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MEMORANDUM

TO: Director

FROM: ODS Consultant

SUBJECT: **The Pacific Countries Thematic Meeting on HPMP's Implementation and Preparation of stage 1 second tranche**

I am please to transmit to you a report on The pacific island countries thematic meeting on HPMP implementation and preparation of stage 1 second tranche on august 11-14 in Nadi, Fiji.

As you are aware this meeting was jointly by the NOO's and technician's from each country, which we had Bertoldo Esteban Jr. from the College of Micronesia (COM) on this trip.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation for your nomination for us to attend this very important meeting. I am sure that we can sustain the RAC trainings thru the College of Micronesia in the second tranche.

Should there be any clarifications, please let us know.

Thank you,

Bill E. Edward

Bertoldo Esteban Jr.

Cc: Cindy Ehmes

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TRIP REPORT

We departed Pohnpei 6th of August 2014 for the Pacific island countries thematic meeting on HPMP's Implementation and Preparation of stage 1 second tranche in Fiji. The meeting was comprised of 12 Pacific countries, NOO's of Cambodia, Timor Leste, SPREP, UNDP, FFA, OCO, UNEP, and the technicians from each Pacific island country.

On the first day of the meeting a presentation was given by Artie Dubrie on the assessment on the status of implementation of PIC HPMP stage 1 Tranche 1, identify additional needs required for the preparation of tranche 2 of the project.

A presentation was also followed by Mr. Shaufeng Hu encouraging each country to manage, coordinate and monitor the implementation of HPMP by working with the local technician expertise to conduct regular inspections of the RAC equipments or collaborate with the RAC association within our country. He also elaborated on the tranches that are there for implementing under HPMP. The current tranche is still ongoing, the second tranche funding request needs to be submitted to Excom for consideration in 2015, and the third one will be in 2020.

A very important presentation by Dr. Edmund Huges from Marine Environment Division (IMO) International Maritime Organization, emphasis on the IMO, MARBEL Annex VI Regulation 12 covers control of ozone depleting substances for the International shipping and Montreal Protocol considers the production phase-out of ozone depleting substances 99% effective.

A FFA representative Mr. Ribanataake Awira, briefed on value of catch, Tuna market, PIC development aspiration, Access revenue, Employment, Contribution to GDP and trend in tuna export to major market. He was also encouraging the PIC countries to show their interest for the survey and assessment of onshore refrigerated fisheries facilities. Well FSM is now working with the Mr. Awira (FFA) on finalizing the TOR and EOI Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest to conduct such survey within our country (FSM).

A side meeting with the FFA representative Mr. Awira, discussed on the term of reference TOR and express of interest EOI and the schedule of their survey for the Pacific island countries. As of now the only country that had done their survey is Tonga. FSM, Palau and Kiribati are now in the process of finalizing the TOR and EOI for the survey on the fisheries sector, the cold storage and fishing vessels. As for the TOR and EOI to finalize and circulate to the public for two weeks and follow by a selection of national consultant, following the Tonga work selection approach we will jointly (NOO/Fisheries/FFA) select and agree who will do this based on their proposal.

Trip Report

Ms. Sophia from the Ozone Secretariat report on the status of compliance with the Montreal Protocol in the PIC region, status of ODS reporting, status of ratification and implications for trade HCFC's, briefed on requesting changes on the baseline. We are in a stage of conducting a survey for the fisheries sector in which I believe that may great changes to our baseline.

As also reflect in the meeting to promoting the energy efficiency in the Pacific with the RAC project to reduce energy consumptions in the residential, commercial and public sectors by implementing energy efficiency program, emphasizing the importance of meeting energy efficiency target, including expanding the existing electrical appliance, energy efficiency standard and labeling program as a mean to achieving energy saving PIC's.

During the meeting, a field trip to the port and relevant areas by the technicians and the representatives from Fiji. According to Bert it was a very useful trip in a case that each technician shared their ideas of how they can sustain the technician training by collaborating within the Pacific Island Countries. As also mention during the meeting that each country need do try and work with an available institute to train a technician to train our technicians for the update or the hydro-carbon (HC). There are some countries in the Pacific Island that are already using hydro-carbon.

As arranged during a side meeting among the NOO's of the pacific Island countries, for the regional HPMP, countries will circulate the HPMP file so each country will input their relevant needs for stage 1 tranche 2 for the regional HPMP.

Recommendations

- I. conduct inspections for the RAC equipment in a monthly basis
- II. Find update trainings for the customs and to update HS-code
- III. Train a trainer for the hydro-carbon (HC)
- IV. Conduct survey on the fishing vessels
- V. Promote energy efficiency to reduce energy consumption in the residential, private sectors and public areas