TERMS OF REFERENCE - SDWG[1]

The objectives of the Working Group, through the CROP mechanism are to;

(i) Support Pacific Islands countries in issues that relate to sustainable development and to provide, effective and well coordinated advise;

(ii) to facilitate an integrated and programmatic approach to sustainable development.

The working group will assist the regional organizations coordinate efforts and combine skills and resources to assist countries prepare for international and regional fora that focus on sustainable development.

In working toward these objectives the Working Group is to coordinate as appropriate the activities relevant to sustainable development by other CROP working groups and to develop a wide partnership by actively encouraging involvement of non-state actors and stakeholders capable of stimulating national momentum and engagement in sustainable development.

The Sustainable Development Strategy Working Group shall:

(i) support National efforts for sustainable development through coordinated and effective CROP assistance;

(ii) provide advise on coordinated and integrated approaches to the delivery of CROP services to PIC's in line with sustainable development;

(iii) coordinate preparation of regional reviews, background documents and briefs for international and regional fora concerning sustainable development;

(iv) promote effective partnerships between all stakeholders, and related programmes and activities;

(v) facilitate regional positions on sustainable development and ensure they are considered by appropriate regional and international meetings and CROP;

In the context of these tasks the Group shall pay particular attention to:

a. providing advice to CROP on overarching and cross cutting issues relating to implementation of the JPOI and MSI for further implementation for the BPOA for sustainable development of SIDS;
b. facilitate the servicing the Pacific Regional Post Mauritius Meeting;
c. providing advice to CROP on the development and implementation of the Pacific Plan
d. providing support to PIC's in preparation for the MDG+5 Summit in September.
e. facilitating the exchange of information between the WGs.

The Sustainable Development Strategy Working Group shall comprise of senior representatives or their nominees of CROP organizations, together with other stakeholders on voluntary basis.

[1] Approved by CROP Heads in 2005.

Attachment II

PROPOSED REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE – SDWG

The objectives of the Sustainable Development Working Group, through the CROP mechanism are to;

(iii) Support Pacific island countries in issues that relate to sustainable development and to provide, effective and well coordinated advise;

(iv) to facilitate an integrated and programmatic approach to sustainable development.

The working group will assist the regional organizations coordinate efforts and combine skills and resources to assist countries address important emerging or on-going priority issues relating to sustainable development.

In working toward these objectives the Working Group is to coordinate as appropriate the activities relevant to sustainable development by other CROP working groups and to develop a wide partnership by actively encouraging involvement of non-state actors and stakeholders capable of stimulating national momentum and engagement in sustainable development.

The Sustainable Development Working Group shall:

(vi) support National efforts for sustainable development through coordinated and effective CROP assistance;

(vii) provide advise on coordinated and integrated approaches to the delivery of CROP services to PIC's in line with sustainable development;

(viii) coordinate preparation of regional reviews, background documents and briefs for international and regional fora concerning sustainable development;

(ix) promote effective partnerships between all stakeholders, and related programmes and activities;

(x) facilitate regional positions on sustainable development and ensure they are considered by appropriate regional and international meetings and CROP;

In the context of these tasks the SDWG shall pay particular attention to:

a. coordinating support, as appropriate, to PICs on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Initiatives under the Pacific Plan;

b. coordinating joint programming (which includes development of joint work plans, funding proposal and joint implementation of initiatives in country) through adoption of an integrated country-focussed action-oriented regional partnerships approach involving relevant CROP agencies;

c. coordinating regional position papers and providing support to PIC's in preparation for various MEA COPS and other international meetings and conferences as relevant
d. facilitating the increased access of PICs to development assistance and financing for sustainable development;

The Sustainable Development Working Group shall comprise of senior representatives or their nominees of CROP organizations and other relevant stakeholders as agreed to by the CROP Heads.