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CC/DRR Project Brief Form

Project Title: USAID Institutional Strengthening for Pacific island countries to Adapt to Climate Change (ISACC) Project	
Implementing Organisation/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pacific Community (SPC) o Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) o Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) 	Project Contact Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Vuki Buadromo, Project Manager, SPC – email: VukiB@spc.int o Lisa Buggy, Climate Change Adviser, SPC – email: LisaB@spc.int o Amelia Caucau, Climate Change Technical Officer, SPC – email: AmeliaC@spc.int o Tagaloa Halo-Cooper, Climate Change Adviser – Institutional Strengthening, SPREP – email: tagaloac@sprep.org
Duration: Sept 2015-Sept 2020	Status: In progress
Total Funding: USD5million	Funding Source/s: USAID (United States Agency for International Development)
Mode of financing: [eg: Through GoV system] Grant disbursement through national systems	Location & site/s: Port Vila, Vanuatu
Scope: [Regional, National, Provincial, Community] Regional & National focus	Project Type: [Educational, Training, Infrastructure, Research, Pilots....] Policy strengthening/development, capacity building and training, peer to peer exchange
Sectors & Themes: [CCA, DRR, Governance, Water, Agriculture, CDC....]	Other Government & Partner Agencies:

CCA, Governance	UNDP DFAT/GIZ Project SPC EU BSRP
Lead Government Department: Ministry of Climate Change Ministry of Finance	NAB Approval sought: [Please tick] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept stage • Site selection • Final endorsement • To seek project funding • Partnership/implementation ✓ • Continuation/extension of existing project
Objective/s: [100 words max] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the rationale for the project? What is the primary need, and how was it identified? <p>PIC governments are taking proactive steps to address climate change priorities through the development of national climate change policies, joint national action plans, integrating climate change and disaster risks into sector policies, and through the establishment of national climate change coordination and disaster risk mechanisms. Whilst PIC governments have taken an active role in progressing national and regional climate change priorities, challenges persist in terms of human capacity constraints in central climate change, finance and planning agencies to develop and manage multi-sectoral climate change projects and programmes and access global climate change finance; gaps with linkages between central climate change, finance, planning and key sector ministries due to fragile or lack of institutional arrangements and enabling policies to facilitate cross sector collaboration and shared learnings. This results in fragmented approaches which affect coordination and communication and further results in the slow implementation of climate change policies, plans, projects and programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this program building on any previous activities or policy? <p>The project will build on the Pacific Climate Change Finance Assessment Framework¹ (PCCFAF), which was developed by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in 2013 and applied to national climate change finance assessments in Nauru (2013), RMI (2014) and Tonga (2015); and a complementary methodology known as the Climate Public and Expenditure Institutional Review (CPEIR)².</p> <p>The project will facilitate knowledge sharing and capacity building between PICs through peer to peer exchanges which has proved successful under the Forum Compact arrangements. Under the Forum Compact work on development effectiveness supported by the PIFS, the peer to peer exchanges involved the ministries of finance in Samoa and Cook Islands hosting and mentoring country officials from the Solomon Islands, FSM, and RMI on development effectiveness principles. It is envisaged that such an approach would prove equally beneficial for the climate change, finance and planning officials that would be identified through this project.</p> <p>The project will build on multi-sector, outer island approaches/programmes to strengthen outer island resilience and linkages between local/provincial and national governments. These approaches have been piloted in Kiribati under the Whole of island Approach and in the Solomon Islands under the 'Choiseul Integrated Climate Change Programme or CHICCHAP'</p>	
Description: [1-2 paragraphs per topic max] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline key project components <p>(i) Integrated institutional frameworks and national capacity strengthened to support multi-sectoral approaches to climate change and disaster risks.</p> <p>(ii) Access to new climate change finance enhanced through improved capacity, systems and tools.</p>	

¹ The PCCFAF assesses a country's ability to access and manage climate change resources against seven interrelated dimensions: (1) funding sources; (2) policies and plans; (3) institutions; (4) public financial management and expenditure; (5) human capacity; (6) development effectiveness; and (7) gender and social inclusion.

² CPEIR has all the same pillars of the PCCFAF except human capacity, development effectiveness and gender and social inclusion.

(iii) Regional cooperation and coordination strengthened through augmented national capacity delivered through shared learning to support PICs address climate and disaster risks.

- How will it be implemented?
In partnership with the Ministry of Climate Change and Ministry of Finance. Implementation arrangements will be formalized through the signing of a project agreement with SPC and key national implementing entities.
- Will the project fund local positions? Where? Funding is available for one local position to be embedded in the Ministry of Climate Change or Ministry of Finance to strengthen engagement between key partners.
- *How does the project link to GoV priorities (PAA)?*
 - *The project will be implementing strategic priorities from the National CC & DRR Policy 2016-2030; governance, finance, knowledge management and CCA & DRR.*

- *Project objectives are aligned to:*
 - CC & DRM Policy 2016-2030
 - Support the implementation of recommendations from the CPEIR.
- *What related projects are being undertaken in the area?*
 - DFAT/GIZ Climate Change Finance Readiness for the Pacific Project - €1.5m
 - USAID Climate READY Project – USD25m
 - National readiness projects
- *Potential overlaps/duplication to be resolved*
 - 6 monthly reporting to the NAB
 - Shared work plans
 - Participation at national or regional meetings
 - Report to the NAB as the national steering committee for the project
- *Risk Management Strategies*
 - **Too many partners in climate finance making national coordination a challenge** – Develop a joint work plan with GIZ/DFAT to track progress, evaluate results and document lessons for future programmes/projects.
 - **Implementation delays** – Implementation arrangements formalized with key national partners; Ministry of Climate Change and Ministry of Finance through the signing of a project Letter of Agreement (LOA). The LOA to include multi-year work plans will be aligned to GoV's climate finance priorities/agenda.
 - **Retention of national capacity funded through projects** – Proposed project position will fill immediate gaps within the Ministry of Climate or Ministry of Finance for 3 years. The position will be embedded within government and will recruited using national processes to ensure the position may be absorbed into the national budget at the end of the project period.

How does the project link to GoV priorities: (NAB agenda, NAPA, New CC/DRR Policy....)

This project will support the GoV advance its climate finance priorities through the implementation of CPEIR recommendations and implementation of Vanuatu's CC & DRR Policy.

Progress to date and current activities: [100 words max]

- Project agreement signed between USAID
- Project implementation plan and detailed budget submitted and approved by USAID.

- Regional project team recruited (4 recruited and 1 in the process of being recruited)
- National consultations completed for Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Palau, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu (in progress). Samoa and Tuvalu consultations planned for October.
- Climate finance assessment for Solomon Islands confirmed for Oct-Dec 2016.

Outputs: [IEC Materials, guidelines & handbooks, certified trainings, resources....]

- Regional institutional mapping assessment to identify gaps impeding multi-sectoral approaches to mainstreaming climate change adaptation completed, national priority actions identified and implemented.
- Implement recommendations from regional institutional assessment to strengthen institutional mechanisms for climate change adaptation e.g. policies, plans, budgets, technical assistance, cross sectoral committees, joint national actions plans for climate change and disaster risk management and other measures.
- Delivery of prioritised capacity building activities depending on national requirements and identifying ways of delivering standardised training through accredited tertiary organisations.
- Recommendations from the CPEIR (Climate Public Expenditure Institutional Review) implemented.
- Capacity building for Ministry of Finance and Climate Change teams through peer to peer exchanges, mentoring programmes, short term trainings and participation at regional forums/meetings.
- Strengthen the NDA through the support for a 3 year funded position to be embedded in government.