



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Ministry of Commerce Industry and Labour (MCIL) and International Labour Organization (ILO)

Concept Note

Proposed date: Tuesday 31th October 2018, 17:00 – 20:00

Introduction

The ILO in collaboration with MNRE, and MCIL has mobilize the technical assistance through partnership with the implementation phase of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in Samoa. The Government of Samoa with funding from the GCF has started the implementation of the “*Integrated Flood Management to Enhance Climate Resilience of the Vaisigano River Catchment in Samoa*” project referred to as the Vaisigano Catchment Project (VCP). This project aims to reduce the effect of recurrent flood-related impacts in the Vaisigano River catchment, which flows through Samoa’s national capital, Apia.

The project objective to strengthen the adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities and reduce their exposure to flood risk, notably through Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) strategies and enterprise development to enhance vulnerable communities’ incomes. It focuses on reducing run-off during extreme events along the river banks and especially in the upstream catchment areas. Ensuring that key areas remain under conservation and continue to provide optimal ecosystem functions, as well as opportunities for land-based livelihoods, that are crucial in reducing vulnerability and/or enhancing adaptive capacity of communities living in the catchment. This objective will notably be achieved by scaling up activities that have been proven to be effective in supporting climate resilient livelihood options in the Vaisigano River Catchment with a strong focus on gender considerations and other vulnerable groups residing in the catchment.

The MNRE/ILO/MCIL Partnership

The ILO programme on transition to environmental sustainability and disaster preparedness & recovery and using global and regional best practises was capture as the best practise and module that fit with phase of this manual. In this regards ILO has being requested in partnership that we have through technical side on the

1. Designing a strategic action plan for the application of the Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all to foster green growth and green jobs in Samoa;
2. Develop a specific training framework on the Global Climate Fund’s Green Works for Green Jobs;
3. Improving the existing Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) to accelerate green jobs creation potential;
4. Designing & Implementing Emergency Employment Programmes

5. Proposing Strategies for creating medium to long term quality jobs through public investment programmes
6. Promoting resilient enterprises through disaster risk reduction contingency planning and training.

The side event and panellists

The objective of the signing of the MoU in this Side Event is for solid confirmation of the this agreement amongst the 3 parties to be tabled under the Manual Operation of the GCF

The parties involved:

	Signatories	Designation/Organisation	Status
1	Mr. Donglin LI	Director, ILO Pacific Countries	Confirmed
2	Mr. Ulu Bismarck Crawley	Chief Executive Officer Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)	Confirmed
3	Mr. Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling	Chief Executive Officer Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour	Confirmed

Outputs

The main ILO output is to:

- ***Comply and work together with the Ministries (MNRE & MCIL) from time to time on the implementation plan for the MoU***

Number / List of participants

Most of the participants would be mainly the participants of the SIDS Conference in additional are the local partners that must also need to register in order to attend the side events in the SIDS Village

	Organizations	Number of participants
1	Pacific Youth Council	3
2	Samoa National Youth Council	3
3	Young Entrepreneur Council	4
4	Youth Employment Programme (ONE UN)	6
5	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour	4
6	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	6
7	Samoa Chamber of Commerce & Industry	2
8	Samoa Workers Congress	2
9	Ministry of Women Community and Social Development	2
10	ILO team	2

PROGRAMME ON

- (I) **Signing of the MoU – MNRE/ MCIL & ILO**
- (II) **Addressing Challenges of Youth Unemployment in the Pacific through genuine partnership.**

MoU Signing Event		
Time	Speakers	Comments
17:00 – 17:05	All seated, welcome and programme introduction by MC	MC - Tomasi Peni (ILO NC for Samoa)
17:05 – 17:10	Remarks from ILO	Mr. Donglin Li
17:10 – 17:20	Remarks from MNRE	Mr. Ulu Bismarck Crawley
17:20 – 17:30	Remarks from MCIL/ Chair of SNTF	Mr. Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling
17:30 – 17:35	Signing of the MoU	ILO/MNRE/MCIL
Youth Employment Side Event		
		MC – (PYC Representative)
17:35-17:45	Ms Tahere Sisialafia Chair, Pacific Youth Council (PYC)	Confirmed
17:45-17:55	Ms Kaisarina Salesa Former Coordinator, Samoa National Youth Council (SNYC)	Confirmed
17:55-18:05	Ms Nalei Paul Chair, Samoa Young Entrepreneurs Chamber (YEC)	(TBC)
18:05-18:15	Ms Maria Tiatia Manager, One UN Youth Employment Programme	Confirmed
18:15 – 18:25	Mr Donglin Li Director, ILO Office for Pacific Island Countries	Confirmed
18:25 – 18:35	Ms Kuiniselani Toelupu Tango Head, Human Development Programme, SPC	Confirmed
18:35 – 18:50	Q&A	
18:50 – 19:50	Light Refreshment & Cocktail	