



Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) Support Facility

*Training workshop on mainstreaming climate change
in national policies and budgets*

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1 WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND TARGET GROUP

1.1 CONTEXT

The EU's Global Climate Change Alliance initiative aims to support poor developing countries most vulnerable to climate change, in particular Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), in their efforts to respond to the challenges of climate change.

Support provided under the GCCA focuses on five areas: implementing concrete adaptation measures; reducing emissions from deforestation; enhancing partner country participation in the global carbon market through the Clean Development Mechanism; helping partner countries to be better prepared for natural disasters through the adoption of disaster risk reduction policies and measures; and integrating climate change into development and poverty reduction strategies.

In this context, the GCCA Support Facility is organising a series of regional training workshops on mainstreaming climate change in developing countries' policies and strategies.

1.2 OVERALL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants are:

- more aware of the benefits, and also the challenges, of mainstreaming climate change in their countries' national policies and strategies;
- more motivated and better equipped to contribute to this mainstreaming process;
- more familiar with some of the tools available for effectively integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation in development planning activities and in the budgetary process.

In addition to immediate learning objectives, the workshop will provide space for discussions and open exchange from the point of view of developing country participants, as well as opportunities for providing their insight and feedback to the donor community (through the consultants). This is expected to result in *more aligned approaches to tackling climate change*, and *more aligned priorities* between the partner countries concerned and the donor community.

1.3 TARGET GROUP

The target group for these seminars is senior government officials – typically, for each participating country, one senior official from the Ministry of Finance or any other central government agency (e.g. Ministry of Planning) with a key role in the budgetary process, and one senior official working on climate change-related strategies. They are not expected to have any in-depth knowledge of climate-related issues, nor to have prior experience of mainstreaming climate change or environmental issues. The participation of senior officials from both types of institutions would be particularly valued.

1.4 TRAINING MATERIALS

Participants in the training will receive a binder with:

- a copy of the slides;
- a handout, including some useful figures and diagrams and a list of references;
- exercise and case study materials.

In addition, a CD-ROM with an electronic version of the slides and handout, and some additional documents, will be distributed.

2 WORKSHOP AGENDA

Monday, 28 February 2011
Morning (9:00 -13:00 with coffee break around 11:00)
Participants' welcome, introductory speeches
Roundtable – Presentation and expectations of participants
Module 1: Seminar objectives and programme
Presentation by SPREP – Pacific experience: Key lessons for climate change mainstreaming
Activity 1 – Group work: Climate change – development linkages Based on Timor-Leste's Government Programme 2007-2012
Module 1: Climate change – development linkages, rationale for mainstreaming environment and climate change
Module 2: Basics of climate change science
Afternoon (14:00 – 17:30 with coffee break around 15:30)
Module 2: Sources of uncertainty, planning in the face of uncertainties
Module 3: Vulnerability and related concepts, development-adaptation continuum, from biophysical to socioeconomic impacts
Activity 2 – Group work: Vulnerability factors and possible impacts Based on various Solomon Islands-related materials
Module 3: Moving to climate-resilient, low-emission development

Tuesday, 1 March 2011

Morning (9:00 -13:00 with coffee break around 11:00)

Module 3: Raising awareness and building partnerships

Module 4: Strengthening institutions and capacities

Presentation by SPC – Support for CC mainstreaming, institutional and capacity building in the Pacific

Activity 3 – Discussion: Institutional and capacity strengthening in the Pacific region

Module 5: Rationale for mainstreaming CC in national, sector and local policies, key stakeholders, main entry points

Afternoon (14:00 – 17:30 with coffee break around 15:30)

Activity 4(1) – Group work: Climate change mainstreaming in a national development strategy

Based on Kiribati Development Plan

or (split groups):

Activity 4(2) – Group work: Climate change mainstreaming in a sector programme

Based on Samoa Water & Sanitation programme

Module 5: Tools for mainstreaming climate change

Wednesday, 2 March 2011
Morning (9:00 -13:00 with coffee break around 11:00)
Module 6: Costing, assessing and selecting adaptation and mitigation options and measures
Module 7: Entry points for climate change mainstreaming in the budgetary process, implications for public revenue and expenditure
Activity 5 – Discussion: Budgetary processes and climate change mainstreaming in the Pacific
Module 7: Public expenditure review, external resources incl. budget support
Activity 6 – Illustration: EC climate-related budget support Based on Solomon Islands Climate Assistance Programme
Afternoon (14:00 – 17:30 with coffee break around 15:30)
Module 8: Mainstreaming climate change in monitoring systems
Activity 7 – Group work: Identification of suitable performance indicators
Module 9: Recap of tools, conclusions
Summary of discussions, planned actions, seminar evaluation