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### **BRIEF REPORT ON THE NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE THEMATIC AREAS FOR GEF5**

#### **Introduction:**

The National Consultation workshop on the thematic areas for funding under the Fifth Replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) was held at the Kitano Mendana Hotel from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Under the 5<sup>th</sup> Replenishment, the National Allocation for Solomon Islands is 6.25 million United States Dollars(USD). Of this allocation USD 0.8 million was allocated to the currently implemented Strengthening Environment Management and Reducing Impacts of Climate Change in Solomon Islands (SEMRICC) project and 0.6 million USD was allocated to the Small Grants Programme.

The objectives of the two day consultation were:

- Update participants on the implementation of environmental strategies
- Introduce GEF5 funding scope
- Discuss potential activities for GEF 5 funding
- Propose possible project concepts for further development into Project Identification Forms (PIFs)

Basically, at the end of the workshop, expectation is for the participants come to an agreement on the possible project concepts that will be further developed with implementation agencies to access the remainder of the allocation under GEF5.

The workshop participants consisted of representatives of key line ministries, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and the GEF Implementing agency.

#### **Process of Consultation**

After the presentation of background information, the participants were split into three groups to enable a wider participation to gauge different views from different stakeholders. The participants were guided by a series of questions to enable a more focused discussion.

### **Results of the Discussions:**

The results of the discussion were in three groups and as follows:

#### **GROUP 1**

This group came up with an integrated approach concept and as follows:

**Project Title:** Addressing climate change, managing biodiversity and combating land degradation through enhancing integrated forest management

The proposed project is seen as an integrated project that will address concerns or issues that of climate changes, biodiversity and land degradation such as:

- Flora as agents for enhancing carbon sinks
- Potential forest for carbon trading
- Protected mount forested area
- Review legislation
- Providing platform for CDM
- Initiate sustainable financing
- Promote indigenous conservation practices
- Ensure ecosystem services are maintain
- Land tenure
- Reforestation
- Agro forestation
- Afforestation

#### **GROUP 2:**

In this group, the National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) is used as a guiding document to arrive at some project concepts in these areas:

- Forestry sector (biodiversity conservation, watershed management, REDD plus, ecosystem services, land-use management, policy, capacity building, sustainability, etc)
- Non-biodegradable waste impacts
- Health and sanitation

- Tourism

These areas are seen as not been addressed in any current or in the pipeline projects and therefore must be taken up under the GEF5 funding. The issues that need to be addressed which are cross-cutting in nature are:

- Policy and legislation
- Capacity and awareness
- Sustainability

### **GROUP 3**

In Group 3, two project concepts were conceived and as follows:

#### **Proposed project 1:** National Geospatial Information Network

Addresses: biodiversity, climate change, livelihood, infrastructure planning, disaster management, food security, sustainable fisheries, land use management, sustainable forest management

Concerns:

- This project can be included as part of SEMRICC
- Central repository of data and information
- A possible project which can be co-financed since a other projects too has components on this matter – WB NAPA project, ADB CTI on knowledge management, SEMRICC

#### **Project 2:** Ecosystem services

These were highlighted in NECDAP, NAPA, NAP and NBSAP

Components:

- Designing and establishment of ecosystem system information
- Development of policy and legislation
- Ecosystem service restoration

Outcome:

- Resources owners empowered to manage their resources
- Payment ecosystem service/ ecosystem payment environment services

- Terrestrial and marine resources degradation minimized and restored
- Enhanced alternative ecosystem used
- Enhanced eco-tourism

### **Possible Project Clusters**

After the presentation of the group discussions, there was a need to see if the project concepts can be clustered into similar groups or integrated manner.

After further consultation with the participants, the following are the agreed possible project concepts/ideas which need to be agreed upon and taken up by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology to the proposed implementing agency (UNDP) and GEF before it can be further developed into a PIF.

#### **Project 1: Integrated Forest Management**

- includes ecosystem services and eco-tourism as its other components

#### **Project 2: Health and Sanitation**

- includes non-biodegradable Waste & waste management, waste water)

#### **Project 3: National Geospatial Information Network**

- Integrating policy, capacity building and institutional strengthening aspects into the existing SEMRICC project.

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