <p>PNG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited participation in activities at a regional level <p>Samoa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Water Sector Investment Plan • Development of National Water Allocation Policy and Implementation Plan <p>Solomon Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of National Outlook • Recruitment of TA to support IWRM assessment and IWRM Plan. <p>Tonga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Water Policy Officer support March 2009 to October 2011 • Preparation of government-endorsed National Outlook • Contract in place for TA to support development of Plan and Procedures for the Implementation of National Water Legislation <p>Tuvalu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of National Outlook • Convening of National Water and Sanitation Forum • Development of National Water and Sanitation Policy <p>Vanuatu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of National Outlook • Completion of WATSAN institutional review and IWRM assessment • Review of national IWRM consultation mechanisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential development of National Outlook • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWRM Review and development of IWRM Plan (with TA) • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation of Implementation Plan and Regulations for national water legislation (with TA) • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Endorsement of National Water Policy • Support for governance review of 2011 drought response • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National engagement in Regional Consultations on Water, Sanitation and Climate.