Implementing the Nagoya Outcomes: Review and Planning

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Pacific Island Countries held a post COP10 Meeting which was titled *"Implementing the Nagoya Outcomes: Review and Planning Meeting"* from the 16 – 20 May, 2011 in Nadi, Fiji. The meeting was a response to recommendations in the post COP10 survey questionnaire for a post COP10 meeting of the Pacific Island Countries that are parties to the CBD including partners to review the Nagoya outcomes and their implications on the Pacific. It was organized by the Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) with funding from the EU ACP MEA Capacity Building Project, Australia Government funding for the International Year of Biodiversity and Fonds Pacifique.
2. The objectives of the meeting were to (i) review the One Pacific Voice preparations and engagement at COP10 with a view of sharing experiences and lessons learnt to strengthen future preparations for COP and related meetings; (ii) establish a basic understanding of the Nagoya outcomes and key decisions relevant to the Pacific and assess capacity needs to implement these and (iii) identify key strategies, actions and options to address capacity needs including assistance from development partners and regional organizations to support the Pacific Island Countries to implement the Nagoya outcomes and key decisions.
3. The meeting was attended by representatives from the following countries: the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. It was also attended by the representatives from the following partners: Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Secretariat for the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) University of the South Pacific (USP), International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN) Oceania, WWF South Pacific Office, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities – Australia, SPC/GIZ Regional Programme, and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Regional Office for Asia and Pacific, Bangkok.

SESSION 1: OFFICIAL OPENING, ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AND INTRODUCTION

4. Faleafaga Toni Tipama'a of Samoa blessed the meeting with a prayer. Following the prayer, Mr. Stuart Chape delivered Opening Remarks on behalf of SPREP and he firstly congratulated all the participants including partners for delivering on a very successful "One Pacific Voice" at COP10. He pointed out that the Pacific Island Countries made quite a significant impact in Nagoya highlighting key biodiversity initiatives that are implemented in the Pacific and raised key issues that were of paramount importance to the Pacific. Given this outstanding performance at COP10, it was important to continue with this approach and replicate it in other similar MEA and related meetings. According to Mr. Chape, the main objective of the review and planning meeting was to provide a platform to assist countries and partners to prepare and plan for the implementation of the Nagoya Outcomes including key decisions. The meeting was a Pacific initiative and an attempt towards providing a generic and holistic overview of the Nagoya Outcomes with the intention of consolidating some key recommendations which will help with national and regional implementation. The outcomes of the meeting will also provide input to a series of planning and capacity building initiatives that are being proposed by the CBD Secretariat for the Pacific region.

5. Ms. Easter Galuvao of SPREP provided an overview of the Meeting Objectives and Agenda and the latter was adopted with a view that an adaptive approach would be taken to amend

the agenda as necessary. The adoption of the agenda was followed by introductions of meeting participants including resource people and facilitators.

SESSION 2: COP10 HIGHLIGHTS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND LESSONS LEARNT

6. Ms. Easter Galuvao presented an overview of the preparations for COP10 including actual participation and engagement at COP10. The presentation highlighted key regional achievements and lessons learnt that will help to strengthen future COP meeting preparations and engagement.
7. Mr. Joe Brider the Cook Islands, Ms. Eleni Tokaduadua from Fiji, Faleafaga Toni Tipama'a from Samoa, Mr. Joe Horokou from Solomon Islands, and Mr. Solomona Metia from Tuvalu shared their experiences and reflected on their performance at COP10. All presenters expressed their appreciations and satisfaction with the Pacific achievements at COP10 and reiterated on the need to continue to work together as One Pacific sharing information, ideas and experiences. They also acknowledged the tremendous support provided by SPREP including partners from SPC, IUCN, WWF, WCS and Greenpeace.
8. Mr. Bernard O'Callaghan from IUCN Oceania shared his COP10 experience and highlighted the importance of advanced preparations and encouraged a more active participation and engagement at SBSTTA meetings where technical discussions and negotiations on key decisions are undertaken. The SBSTTA meetings are as important as the actual COP meetings. Often, the Pacific is underrepresented at the SBSTTA meeting.
9. Ms. Nanette Woonton of SPREP presented an overview on the Pacific Voyage advocacy, media and communication campaign including key achievements at COP10. The Pacific Voyage was successful because of the active involvement of all the Pacific delegates and partners who contributed key information including participation in media interviews and presentation of case studies from the region at key Pacific side events.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- Internet based networking platforms such as skype, email, facebook, blogs and others were very useful and effective means of communication. This allowed the Pacific group to share information and provide input and feedback on key issues that were negotiated by the Pacific. This was useful for those that physically attended the COP meeting and also those who were not able to attend.
- National preparations and a good strong country delegation to COP meetings would be an ideal situation and one that needs to be nurtured well during COP preparations. Given funding constraints, it is vital to seek and secure input (financial and technical) from partners and other sources including national budgets. Where possible, it would also be good to include a legal adviser as part of the delegation.
- There was a strong recommendation to hold a one week negotiations training as part of the pre-COP activities. Some of the countries are planning to hold national MEA negotiations training in collaborations with SPREP under the EU MEA ACP Capacity Building Project, it is important for those involved in the CBD to take advantage of these training opportunities. Further, it was also important to explore formal training through the USP and other avenues such as courses currently offered by UNEP and others.
- Working as One Pacific team was noted as one of the key strengths of the One Pacific Voice and this should be continued. Further, the importance of open communication

and dialogue among the Pacific team was highlighted to ensure all members of the team share the same understanding and minimize any potential conflicts and misunderstanding.

- Preparation and drafting of Pacific Statements in advance of the actual COP meetings was highly recommended and should be factored into the pre-COP activities.
- Liaison with key partners such as New Zealand and Australia on common shared issues was noted as an area to be strengthened in future meetings.
- Side events were noted as good strategic avenues to raise the Pacific profile and visibility at COP meetings
- A map of the Pacific printed on the back side of all advocacy promotional materials especially business cards is important to show where the Pacific is located especially for those who are not familiar with the geography of the Pacific.
- Attendance at the SBSTTA meetings would help the Pacific to have an active role in the negotiations. Pacific delegates that attend SBSTTA and related CBD meetings are encouraged to consult widely with the Pacific team on key issues to raise at the meetings and to provide feedback on meeting outcomes.

Two working groups were held in the afternoon to discuss and elaborate further on lessons learnt from the preparations for COP10 and actual participation at COP10. The Lessons identified will provide input to a Lessons Learnt case study that will help strengthen future COP preparations and engagement at COP meetings.

Summary of key lessons learnt:

- The importance of having proper consultations at the national level to identify key national priorities and positions was highlighted as one of the key input to developing National Briefing Paper. This National Briefing Paper could be used to as a guide to negotiate on national issues and provide input to the regional preparatory COP meeting discussions on priority issues and positions for the Pacific region. Where appropriate, seek input and advice from CROP agencies, NGOs and experts and make sure that NGOs positions complement national positions especially when NGOS have been accredited as part of a country delegation.
- The regional preparatory COP meeting provided an excellent platform for countries and partners to discuss common priority issues and strategize on how to advocate for these at COP meetings. There was a strong recommendation to have a five day pre-COP meeting to give ample and adequate time to conduct in-depth discussions on priority issues for the Pacific and produce tangible outputs such as Briefing Papers, Positions Statements, Advocacy and Promotional tools etc
- Daily briefings during the COP meetings were useful and therefore should continue. Need to secure a room for the Pacific delegates at the venue and explore the possibility of a SIDS room which the Pacific could use.
- Explore more effective ways to engage with other SIDS perhaps consider setting up a similar arrangement to the AOSIS process for UNFCCC.
- Engage with negotiations teams from other MEAs to share lessons and ideas that will help to strengthen negotiations strategies for CBD.

- Communication, advocacy and media campaign delivered under the Pacific Voyage banner was very useful and effective to raise Pacific profile and visibility and share key information with a wider audience especially those back in the Pacific. The Pacific Voyage campaign contributed significantly to the overall success of the Pacific Voyage and the One Pacific Voice.
- The One Pacific Voice was effective and useful to demonstrate a united, consolidated and concerted team work on key issues that were crucial to the Pacific. This approach also helped to soften feelings of anxiety and intimidation especially for single and small delegations.

SESSION 3: NAGOYA OUTCOMES AND KEY DECISIONS

10. Dr. Haruko Okusu from UNEP's Regional Office for Asia Pacific presented an overview of the three main Nagoya Outcomes – the Strategic Plan 2011 – 2020 and the 20 Aichi Targets, Strategy for Resource Mobilization and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing arising from genetic resources. She also highlighted key suggested actions for the Pacific Island Countries to implement the three main Nagoya Outcomes. Relevant selected COP 10 decisions which were considered important to the Pacific were outlined in the presentation. These included decisions on biodiversity and climate change, protected areas, coastal and marine biodiversity, invasive alien species, CEPA, financial mechanism and forest biodiversity.

Summary of key discussions points and suggestions:

- Participants identified the need to access funding which has been made available to support the Nagoya Protocol ratification process and assist with capacity building activities. The meeting requested SPREP to assist and support countries to better understand the Nagoya Protocol.
- The meeting recognized the need for similar national briefings to the presentation delivered by Dr. Haruko Okusu to better understand the Nagoya outcomes and decisions. Such an exercise would help countries to realistically assess the implications of the outcomes and decisions and identify a ways to internalize these into national processes and systems. Samoa requested SPREP's assistance to brief the Ministry and national stakeholders on the Nagoya outcomes and decisions. SPREP responded positively to Samoa's request and encouraged others to indicate the need for this type of support from SPREP so they can be factored into SPREP's work programme for 2011.
- On the Strategic Plan 2011 – 2020 and the 20 Aichi Targets, the meeting recognized the need to align national targets accordingly and as appropriate. An assessment of the status of biodiversity in country would be a useful exercise to undertake if these were not adequately addressed in the Fourth National Reports.
- For the Pacific issues to be recognized and highlighted in the Global Biodiversity Outlook, it was important to ensure that all National Reports to the CBD are completed and submitted on time. It was noted that only a few countries had completed their Fourth National Reports on time which was not sufficient to provide an adequate analysis of the status of biodiversity in the Pacific.
- An analysis of issues raised by the Pacific at past COP meetings was requested by Samoa. Such information would help to identify priority issues that had been consistently raised by countries. This information would also be useful to brief relevant national authorities.

Dr. Jill Key of SPREP conducted a rapid analysis of all the past COP meetings and came up with the following preliminary conclusions: priority issues that the Pacific continued to raise at COP meetings included coastal and marine biodiversity and invasive alien species; Samoa was the only country that has attended all 10 COP meetings; the Pacific delivered both Opening and Closing Remarks for the first time at COP10; although it only made 33 interventions compared to 4 interventions that were made at COP8. Although the findings from the rapid assessment are preliminary however, they do provide important information that would help to guide preparations for future COP meetings. An in-depth assessment would be required to provide accurate and substantive information of past interventions and issues raised by PICs and whether these had any impact on the final COP decisions.

11. To complement the session on the Nagoya Outcomes and key decisions, selected countries were invited to share their experiences on ABS and Financial Mechanisms. Ms Eleni Tokaduadua of Fiji shared Fiji's experience on their national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) processes. Ms. Tokaduadua highlighted the importance of a holistic approach working with key sectors and stakeholders on ABS issues as these have wider social, economic and cultural implications particularly on traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights. Ms. Alissa Takesy and Mr. Warwick Harris presented on the Micronesian Challenge Trust Fund as an example of an existing financial mechanism that is providing financial support to the implementation of key biodiversity initiatives in Micronesia at the national, local and sub-regional levels especially priorities in the NBSAPs.
12. A list of all the CBD events including other key regional and international events was presented by Dr. Haruko Okusu of UNEP. This was a useful tool for planning purposes and to guide prioritization of key meetings to attend especially those that were considered to be of significance value to the Pacific. For 2011, a number of key events which were considered to have an important focus on biodiversity included the Rio+20 preparatory meeting, the IBPoW in-depth review, the NBSAP capacity building workshop, the Round Table for Nature Conservation, PoWPA regional workshop, the UNCCD COP10, the 22 SPREP Meeting, and COP17 for the UNFCCCC.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- The meeting noted the up-coming First Meeting of Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (ICNP-1) and encouraged those who will be attending the meeting to consult widely within the Pacific team on priority issues for the Pacific to be raised at the meeting. Capacity building and funding were the two key issues that required further clarification and information on from the CBD Secretariat. Only four countries have confirmed their participation at the ICNP-1 meeting to be held from the 6 – 10 June in Montreal.
- There was great interest to learn more from the Micronesia Challenge particularly the set up and operationalization of the Trust Fund. This would help other countries and sub-regions to initiate similar initiatives.
- Suggestion for SPREP to explore in collaborations with the CBD Secretariat a regional capacity building workshop for the Pacific on the Nagoya Protocol. More information on

the Nagoya Protocol and support available to parties will probably be discussed further at the INCP-1 meeting.

13. In the afternoon, in-depth discussions were conducted on the Nagoya Outcomes focusing on capacities and readiness of countries and partners to implement the Nagoya outcomes. Special attention was given to the identification of resource and capacity gaps and possible solutions and key actions to address these. It was clear from the discussions that although there is some capacity at the national and regional levels, this was deemed insufficient given the scope of work required to implement the Nagoya Outcomes and key decisions that were adopted at COP10. In this regard, the need to prioritize and set realistic goals was identified as one of the key strategic actions to be considered during national planning and implementation consultations. Technical assistance which is available from CROP agencies and NGOs was highlighted as one of the avenues to obtain technical support should countries wish to access this.

SESSION 4: GEF5 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

14. Ms. Easter Galuvao of SPREP introduced this session with an overview of GEF5 and the main funding windows available under the STAR and the Set Aside Funding. The role of the GEF Operational Focal Point (OFP) was highlighted including support available to the GEF OFPs to assist with the coordination of national GEF activities. The GEF National Formulation and Prioritization Exercise (NFPE) which countries may opt to undertake should be looked at as an excellent opportunity to garner input and support on key national biodiversity priorities to be funded from GEF5.
15. Dr. Haruko Okusu of UNEP presented on the GEF Set Aside Funds under the biodiversity focal area and highlighted the three options available to countries to access funds for the review of the NBSAPs including the preparations of national reports to the CBD and the Biosafety Protocol. Dr. Okusu elaborated on the LDC-SIDS Portfolio Umbrella proposal which is being proposed by UNEP and encouraged countries to express interests to UNEP as soon as possible should they wish to participate in the umbrella proposal. An overview of the Nagoya Protocol Trust Fund was presented by Dr. Okusu which is another funding avenue available to countries to assist with the Nagoya Protocol.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- The meeting noted the importance of accessing information on GEF through the National GEF OFPs, the GEF Implementing Agencies and also SPREP. Such information is important to assist with the prioritization of biodiversity projects and initiatives.
- Learning from the GEFPAS experience would help countries to address some of the common GEF bottlenecks. These lessons should be taken into consideration when planning for GEF5.
- GEF5 places the onus on countries to drive and lead their own national GEF prioritization and implementation processes.
- For the Set Aside Funds, countries recognized the need to assess the implications of the three options available to them and choose one that would realistic deliver on the expected outputs. The option should also have minimum administrative requirements and is less burdensome on the countries.

- More information is required on the Nagoya Protocol Trust Fund in terms of its scope and funding amounts available to countries. This information would help countries to prepare proposals for this funding.

16. To complement the GEF5 overview, Niue and Samoa presented on their respective experiences with GEF particularly GEF5.
17. Mr. Sauni Tongatule of Niue presented on Niue's programmatic and integrated approach to GEF5. Such an approach would enable Niue to pull together its priorities for GEF under a national programme and to shift away from project focused interventions. This approach was considered appropriate and practical for Niue given the limited capacity available on island. Further, the integrated and programmatic approach was not solely focused on the GEF but broad enough to encompass funding available through non-GEF sources. Mr. Tongatule highlighted the support provided by the SPREP team which consisted of Joe Stanley (GEF Adviser), Easter Galuvao (Biodiversity Adviser) and Tepa Suaesi (Environment Officer) and encouraged other countries to approach SPREP for similar support. Niue has already completed and submitted its application for direct access to the GEF NFPE funds and they have found the process to be quite time consuming. This was a lesson for other countries to be aware of.
18. Mr. Faleafaga Toni Tipama'a of Samoa shared Samoa's experience and approach to GEF5 STAR and how Samoa had consolidated its GEF5 STAR under the Land Degradation Focal Area. Samoa has received over US$100 million from different sources which included the GEF, JICA, Australia, the Adaptation Fund and others and these funds will contribute towards the achievement of key environmental priority issues for Samoa.
19. The meeting broke into two working groups to discuss GEF issues including proposed recommendations and to identify non-GEF funding sources available to support biodiversity and related initiatives.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- On GEF matters, it was obvious that there was a need to strengthen information sharing on GEF at the national and local levels. The GEF OFPs plays a key role in this information sharing process.
- Accessing GEF resources was identified to be more of a capacity issue than a structural issue. A number of measures and options to address this issue were identified including a recommendation for the use GEF Country Support Programme Funds to build national capacities to understand GEF policies and procedures. Capacity could also be built through hands on practical involvement in project formulation and development which is often undertaken by external consultants.
- With regards to funding opportunities, a number of existing and new non-GEF funding opportunities were identified.
- The need to create opportunities for biodiversity funding under various climate change funding was highlighted as a key area to pursue given the role biodiversity plays in response to impacts of climate change.

SESSION 5: LIFE WEB

20. To complement the session on GEF funding, Mr. Bruce Jefferies of SPREP provided an overview of the Life Web funding portal which has been successfully accessed by a few Pacific Island Countries. Life Web process was deemed to be quite straight forward and Pacific Island Countries were encouraged to look at accessing funding from Life Web to support the implementation of national and regional protected area initiatives. SPREP is currently in contact with the Life Web Secretariat to identify strategic areas to strengthen engagement in the Pacific. SPREP will continue to provide information and identify opportunities for the Pacific under the Life Web platform.

SESSION 6: CBD Programme of Works – PoWPA and IBPoW

21. Bruce Jefferies of SPREP presented on the outcomes of the recent PoWPA training which was held in Vilm, Germany. Nine Pacific Island Countries are currently implementing projects under PoWPA which are funded by the GEF through UNDP. A workshop is being proposed for November 2011 to discuss lessons learnt and success stories from the nine PoWPA projects in the Pacific. The workshop will also consider other similar protected area initiatives which outside of the PoWPA projects.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- The proposed PoWPA regional workshop will consider all priority issues raised by countries especially those that have been implementing PoWPA projects.
- SPREP will keep countries and partners informed of new developments and as new information is received from the CBD

22. Ms. Easter Galuvao and Ms. Angela Williamson jointly presented on the Island Biodiversity Programme of Work (IBPoW) with a specific focus on the In-depth review. The IBPoW is the most relevant Programme of Work for the Pacific given its primary focus on island biodiversity and the in-depth review provides an excellent opportunity for Island Parties to raise priority issues including opportunities for implementation of gaps identified from the in-depth review.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- The IBPoW which was adopted at COP8 in 2006 is important to the Pacific Islands as it is the only Programme of Work that focuses specifically on island parties including parties with islands.
- At COP9, special recognition was made of key IBPoW achievements by some of the Pacific Island Parties which included the Micronesian Challenge, Coral Triangle Initiative and the Phoenix Island Protected Area.
- An in-depth review of the IBPoW was adopted at COP9 to commence after COP10. This review process is now underway and several representatives from the Pacific are part of this team.
- The review process provides an excellent opportunity for the Pacific Island Countries to raise priority issues to be addressed under the IBPoW. To achieve this, it requires an active participation and substantive input from all Pacific Island Countries and partners.

- A roadmap has been prepared to guide the review process with strategic meetings identified as possible avenues for consultations on Pacific priority issues to be considered in the in-depth review.
- A Pacific IBPoW In-depth review planning team was established in Fiji during the course of the post COP10 meeting and it included representatives from SPREP, IUCN, USP, Round Table for Nature Conservation, WWF SPO, Cook Islands, FSM, Samoa and Australia as a key development partner. The main roles of this planning team are to facilitate and coordinate Pacific dialogue and input into the in-depth review. The team will also provide technical support to PICs at SBSTTA 15 and 16.

23. A special presentation on the IUCN Mangrove Ecosystems for Climate Adaptation and Livelihood (MESCAL) project was presented by Mr Etika Rupeni of IUCN. This project highlighted the importance of mangrove ecosystems in building resilience to natural disasters and climate change impacts.

SESSION 7: INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY (IYOB)

24. Mr. Clive Hawigen of SPREP presented an overview of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations in the Pacific which were delivered through the Pacific Year of Biodiversity Campaign coordinated by SPREP. The Pacific celebrations included a theme called *"Value Island Biodiversity: It's Our Life"* which was adopted at the 20 SPREP Meeting in Apia, Samoa.
25. To complement the presentation by Mr. Hawigen, country representatives shared their highlights and achievements from their respective IYOB country activities. There were some very creative and innovative activities that countries implemented such as a biodiversity bus in Fiji, the home garden competition in Tuvalu, the million tree planting in Samoa, the biodiversity challenge in the Cook Islands and many others which will be highlighted in the IYOB Magazine that SPREP is currently preparing.
26. Mr. Cenon Padolina of SPC presented on the Year of Forests celebrations in the region and he highlighted the importance of forests to biodiversity conservation. A number of regional and national activities are organized by SPC to celebrate the Year of Forests in the Pacific.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- A suggestion was made to hold a Biodiversity Symposium where biodiversity conservation practitioners could present papers, share experiences and information.
- To coordinate and support biodiversity conservation awareness activities in the Pacific, a suggestion was made to prepare a Regional Biodiversity Communication Strategy that will guide activities to commemorate the different biodiversity and related activities in the region.
- Funding was identified as one of the bottlenecks in delivering on key biodiversity events which could be built into the regional biodiversity communication strategy.
- A suggestion was made to compile all the past themes for Biodiversity Days including key highlights and use as part of an ongoing biodiversity campaign.

SESSION 8: National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plans (NBSAP) Review Process

27. Dr. Haruko Okusu of UNEP introduced the NBSAP review process and elaborated on funding available to review NBSAPs. With the adoption of the CBD Strategic Plan 2011 – 2020, parties

are encouraged to review and align their NBSAPs to the Strategic Plan and the 20 Aichi Targets. NBSAP Capacity Building workshops are being organized and conducted by the CBD Secretariat. The Pacific workshop is planned for October, 2011 and SPREP is currently liaising with the CBD Secretariat on the arrangements for the NBSAP Workshop.

28. Mr. Stuart Chape of SPREP presented the outcomes of the Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) Results Workshop and highlighted the need to mainstream EbA into the NBSAP review process. Participants were encouraged to provide input and feedback on the EbA tools which have been developed by the Conservation International (CI) for SPREP.
29. Mr. Etika Rupeni Coordinator of the Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation (PIRT) presented on the Regional Action Strategy for Nature Conservation and highlighted the technical support that the PIRT is providing to selected countries to assist with their NBSAP Implementation Plans.

Summary of key discussions points and suggestions:

- The following key topics were suggested for inclusion in the planned SCBD NBSAP Capacity Building Workshop for the Pacific: Economic valuation of biodiversity resources; strategy for resource mobilization; in-depth review of the IBPoW; Nagoya Protocol on ABS Fund; tools to align national targets to global targets; and capacity building opportunities for Pacific Island Countries.
- Assess best practical options to access the GEF Set Aside Fund to review NBSAPs
- SPREP to expand the NBSAP listserve to include participants from the post COP10 meeting
- Mainstream Ecosystem-based Adaptation into the NBSAPs
- Pacific Island Round Table as a mechanism to provide technical assistance and support to the NBSAP review
- SPREP to liaise with the SCBD on the key capacity building workshops for the Pacific

SESSION 9: MAINSTREAMING AND STREAMLINING MEAs

30. Dr. Haruko Okusu of UNEP provided an overview of the UNEP MEA Mainstreaming initiative and highlighted the importance of strengthening coordination and information sharing among all the biodiversity MEAs. The role of the focal points for the biodiversity MEAs is crucial to ensure reporting to the biodiversity MEAs including joint activities are well coordinated. For the Pacific, 14 Pacific Island Countries are parties to the CBD, with a few that are parties to CITES, CMS and Ramsar.
31. Ms. Angela Williamson of Australia presented the outcomes of the Streamlining biodiversity MEA pilot project which was conducted in selected Pacific Island Countries. At COP10, the Pacific Island Countries strongly recommended the need to synergize reporting requirements among the Rio Conventions and related MEAs.

Summary of key discussions and suggestions:

- National MEA Focal Points play a key role in ensuring better coordination among the biodiversity MEAs and aligning these to the NBSAPs.
- Systems should be in place to facilitate reporting requirements in a coherent and coordinated manner.
- Continue to support the streamlining process which was piloted under the Australia pilot project and replicate this to other MEAs

SESSION 10: OTHER REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVES

32. Mr. Karl P. Kirsch-Jung of GIZ briefed the meeting on GIZ biodiversity and related initiatives in the Pacific. He highlighted funding opportunities available from GIZ for biodiversity which he hoped will be channeled through SPREP. Other GIZ programmes are delivered through SPC.
33. Mr. Stuart Chape of SPREP presented the Oceanscape project proposal which has been prepared by SPREP in collaborations with UNEP, CI and the Marine Sector Working Group. This project will implement key priorities in the Oceanscape Framework. The project is currently at the Project Identification and Formulation phase and it is targeting the Biodiversity and International Waters Set Aside Fund of the GEF.
34. Mr. Tepa Suaesi of SPREP provided an overview of the Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA) framework which is a process that facilitates the review of the State of Environment Reports including other environmental policy instruments such as NBSAPs and others. IEA is a new concept which focuses specifically at the policy and planning frameworks and processes.

Summary of key discussion points and suggestions:

- GEF Operational Focal Points should be consulted on all GEF projects before endorse and sign off on any GEF project.
- Request for more information on IEA including country specific training on IEA, SEA and EIA

SESSION 11: NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

35. Ms. Easter Galuvao presented a summary of the Meeting Outcomes including follow-up actions. These are summarized as follow:

Overall Meeting Outcomes:

- Documented COP10 Lessons learnt
- Developed draft roadmaps to assist with planning and implementation of the Nagoya Outcomes and decisions
- Identified GEF5 analysis of issues and possible solutions
- Identified other funding sources - Matrix
- Produced a schedule of CBD events and timelines
- Proposed topics for the NBSAP workshop
- Identified actions for PoWPA
- Identified initial priorities for IBPoW In-depth review and established a Pacific Planning Team
- Discussed options for mainstreaming and streamlining MEAs
- Shared information on other regional biodiversity initiatives and support from regional partners

Follow-up Actions by Countries

- Initiate national planning processes and raise awareness on the Nagoya Outcomes and decisions
- CBD focal points, organizations and agencies to respond to CBD reporting requirements
- Complete and submit remaining 4NRs
- Get involved and provide input to the GEF prioritization processes
- Seek technical assistance from partners and others – SPREP, USP, SPC, IUCN, WWF, UNEP etc
- Strengthen national and regional Communication and Information Sharing Networks

Follow-up Actions by SPREP

- Prepare and circulate meeting report
- Liaise with CBD Secretariat on regional meetings and workshops – NBSAP, PoWPA, EBSA etc
- Facilitate input and collaboration on the IBPoW in-depth review
- Liaise and collaborate with partners to provide support on biodiversity regional and national initiatives
- Facilitate information sharing and networking
- Facilitate and coordinate the One Pacific Voice in the lead up to the SBSTTA meetings including other key events such as the RIO+20 etc

36. Mr. Stuart Chape of SPREP closed the meeting and thanked all the participants, resource people, presenters and facilitators for a successful meeting. He also extended his appreciation to Fiji's Department of Environment for hosting a successful ceremony to officially close the International Year of Biodiversity. Mr. Chape reassured the meeting that SPREP will continue to work together with countries and partners to deliver on the Nagoya outcomes for the Pacific region.

Note: All Meeting Documents and Presentations can be downloaded from: http://www.sprep.org/publication/MEA/MEA.asp#Biodiversity

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Annex 1: Final Meeting Agenda

Day One: Monday 16th May, 2011				
8:00	*Registration*			
Time	Session	Topic	Objective	Resource Person/Facilitator
9:00 – 9:30	Session 1 Official opening and introduction	• Prayer • Opening Remarks by SPREP		• Faleafaga Toni Tipama'a - Samoa • Stuart Chape – Programme Manager for Island Ecosystems
		Meeting Overview, Objectives and Agenda	To provide an overview of the meeting objectives, expected outcomes and agenda	Easter Galuvao – SPREP
		House Keeping	Key housekeeping matters	Easter Galuvao - SPREP
		Introduction and Expectations	Introduce Meeting Participants	Jill Key – SPREP Facilitator
10:00 – 10:30	*Morning Tea*			
10:30 - 12:00	Session 2 Highlights, achievements and lessons learnt	Highlights of the Pacific Voyage to COP10	Brief introduction to Session 2 including an overview of the Pre-COP meeting outcomes and COP10 highlights	Easter Galuvao - SPREP
		Country Reflections • Fiji • Samoa • Solomon Islands • Tuvalu • Cook Islands	Sharing country experiences: participation and engagement in Nagoya	• Fiji – Eleni Tokaduadua • Samoa – Faleafaga Toni Tipama'a • Solomon Island – Joe Horokou • Tuvalu – Solomona Metia • Cook Islands – Joe Brider
		Partner reflections	Views and reflections from partner organizations	Bernard OCallaghan – IUCN
		Pacific Voyage – Media Outreach Highlights	To provide an overview of the key media outreach achievements and lessons learnt	Nanette Woonton – SPREP
12:00pm - 1:00pm	*LUNCH*			
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Working Groups	COP10 Lessons Learnt <u>Working Group 1</u>: Preparations for COP (national and regional levels) <u>Working Group 2</u>: Engagement at COP10 <u>Working Group 3</u>: Communication/Media/Advocacy	(i) Identify key lessons learnt and action points to strengthen preparations for future COP and related meetings (ii) Propose series of recommendations and actions to strengthen future COP meeting engagement and participation (iii) Identify areas to strengthen communication/media/advocacy actions to raise Pacific profiles and issues at COP and related meetings <u>Note:</u> Use the SWOT analysis tool to identify lessons learnt	Facilitators: Easter, Bernie, Jill, Nan, Tania, Clive
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Plenary	Report back including questions and answers	Working groups to report back and present lessons learnt and recommendations	Working Group 1 Sauni Working Group 2 Warwick
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Wrap Up	Wrap up and summary of key outcomes from Day 1	Quick daily evaluation exercise	Facilitator – Jill Key SPREP

DAY 2: Tuesday 17th May, 2011				
Time	Session	Topic	Objective	Resource Person/Facilitators
8:30am - 8:45am	Session 3 Nagoya Outcomes	RECAP from Day 1	Summary of the key outcomes from Day 1	Jill Key
8:45am - 9:45 am		Key Outcomes: 1. Nagoya Protocol 2. Strategic Plan 2011-2020 3. Resource Mobilization Strategy 4. Key decisions adopted	To provide an overview of the key Nagoya Outcomes and assess implications on Pacific Island Parties	Haruko Okusu – UNEP Easter Galuvao – SPREP
9:45am - 10:15am		Questions and Answers		Facilitator – Jill Key
10:15am - 10:30am	*Morning Tea*			
10:30am - 11:30am	Session 3 con't	Examples of actions to support the implementation of the Nagoya Outcomes • Nagoya Protocol (ABS) – Fiji • Resource Mobilization – Micronesian Challenge Trust Fund • CBD planned activities	Sharing experiences on how countries and partners are planning to implement the implementation of the Nagoya Outcomes	• Fiji – Eleni Tokaduadua • Micronesian Conservation Trust Fund – Panel from Federated States of Micronesia, and Marshall Islands • CBD –Haruko and Easter
11:30 am - 12:00pm		Questions and Answers		Facilitator – Jill Key
12:00pm - 1:00pm	*LUNCH*			
1:00pm - 3:30pm	Working Groups	Implementing the Nagoya Outcomes Working Group 1: Nagoya Protocol Working Group 2: Strategic Plan 2011-2020 Working Group 3: Resource Mobilization Strategy	Identify key coordination, communication/media, planning processes, technical capacity needs and resources to support the implementation of the Nagoya Outcomes	Facilitators and resource people to assist WG1: Haruko Okusu WG2: Bernie OCallaghan and Bruce Jefferies WG3: Easter Galuvao
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Plenary	Report Back including questions and answers	Working Groups report back	WG1: Rahul WG2: Donna WG3: Joe Horokou
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Wrap up	Wrap up and summary of key outcomes from Day 2	Quick daily evaluation exercise	Facilitator – Jill Key SPREP

DAY 3: Wednesday 18th May 2011				
Time	Session	Topic	Objective	Resource Person/Facilitator
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Session 4 GEF Funding	RECAP from Day 2		Jill Key
9:15 am - 10:30 am		Overview of the GEF5 • Update on GEFPAS and GEF5 • GEF 5 Set Aside Funds • ABS (Nagoya Protocol) Fund	To better understand the GEF as a funding mechanism of the CBD with a specific focus on GEF5	Easter Galuvao - SPREP Haruko Okusu – UNEP/GEF Implementing Agencies
		Sharing GEF experiences • GEF5 STAR programmatic approach – Samoa	To share experiences in GEF5 which will help other countries to prioritize and access GEF5	Faleafaga Toni Tipama'a – Samoa Sauni Tongatule - Niue

		• Direct Access – National Prioritization Formulation Exercise – Niue Questions and Answers		
10:30am - 10:45am	*Morning Tea*			
10:45AM 12:00PM	Working Group	Working Group 1: Identify issues and types of support to access GEF5 Working Group 2: Identify other funding sources for biodiversity besides GEF	Countries to indicate areas of support for accessing GEF5 and to identify other funding sources besides the GEF	Working Groups led by group chair and assisted by resource people
12:00pm - 1:00pm	*LUNCH*			
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Plenary	Report back including questions and answers	Report back	Chairs of the working groups
2:00pm - 3:00 pm	Session 5 LifeWeb	Life Web presentation Questions and Answers	To provide an update on the Life Web and guidelines on how to access funding through the Life Web	Bruce Jefferies SPREP
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Session 6 CBD Programme of Works	• PoWPA update • In-depth review of the IBPoW update Questions and Answers	To provide an update on the PoWPA and IBPoW	• Bruce Jefferies – SPREP • Easter Galuvao - SPREP • Angela Wiliamson – Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Australia
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Wrap Up	Wrap up and summary of key outcomes from Day 3	Quick daily evaluation exercise	Facilitator – Jill Key SPREP
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm		*Meeting reception*	*Social Networking*	*Hosted by SPREP*

DAY4: Thursday 19th May, 2011				
Time	Session	Topic	Objective	Resource Person/Facilitator
8:30am - 8:45am		RECAP from Day 3		Jill Key
8:45am - 10:15am	Session 7 IYOB	Highlights from the International Year of Biodiversity	To share lessons learnt, success stories and highlights from the IYOB	Nanette Woonton and Clive Hawigen SPREP
		Country experiences	Participants to share experiences and highlights from their respective IYOB celebrations	All country participants
		International Year of Forests	Update on International Year of Forests celebrations in the Pacific	Cenon Padolina - SPC
10:15am - 10:30am	*Morning Tea*			
10:30am - 12:00pm	Session 8 NBSAP	NBSAP support • CBD support to review of NBSAPs • Round Table for Nature Conservation support to NBSAPs • Mainstreaming Ecosystem Based Adaptation into	(i) To assess NBSAP status of implementation and identify areas of support and capacity needs (ii) To plan for the review of NBSAPs (iii) Message from the Ecosystems Based Adaptation Results	• CBD - Haruko Okusu UNEP • RT - Etika Rupeni RT Coordinator • Stuart Chape - SPREP

		NBSAPs Questions and Answers	Workshop	
12:00pm - 1:00pm	*LUNCH*			
1:00pm - 3:30pm	Session 9 Mainstreaming and Streamlining	Mainstreaming MEAs • Case Study from biodiversity MEAs • Streamlining biodiversity MEA reporting – Results of the Pacific Pilot Case Study	To provide an overview on progress towards mainstreaming and streamlining MEAs in terms of monitoring and reporting	Haruko Okusu (UNEP) • Angela Williamson Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Australia
3:30 pm - 4:00pm		Wrap up and summary of key outcomes from Day 3	Quick daily evaluation exercise	Facilitator – Jill Key SPREP
7:00 pm	*Special Event*	*Fiji International Year of Biodiversity (IYOB) Closing Ceremony*	*Separate Programme*	*Fiji Department of Environment*

DAY5: Friday 20th May, 2011				
Time	Session	Topic	Objective	Resource Person/Facilitator
8:30am - 8:45am		RECAP from Day 4		Jill Key
8:45am - 10:00am	Session 10 Other biodiversity initiatives	Oceanscape PIF GIZ programmes for biodiversity	To share information on biodiversity initiatives in the region – current and pipeline	Oceanscape - Stuart Chape SPREP Karl P. Kirsch-Jung – SPC/GIZ
10:00am - 10:15am	*Morning Tea*			
10:15 am - 10:45 am	Session 10 continue	Integrated Environmental Assessment (SPREP)		Tepa Suaesi - SPREP
10:45am - 12:00pm	Wrap Up	Evaluation Next Steps Closing		Jill – Evaluation Easter – Next Steps Stuart Chape

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Annex 3: Strategic Plan 2011 – 2020 Goals and Targets

Strategic Goal A: Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society
Target 1 **By 2020, at the latest, people are aware of the values of biodiversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably.** **Target 2** **By 2020, at the latest, biodiversity values have been integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems.** **Target 3** **By 2020, at the latest, incentives, including subsidies, harmful to biodiversity are eliminated, phased out or reformed in order to minimize or avoid negative impacts, and positive incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity are developed and applied, consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, taking into account national socio economic conditions.** **Target 4** **By 2020, at the latest, Governments, business and stakeholders at all levels have taken steps to achieve or have implemented plans for sustainable production and consumption and have kept the impacts of use of natural resources well within safe ecological limits.**
Strategic Goal B: Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use
Target 5 **By 2020, the rate of loss of all natural habitats, including forests, is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero, and degradation and fragmentation is significantly reduced.** **Target 6** **By 2020 all fish and invertebrate stocks and aquatic plants are managed and harvested sustainably, legally and applying ecosystem based approaches, so that overfishing is avoided, recovery plans and measures are in place for all depleted species, fisheries have no significant adverse impacts on threatened species and vulnerable ecosystems and the impacts of fisheries on stocks, species and ecosystems are within safe ecological limits.** **Target 7** **By 2020 areas under agriculture, aquaculture and forestry are managed sustainably, ensuring conservation of biodiversity.** **Target 8** **By 2020, pollution, including from excess nutrients, has been brought to levels that are not detrimental to ecosystem function and biodiversity.** **Target 9** **By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment.** **Target 10** **By 2015, the multiple anthropogenic pressures on coral reefs, and other vulnerable ecosystems impacted by climate change or ocean acidification are minimized, so as to maintain their integrity and functioning.**
Strategic Goal C: To improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity
Target 11 **By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and**

seascapes. **Target 12** **By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained.** **Target 13** **By 2020, the genetic diversity of cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and of wild relatives, including other socio-economically as well as culturally valuable species, is maintained, and strategies have been developed and implemented for minimizing genetic erosion and safeguarding their genetic diversity.**
Strategic Goal D: Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services
Target 14 **By 2020, ecosystems that provide essential services, including services related to water, and contribute to health, livelihoods and well-being, are restored and safeguarded, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable.** **Target 15** **By 2020, ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks has been enhanced, through conservation and restoration, including restoration of at least 15 per cent of degraded ecosystems, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating desertification.** **Target 16** **By 2015, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is in force and operational, consistent with national legislation.**
Strategic Goal E: Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building
Target 17 **By 2015 each Party has developed, adopted as a policy instrument, and has commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan.** **Target 18** **By 2020, the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels.** **Target 19** **By 2020, knowledge, the science base and technologies relating to biodiversity, its values, functioning, status and trends, and the consequences of its loss, are improved, widely shared and transferred, and applied.** **Target 20** **By 2020, at the latest, the mobilization of financial resources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 from all sources, and in accordance with the consolidated and agreed process in the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, should increase substantially from the current levels. This target will be subject to changes contingent to resource needs assessments to be developed and reported by Parties**

Annex 4: Summary of Meeting Evaluation Report

This is a summary of the responses to the Evaluation Questionnaire which was conducted at the end of the meeting. This information provides an overview of the usefulness of the meeting and whether it met its overall objectives as well as identifying key issues to consider in future related meetings.

*We are interested in your assessment of the meeting. For each statement, please check if you agree or disagree using a rating scale from "1" to "5". A rating of **'5' =** you **strongly agree** with the statement; **'1'- strongly disagree** and **"3"** is the level where you **neither agree nor disagree**.*

	Average
Preparation	
I had a clear understanding of the meeting objectives prior to attending	3.92
I was given enough information to prepare for the meeting	3.85
Content	
The presentations were very useful to me	4.62
The Working Group sessions were very useful to me	4.69
The format allowed me to get to network and know the other participants	4.38
There was sufficient opportunity for questions and discussion	4.62
General Satisfaction	
The meeting has helped me to develop clear ideas of the next steps for implementing the Nagoya outcomes in my country	4.46
My understanding of the issues involved in implementing the CBD has improved	4.46
My particular needs and interests were considered during the meeting	4.15

Suggestions for follow-up action:

- Encourage equal participation
- Ensure all participants make it to the meeting
- Promote / introduce video presentation or case studies from countries
- Use upcoming meetings to address some of the issues discussed from this week
- NBSAP review to include Nagoya outcome and Aichi target – ensure they are done by countries when reviewing NBSAP
- Support for PICs to prepare and attend SBSTTA meetings
- Follow through on the plan of action, the in-depth review on island biodiversity programme of work – nationally and regionally
- Continuous correspondence and support
- Have a contact list of all participants before the end of the meeting

- Would love to get a full report of the outcomes of this meeting
- Confirmation of NBSAP review regional workshop and a provisional agenda would be good
- Enough funds must be secured to implement activities
- Continue the dialogue for island biodiversity programme of work
- Reporting, circulation of resources on CD

Identify specific topics that you would like to address in future meetings or workshop:

- SOE
- More discussion on NBSAPs
- EIA review for Pacific Islands
- Valuation and incentives as tools for EBA
- Preparatory strategies / roadmaps to COP11
- Actual effective implementation of NBSAP to achieve the Nagoya outcome and Aichi target.
- Annual monitoring and evaluation very important since we are behind in out attempt to achieve the set target. Need to do more than simply achieving the set target.
- Preparation for SBSTTA
- Case study on sustainable and customary use of biodiversity in the region
- Capacity building for inclusion of Aichi targets into national and regional planning
- Strategic planning and coordination on regional interventions on MEAs… continue
- More on ABS and PoWPA
- Resource mobilization
- EIAs, SEAs, IEAs – 1 day session during next expert meeting

Please feel free to give us any additional comments, and continue overleaf if you wish:

- I think the topic that I find very fascinating is the experience from other Pacific Islands. Their existing project, how they tackle this project. If possible, if an update maybe on SPREP website could be made for the other countries to view.
- Thank you SPREP for this opportunity to meet up with other colleagues. We have a special family in the Pacific for CBD – thumbs up! Best wishes for the next process.
- Countries need to biodiversity “proof” island ecosystem
- Need to build capacity to continue to identify biodiversity especially species.
- The workshop was productive, though I would say too many things covered in a week is too much.
- Note: low score for preparation is due to limited internet access.
- Get more people to join IBPoW strategy group.
- Please negotiate better accommodation rates

Annex 5: CBD and related biodiversity events

Date(s)	**Events and deadlines**
18-20 May	3rd Expert Meeting for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development (Incheon, Republic of Korea)
31 May -3 June	International meeting on Article 10 (Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity) with a focus on Article 10(c) (Customary Use of Biological Diversity) (Montreal, Canada)
1 June	**DEADLINE: Call for experts on geo-engineering**
3-5 June	The eleventh meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (Montreal, Canada)
4-5 June	CBD Capacity Building Workshop on ABS (Montreal, Canada)
6-10 June	1st Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (ICNP-1) (Montreal, Canada)
20-24 June	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (High Wycombe, UK)
30 June	**DEADLINE: In-depth Review of the Programme of Work on Island Biodiversity**
30 June	**DEADLINE: submission of voluntary reports on IYOB**
29 June – 1 July	Liaison Group Meeting on Climate-Related Geo-Engineering as it relates to the Convention on Biological Diversity (London, UK)
8-9 July	Liaison Group on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (St.Louis, MI, USA)
14-16 July	Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting of Local-community Representatives (Montreal, Canada)
22 July	Pacific Regional Rio+20 Preparatory Meeting (Apia, Samoa)
24-28 July	14th Pacific Island Roundtable Annual Meeting (Fiji)
23-24 August	IUCN Oceania Forum (Brisbane, Australia)
22-26 August	Pacific Island UNCCD COP-10 preparatory meeting (TBC)
5-10 September	UNESCO Pacific Hub Third Pacific World Heritage Workshop (Apia, Samoa)

12-16 September	22nd SPREP Meeting (Apia, Samoa)
19-21 September	GEF Extended Constituencies Workshop for the Pacific Region (TBC, Apia, Samoa)
3-7 October	CBD Pacific Regional Workshop on Review of the NBSAP (TBC)
10-21 October	UNCCD COP-10 (Changwon, Republic of Korea)
19-20 October	Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia Pacific Region, ESCAP (Seoul, Korea)
31 October – 4 November	Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (Montreal, Canada)
7-11 November	SBSTTA-15 (Montreal, Canada)
22-25 November	Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development (Dehradun, India)
Mid-November	CBD Regional Workshop on EBSAs and PoWPA (TBC)
30 November	**DEADLINE: submission of information and views on the further development of programmes priorities for WGRI**
28 November – 9 December	UNFCCC COP-17 (Durban, South Africa)
5-10 December	International Congress for Conservation Biology (Auckland, New Zealand)

Annex 6: List of Acronyms

Acronym	Full name
ABNJ	Areas beyond national jurisdiction – high seas
ABS	Access and Benefit Sharing
ACP MEA	Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Countries Multilateral Environmental Agreements
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AHTEG	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group
BINGO	Big International Non-Governmental Organisation
CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis
CBD	Convention for Biological Diversity
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEPA	Communications, education and public awareness
CEPF	Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
CIF	Climate Investment Fund
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
COP	Conference of the Parties
COP10	10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
CROP	Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CSP	Country Support Programme
CTI	Coral Triangle Initiative
EAG - CC	Early Action Grant for Climate Change
EbA	Ecosystem based Adaptation

EBSA	Ecologically and Biologically Significant Area
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
FEMM	Forum Economic Ministers Meeting
FIP	Forest Investment Programme
FP	Focal Point
FSPI	Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International – Fiji based NGO
GEF	Global Environment Facility – the funding mechanism of the CBD
GEFPAS	Global Environment Facility Pacific Alliance for Sustainability
GHG	Green House Gas
GIZ	Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit = German Society for International Cooperation
IA	Implementing Agency
IEA	Integrated Environmental Assessment
IAS	Invasive Alien Species
IBPoW	Island Biodiversity Programme of Work
ICCAI	International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative of Australia
ICNP	Intergovernmental Committee on the Nagoya Protocol on ABS
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
IYOB	International Year of Biodiversity
LDC	Least Developed Country
MAT	Mutually Agreed Terms
MCT	Micronesia Conservation Trust
MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MESCAL	Mangrove Ecosystems for Climate Change Adaptation and Livelihoods
MPA	Marine Protected Areas

MSP	Medium Sized Project
MSWG	CROP Marine Sector Working Group
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan
NFP	National Focal Point
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NPFE	National Prioritization Formulation Exercise
OFP	Operational Focal Point
PABITRA	Pacific Biodiversity Transects
PBIF	Pacific Biodiversity Information Facility
PES	Payment for Ecosystem Services
PIC	Prior Informed Consent
PICs	Pacific Island Countries
PIF	Project Identification Formulation
PIRT	Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation
PoWPA	Programme of Work for Protected Areas
PPG	Project Preparation Grant
PRIF	Pacific Regional Information Facility
RARE	RARE for Nature Conservation, an NGO working on social marketing
REDD	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
RTMG	Round Table Management Group
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
SCCF	Special Climate Change Fund
SIDS	Small Island Developing State
SLM	Sustainable Land Management
SOPAC	Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission – a CROP agency
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community – a CROP agency

SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme – a CROP agency
STAR	System for Transparent Allocation of Resources
SWOT	Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats
TEEB	The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity – a UNEP report
TK	Traditional knowledge
UNCCD	United Nations Convention for Combating Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change
UNU - IAS	United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies
USP	University of the South Pacific – a CROP agency
WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre
WCS	Wildlife Conservation Society
WGRI	Working Group to Review the Implementation of the CBD
WHC	World Heritage Convention
WWF	World Wildlife Fund for Nature