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ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA FOR PACIFIC AAACP DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP

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1. Proposed Workshop Programme/Agenda

On the basis of the latest consultations, it is proposed to structure the agenda as follows:

- A general presentation of programme expected and actual results,
- A Case story to illustrate programme approach and results achieved
- Testimonials on a set of successful innovative programme activities,
- An open session to allow free interaction between donors and development partners, followed by
- a conclusion session.

These are detailed below.

Session 1: Overview of Expected and Actual Results.

This session serves as background as well as to introduce the agenda. It will recall the expected results of the AAACP, major achievements, and the various main approaches used to attain them. The overview will aim at (i) demonstrating the innovative character of programme and (ii) whetting the appetite of participants as to the rest of the workshop programme.

This session would have as documentary support a report commissioned by the CU on the subject, with specific focus on the Pacific region.

Session 2 will be the first case story.

It will seek to demonstrate, starting from the core programme mandate of supporting participatory strategy development, how the programme also

- came in support of strategy implementation and of national commodity programmes through a coherent package of complementary interventions (including cross-cutting themes);
- fostered inter agency collaboration
- developed synergies with or complemented other activities outside the AAACP if applicable
- promoted alignment on priorities of beneficiaries, etc.

Lessons learnt from implementation will also be identified and shared.

For the Pacific region, the first case story will relate to support to the **Samoa Fruits and vegetables sector**.

An overall presentation of complementary interventions in support of the sector (20 minutes) will open the session.

The main presentation will be complemented by remarks from a three-member panel (Lead IO, SPC, another beneficiary – 10 minutes each).

A plenary debate will follow for the remaining 40 minutes.

Session 3: Capacity building of Producer Organisations

Case Story 2 will cover support to producer organisations. First, it will show case training of producer organisations through on-site study tours of successful established peers. *Natures Way* of Fiji of Vanuatu would be invited to share its experience under the AAACP. Then, a representative CaFAN (Caribbean Farmers Network) will share the experience of support provided by the AAAP to POs in their region. Speakers will have 20 minutes each before a floor debate.

Sessions 4 and 5 will move to a more thematic approach. To maximise participation of beneficiaries, it is proposed that the subject be broached by a mixed panel (made of value-chain representatives and implementing agencies), before being opened up to plenary debate.

Session 4 will deal with the challenges of enhancing the functioning of agricultural commodity markets in the Pacific. The following will be covered:

- Market Information Systems
- Improving policy formulation
- Improving buyer-farmer linkages

A common thread to the above in the circumstances of the Pacific is lack of reliable data base. Presentations will show what has been achieved to reduce this deficit and what is left to be done and why the remaining gap requires bridging.

There will be a panel presentation (three members, ten minutes each) followed by plenary debate (about one hour).

Session 5: Innovative Financing and Risk Management (Day 2)

This would be essentially a sharing of the joint/complementary work of the WB-ARMT, FAO and UNCTAD in the areas of supply chain finance and risk management, with possibly Samoa as Case Story, and showing linkages to the strategy development work.

It will take the form of a panel presentation (three members, 10-12 minutes each) followed by plenary debate (Between 45 mins to one hour).

Session 6: This session on Day 2 will be a full two-hour slot reserved for non-AAACP development partners to (i) present their ongoing initiatives, (ii) identify links with AACP work and (iii) to indicate areas of interest under the AAACP for potential follow up.

Thus, presentations would highlight the area of fruit and vegetable work that will be carried out by PHAMA, PARDI, ACIAR and by SPC on the work program for the EDF 10 Intra-ACP project to begin in 2011.

There will be a maximum of five (5) short presentations of 10-12 minutes each, with five minutes Q & A after EACH presentation, and more general interaction (30 minutes), at the end of all presentations.

Session 7 can be construed as running from the end of Session 6 through lunch to 4pm. This is an open slot (formally from 2.30 pm to 4pm) for a “market place” to encourage interaction among development partners to identify concrete possibilities of collaboration/cooperation and have preliminary discussions thereon.

The final session will run from 4.30 pm to 6pm on Day 2. This final session will seek to summarise the major achievements of the AAACP, recall the success stories that can be replicated, underline major lessons learnt in terms of programme implementation. It will also identify, hopefully as concretely as possible, potential follow-up by development partners that may have emerged during the meeting.

This session is foreseen as a panel session made up of SPC and representatives of development partners likely to be involved in any follow-up, including representatives of the *Global Donors Platform for Rural Development*, and chaired jointly by the EU and the ACPS.

DRAFT PROGRAMME (09 Aug 2011)

DAY 1	
08.00 – 8.50	Registration
09.00 – 09.30	Opening Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks by the ACP Representative - Opening remarks by the EU Representative - Opening remarks and official opening by Regional Focal Point
9.30 – 10.00	Group Photo & Refreshments
Session 1 10.00 – 11.00	Chaired by ACPS The AAACP: Expected and Actual Results, and Overview of Approaches Used
Session 2 11.00 – 12.30	Chaired by EU Rep in Fiji Case Story 1: Presentation of a case study/story which seeks to show how programme results have been successfully met in the region for a given sector. Example: Support to the Samoan Fruits & Vegetables Sector Presentation by Samoa F&V Strategy Coordination Committee, 20 minutes, followed by panel presentations (3X10 mins), then plenary debate Panel Members: Lead IO, SPC, Another Beneficiary
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH
Session 3 14.00 – 15.30	Chaired by SPC Case Story 2: Capacity Building of Producer Organisations Use of established peers to train producers : the case of <i>Natures Way</i> (15-20 minutes) The Caribbean experience: CaFAN followed by floor debate
15.30 - 16.00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 4 16.00 – 17.30	Chaired by FAO Regional Rep Enhancing the Functioning of Agricultural Commodity Markets This will cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Information Systems • Improving policy formulation • Improving buyer-farmer linkages

DAY 2	
Session 5 09.00 – 10.30	Chaired by WB Pacific Office Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Agriculture: This would be essentially a sharing of the joint/complementary work of the WB-ARMT, FAO and UNCTAD in the areas of supply chain finance and risk management, with possibly Samoa as Case Story, and showing linkages to the strategy development work. Panel presentation (three members, 15 minutes each) followed by plenary debate (about 45 minutes).
10.30 – 11.00	Refreshments
Session 6 11.00 – 13.00	Chaired by SPC Session for non-AAACP development partners to (i) present their ongoing initiatives, (ii) identify links with AACP work and (iii) indicate areas of interest under the AAACP for potential follow up. About five (5) short presentations of 10-12 minutes each, with ten minutes interaction after EACH presentation, and more general interaction (20 minutes), at the end of all presentations and associated Q&A.
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH
Session 7 14.30 -16.00	Open session for interaction between funding agencies and development partners
16.00 – 16.30	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 8 16.30 – 18.00	Co-chaired by ACPS and EU Conclusions and Recommendations, with indications on next steps
19.00 – 21.00	RECEPTION