Workshop on National Sustainable Development Strategies in Pacific Island States
Draft Programme

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Thursday, 4 May 2006

Opening session
Chair: H.E. Mr. Robert Guba Aisi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Papua New Guinea

9:30 – 10:15
Welcome by Ms. JoAnne Disano, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Statement by H. E. Mr. Aldo Mantovani, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy

Statement by H.E. Mr. Robert Guba Aisi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Papua New Guinea

Introduction of participants

10.15 – 11:15
Workshop introduction and Characteristics of National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS)
Presentation by Ms. Mary Pat Silveira, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

Open discussion

11:15 – 11:30
Break

Session 1: Status of NSDS in Pacific Islands
Chair: Ms. Mary Pat Silveira, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

11:30 – 13:00
Presentations (15 minutes each) by national focal points from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
Comments by participants

13:00 – 14:30
Break for lunch

Session 1: Status of NSDS in Pacific Islands (cont’d)
Chair: Ms. Padma Lal, Sustainable Development Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

14:30 – 16:00
Presentations (15 minutes each) by national focal points from Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau,
Comments by participants
16:00 – 16:15  Break

16:15 – 18:00  *Presentations* (15 minutes each) by national focal points from Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu

Comments by participants

**Friday, 5 May 2006**

**Session 1: Status of NSDS in Pacific Islands (cont’d)**
Chair: Ms. Carol Flore-Smereczniak, Pacific Regional MDG Specialist, United Nations Development Programme Pacific Sub Regional Centre

9:30 – 11:30  *Regional Commonalities and Differences*
Presentation by Mr. Russell Howorth, Consultant, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

Open Discussion

11:30 – 11:45  Break

**Session 2: Monitoring NSDS and the Role of Indicators**
Chair: Ms. Carol Flore-Smereczniak, UNDP

11:45 – 13:00  *Presentation* by Mr. Matthias Bruckner, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30  Break for lunch

**Session 3: NSDS in the Pacific – Next Steps**
Chair: Ms. Mary Pat Silveira, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

14:30 – 16:15  Discussion

16:15 – 16:30  Break

16:30- 18:00  Discussion and agreement on time table and responsibilities