

Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience - Samoa

Terms of Reference for Technical Assistance:

National Climate Change Plan and Programme (NCCPP)

Background

1. The Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) is the first active Programme under the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF). The PPCR will be transformational by piloting and demonstrating approaches for the integration of climate risk and climate resilience into core development policies, planning, budgeting and implementation, and to strengthen related capacities at the national and regional levels. The programme aims to provide incentives for scaled-up action and transformational change in integrating climate resilience considerations in the participating country's development strategies and programmes and in other ongoing initiatives; and enable learning-by-doing and sharing of lessons and good practice at country, regional and global levels.

2. The PPCR is implemented in two phases. Phase 1 includes preparation of a Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience (SPCR). Preparing the SPCR involves: (i) a stocktaking of the country situation, including progress in considering climate resilience in development planning and investments, and in other ongoing and planned programmes; (ii) an assessment of the country's readiness to accelerate this process with PPCR support; and (iii) defining gaps and needs to formulate the SPCR (analyses, consultations, essential immediate capacity building, and other processes). The SPCR is implemented in Phase 2.

3. Samoa was selected for participation in the PPCR as one of three pilot countries in a Pacific Regional Program, and nine countries worldwide as well as the Caribbean region. Samoa's acceptance of this offer to participate was confirmed by the PPCR Sub-committee in September 2009. Samoa submitted the Phase 1 proposal in August, 2010. The proposal was approved on October 15, 2010 and Phase 1 implementation began in November. This included preparation of the SPCR, which in Samoa is referred to as the Climate Resilience Investment Programme (CRIP). The CRIP was submitted on February 18, 2011.

4. Ongoing climate risk management initiatives in Samoa represent considerable effort, but are largely focused on technical assistance to strengthen capacity, enhance policies and strategies, and to demonstrate climate resilient techniques. They are often geographically limited in their scope. PPCR-Samoa has adopted a strategic focus on the coastal zone where 70% of the population resides, the main economic infrastructure is located and climate risks have to be addressed on an inter-sectoral basis. It will cover at least 16 of the 41 Districts in Samoa. The investments to be supported will directly affect four of the priority sectors/themes identified in the NAPA, namely infrastructure, fisheries, biodiversity and tourism and will also impact on the water and agriculture sectors.

5. As part of the economic and financial reforms, and especially the institutional strengthening programmes, which started in the mid- 1990s, the Government of Samoa established a straight forward and streamlined institutional framework for preparing and implementing economic development strategies. This framework has four major components – (i) the over-arching Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS); (ii) sector planning; (iii) project planning; and (iv) performance budgeting. With commitment and careful analysis,

opportunities can be identified and utilised to incorporate national environmental considerations, including climate risk management, into these main components of the economic planning and development cycle or process. Sector planning varies in duration, with the minimum cycle being every three years, while project planning and performance budgeting are undertaken annually within a multi year framework.

The Technical Assistance

6. The technical assistance will be provided by recruiting an individual consultant, who can cover the activities listed in the Scope of Work.

7. The SDS, the 14 sector plans including the Infrastructure Strategic Plan, the National Policy to Combat Climate Change, the NAPA, the Planning and Urban Management Act, the Disaster and Emergency Management Act, the National Disaster Management Plan, the Coastal Infrastructure Management Strategy and Plans, the Climate Resilience Investment Programme (CRIP) offer effective starting points for the preparation of the National Climate Change Plan and Programme.

8. The preparation of a National Climate Change Plan and Programme requires a process of scoping, reviewing, analysis and integration of ongoing plans and programmes.

9. The Consultant will report to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Finance through the Programme Coordinator in the Climate Resilience Investment Coordination Unit (CRICU).

Scope of Work

10. The Consultant will develop a National Climate Change Plan and Program for Samoa. This will be a medium- and longer-term strategic climate change programme and plan for Samoa, building on the NAPA and other frameworks, including the SDS. It will capture the current and emerging needs of Samoa for both adaptation and mitigation interventions as well as finance, investments and technology transfer; and lay out a road map. An important focus of the National Climate Change Plan and Programme will be enhancing integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, and identifying and exploiting the synergies between adaptation and mitigation and alignment to the new SDS. Up-scaling community- and ecosystem-based adaptation will be another focus. As a result of this activity, development partners will be better informed about proposed targeted assistance. The National Climate Change Programme will incorporate the CRIP as well as other climate-related investment opportunities and plans.

11. Specifically the Consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- i. In close consultation with MOF and MNRE, prepare a time-bound implementation work programme with clear milestones;
- ii. Identify, review, analyse and integrate related on-going initiatives, plans and programmes;
- iii. Analyse existing data and options at sector level and clarification of the environmental, social and economic implications of climate change mitigation and adaptation for Samoa;
- iv. Ensure effective consultations with relevant national stakeholders, including development partners working on climate change issues in the country;
- v. Identify the roles of relevant institutions/organizations implementing the Plan and Program;

- vi. Develop a medium-long term strategic National Climate Change Plan and Programme for Samoa;
- vii. Develop realistic performance indicators and targets under an appropriate results framework as a suitable mechanism for managing for results in consultation with the lead agency and key stakeholders;
- viii. Develop a resourcing framework to support implementation of the plan and programme. The plan must be prioritised against realistic resource estimates and taking into consideration existing activities that link to the NCCPP. The decisions on priority should be reached through a consultative process which should reach a consensus between the key stakeholders;
- ix. Encourage full ownership of the NCCPP by key agencies by ensuring their active participation in its preparation.

Deliverables

- 12. An Inception Report, covering all aspects of the implementation and time bound delivery of the TA, including an Implementation Plan with clear milestones.
- 13. A prioritised medium to long term National Climate Change Plan and Programme.
- 14. A Results (Monitoring and Evaluation) framework for the National Climate Change Plan and Programme which includes realistic indicators and targets for managing results.
- 15. A medium term resourcing framework supporting the implementation of NCCPP.

16. Qualifications

- Postgraduate degree in a relevant discipline;
- Extensive practical experience in, and in-depth knowledge of, climate change planning, development of climate change policies, plans and programmes at national and sector levels, preferably in developing country contexts;
- Familiarity with most if not all aspects of climate change (adaptation, mitigation, low carbon development, technology transfer, investments and financing, REDD+, international climate negotiations, particularly from the developing country perspective)
- Track record in project design and implementation, in provision of technical assistance and in reporting;
- Working experience in Samoa and/or in other small island developing countries and/or territories;
- Project team experience, including as a team leader; and
- Very good command of oral and written English.

17. The outputs from this consultancy will be submitted to the CRICU Coordinator in both hard copy and electronic formats. The Consultant will also submit drafts of the outputs to the World Bank for comments. Copyright for the reports, and ownership of all material produced during the consultancy, will be vested with the Government of Samoa.