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Virtual Learning Event on
Monitoring and Evaluation for National Adaptation in Pacific Small Island Developing States
Tuesday, September 15th, and Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020

CONCEPT NOTE

Background:

Pacific countries are developing and moving towards implementing National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes. The aim is to integrate climate change adaptation into development planning and budgeting at national, sectoral and sub-national levels. It is expected that NAPs will lead to increased coordination and investments in climate adaptation with the ultimate objective to reduce a country's vulnerability to climate impacts in the medium- and long-term.

As NAP processes advance, there is an increasing focus on monitoring, evaluating and learning from the adaptation planning process and its outcomes. By designing and implementing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems as part of the NAP process, countries can strengthen their accountability and reporting of climate adaptation interventions and gain insights into what is working and what is not working—in which contexts and why—so they can adjust accordingly. Such reflection and adjustment are fundamental features of iterative adaptation planning. These inputs will also be crucial to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement including the reporting requirements at the subnational, national and international levels.

At the regional level, to support and coordinate these efforts, the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) launched a FRDP M&E Strategy in December 2019 that sets the path for monitoring and evaluating the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP). One of the key strategic objectives of the FRDP M&E Strategy is to strengthen national M&E systems for resilient development. The FRDP M&E Strategy is the first step towards the development of a FRDP M&E Framework. The next phase is to collate best practices in M&E across the region which can also inform the development of the FRDP M&E Framework as well as inform ongoing efforts at the national level towards strengthening their M&E systems.

Purpose:

This virtual peer learning event is organized by the NAP Global Network in collaboration with the PRP with the overall goal to provide a platform for Pacific SIDS to share perspectives, experiences and lessons learned on M&E to inform national adaptation planning and implementation. The event is part of a series of monthly webinars on the FRDP and PRP starting in August 2020 and focused on creating a sharing and learning online platform through structured sessions.

Format and content:

The event will include **two ninety-minute sessions over two days (10:00-11:30 AM Fiji Standard Time on Tuesday, September 15th and Wednesday, September 23rd)**, with a focus on interactive and participatory learning throughout both of the sessions.

The format and agenda for the event are developed based on inputs received to a survey of prospective participants (see, draft agenda in Annex A).

Expected outputs:

- All participants, and other interested stakeholders will have access to the presentations and other informative materials used for the sessions, which will be compiled and made available on the NAP Global Network website, the PRP webpage, the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) and SPC website.
- Upon permission from participants, the recordings of the sessions including the summary and materials compiled will also be posted and made available on the websites noted above.
- A blog article or a briefing note will be developed to highlight key results and lessons learned and will help inform future M&E focused learning events

Expected outcomes:

- Improved understanding from country representatives on how they can advance their M&E system for national adaptation (and what their immediate needs and priorities might be)
- Learning and sharing of experiences among countries to facilitate and support improved and innovative approaches to M&E of national adaptation
- Exchange at the country level between those working on climate adaptation and representatives in charge of national M&E systems in general from the Ministry of Planning or equivalent, Department in charge of statistics or sectoral ministries
- Improved understanding from development partners of country priorities and needs in relation to M&E of national adaptation
- Inputs provided to the 2020/21 webinar series on the FRDP and the PRP where the outcome of this webinar will be shared to a broader audience to inform discussions on M&E of resilience building efforts in the Pacific
- Inputs provided to inform the development of the FRDP M&E Framework, the establishment of the PRP Technical Working Group on M&E, the development of an online M&E tool on climate change and disaster risk management and the 2021 Pacific Resilience Meeting

Target audience:

This is a targeted learning event that aims to bring together about 30-35 participants from 13 Pacific SIDS. Each country team should include two representatives including:

- The NAP focal point or their designate who must be actively engaged in adaptation and the NAP process.
- A representative in charge of M&E in general – including the M&E of climate adaptation if possible - from a sectoral ministry or the statistical service of the Ministry of Planning or equivalent.
- A third team member may also be identified.

Partners:

In addition to country representatives, selected bilateral donors and development partners will be invited to participate as observers, speakers and/or as moderators for specific sessions. It includes bilateral donor representatives from: Australia, Canada, European Union, Germany, New Zealand and the United States; as well as development partners from: NDC Partnership (NDC-P), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the Pacific Community (SPC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Logistics:

The webinar will be organized using the web conferencing platform Zoom.

For colleagues who have indicated that they need to purchase internet data in order to participate in this webinar, the NAP Global Network Secretariat and the PRP Support Unit may be able to reimburse the purchase of up to 10 GB of data based on receipts. If you require this support, please confirm to info@napglobalnetwork.org prior to the event that you will be seeking this reimbursement, and please note that all receipts will need to be submitted no later than Thursday, September 24.

Annex A: Draft Agenda

The table below provides an overview of the content of each session. Breakout rooms are in depth discussion among countries in smaller groups. Each session will offer two breakout groups that will occur in parallel. Participants will be asked to self-select in which breakout they would like to contribute to for each session.

Session 1. Tuesday, 15th of September: Aims and design of M&E systems for national adaptation	
Plenary: What it takes to design pragmatic and user-friendly M&E systems of national adaptation	This plenary session will discuss what it takes to design pragmatic and user-friendly M&E systems for national adaptation using examples from the Pacific region.
Breakout 1: M&E for learning	Facilitating learning is increasingly identified as an important overarching objective for monitoring and evaluating adaptation interventions. This breakout group will discuss what it means and why its important and the implications for the M&E system in terms of information needs and methods.
Breakout 2: M&E for accountability	Most M&E systems for national adaptation are designed to provide accountability to stakeholders by demonstrating effective allocation and use of resources to different governance bodies. This breakout group will discuss what it means practically, the implications for the M&E system in terms of information needs and methods, and ways to align reporting requirements between different, yet related, objectives.
Session 2: Wednesday 23rd of September: Data sources and analysis for M&E of national adaptation	
Plenary: Using standardized vulnerability assessments at the community level to inform M&E of national adaptation	The Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (IVA) is a government-led, standardized approach to conducting community-level vulnerability assessment to climate change, which is being used and adapted in different countries in the Pacific region based on their specific needs and priorities. This plenary session will provide a status overview of the IVA process in the region and discuss its role in M&E of national adaptation.
Breakout 1: Community level vulnerability assessment for M&E in depth	This breakout group will take the form of a knowledge clinic. Participants acting as “patients” will share their challenges around the use of community-level vulnerability assessments for M&E with a group of “doctors” who will provide the patient with advice and ideas about how to address their problem.
Breakout 2: Tools and mechanisms for facilitating data and information management	A key issue is often not the lack of data but understanding which data and information really matter based on the purpose and objectives of the M&E system and facilitating data sharing, analysis and use. This breakout session will explore means to support data and information management including through centralized data systems. It will explore how to get support and buy-in from all stakeholders to ensure that centralized data systems are effective and functional.