



REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services Network (PIRAS); Pacific Agricultural Plant Genetic Resources Network (PAPGREN); Pacific Agriculture and Forestry Policy Network (PAFPNet); POETCom; Reforestation Network (RFRNet); Pacific Animal Health Laboratory Network (PAHLNet);

Theme: Strengthening Agriculture and Forestry Research and Extension Linkages for Sustainable Food Security and Trade

Apia, Samoa, 24 -28 August 2015

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY 1: MINISTRY OF WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HALL, APIA

Session/Time	Topics	Moderator
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
Session 1 8:30 – 9:30	<p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. Inoke Ratukalou, Director, Land Resource Division (LRD), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)</i> Guest Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Natalie Ernst, Deputy Executive Secretary, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS)</i> Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative of Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Hon. Mamea, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF), Government of Samoa</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Fonoiava Sesega, CEO, MAF, Samoa
9:30 – 10:00	PHOTO SESSION AND MORNING TEA	
Session 3 10:00 – 10:30	<p>INTRODUCTIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gibson Susumu, LRD, SPC Concepts/Ideologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Viliamu Iese, USP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. William Wigmore, Director, Research, Cook Islands
Session 4 10:30 – 11:30	<p>STATUS OF REAS IN THE PACIFIC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Extension and Advisory Services in the Pacific <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Study Introductions Highlights of Past of Extension Review in the Region (Past Extension Summits, 2005 and 2009) Development of a Pacific Extension Strategy - Overview (Dr. Salend Kumar/Dr. Christine King/Dr. Chris Jacobson, Consultants, PAPP, SPC) Research priorities for Agriculture by Sub-Sectors (Crops, Livestock and Agroforestry) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Siosiu Halavatau, Acting Deputy Director, LRD, SPC Dr. Richard Markham/Dr. Peter Horne, Overview of ACIAR Research in the Pacific 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. William Wigmore, Director, Research, Cook Islands



<p>Session 5</p> <p>11:30 – 12:30</p>	<p><u>GOOD PRACTICES AND LESSONS FROM THE PACIFIC</u></p> <p>1. <i>Global Good Practices</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Natalie Ernst, DES, GFRAS Dr. Michael Furlong, ACIAR ICM Program for the Pacific <p>2. <i>Research and Extension Programs in Papua New Guinea</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Frank Daink, Extension and Information Division, DAL, PNG Dr. Ramakrishna Akkinapally, Deputy DG, NARI, PNG <p>3. <i>Research and Extension Programs in Samoa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Misa Konelio, ACEO, Research and Extension Division, MAF, Samoa Mr. David Hunter, CEO, SROS, Samoa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DISCUSSIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. William Wigmore, Director, Research, Cook Islands
<p>12:30 – 1:30</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>	
<p>1:30 – 3:00</p>	<p>Session 5 Continues</p> <p>4. <i>Research and Extension Programs in Fiji</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Jone Sovalawa, Director, Crops and Extension Division, MOA, Fiji Dr Apaitia Macanawai, Acting Director, KRS, Fiji <p>5. <i>US FAS/Territories – Cooperative Research and Extension Programs/Landgrant Programs (Joint Presentation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Walter James Currie, Vice President, CRE, F.S. Micronesia Dr. Mark Schmardick, Entomologist, American Samoa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DISCUSSIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Viliamu Iese, USP
<p>3:00 – 4:00</p>	<p>NETWORKING TEA BREAK</p>	
<p>4:00 – 4:30</p>	<p>Session 5 Continues</p> <p>6. <i>New Caledonia Research and Extension Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Valerie Kagy, Plant Pathologist/Team Leader, Agro-system Research Department Dr. Christian Mille, Entomologist/Team Leader, Applied Entomology <p>7. <i>Forestry REAS Programs</i>, Mr. Elik Senivasa, Deputy Forester, Fiji</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DISCUSSIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Viliamu Iese, USP
<p>4:30 – 5:00</p>	<p>WRAP UP AND CLOSE</p>	<p>Gibson Susumu</p>
<p>7:00 – 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Cocktail</p>	



DAY 2 TUESDAY – HOTEL MILLENNIA CONFERENCE ROOMS

Parallel Thematic Sessions				
TIME	Room A		Room B	
8:00 – 8:15	Registration		Registration	
8:15 – 10:15	<p>Session 1A. Industry focused Research Extension Advisory Services for Sustainable Economic Growth and Trade of the Agriculture sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and opportunities in marrying REAS and Private Sector needs (SPC) • Industry focussed research (MAFF, Samoa Experience) • Driving industry growth and sustainability (Fiji Experience) • Food Safety and postharvest management systems in response to market driven demands (SPC) • Differentiated markets and certification systems (WIBDI) • Tackling the challenges in supply chain management (PNG/Indonesia Experience) • Papaya industry supply chain development and research (PIFON) • Challenges and Way forward 	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Mr. Fereti Atumurirava & Mr. Sanfred Smith</p>	<p>Session 1B. Role of Academia in Strengthening Agriculture Innovation Systems (Vice Versa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of the South Pacific School of Science and Food Technology (Dr. Sonny Lameta) • Professor Alan Quartein, University of Goroka, PNG (Professor Alan Quartermain) • College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Fiji National University (Professor Bukola Babatunde) • National University of Samoa (TBC) • Land Grant Colleges (Dr. Mark Schmardick and Walter James Currie) • Challenges/Way Forward 	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Mr. Dean Solofa, Viliamu Iese & Poasa Nauluvula</p>
10:00 – 10:30	NETWORKING TEA BREAK		NETWORKING TEA BREAK	
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Panel Session 2A. Livestock REAS Needs and Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Waste Management - Regional Situation and Perspective - Andrew Tukana (SPC) • Livestock feed – Current Researches in Livestock Feed in the Region– Dr Pika Kohun (NARI, PNG) • Livestock biodiversity in the changing environment of the Pacific islands – Outcome of the FAO project 	<p>Nichol Nonga and Dr. Ilagi Puana</p>	<p>Panel Session 2B. Promoting Agroforestry for Sustainable Food Security and Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Research and Extension in Promoting agro forestry for Sustainable Food Security and Trade • Vanuatu Experience • Samoa Experience • North Pacific Experience • Private Sector Experience 	<p>Maria and Jalesi</p>



	<p>on conservation of indigenous chickens and pigs in selected PICTs (Nichol Nonga , SPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private sector and Livestock REAS - Fiji experience - Mr Simon Cole (FCLC) • Animal Welfare and livestock husbandry practices – a regional perspective (Dr. Ilagi Puana, SPC) • Challenges & Way Forward 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges & Way Forward 	
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH		LUNCH	
1:30 – 3:30	<p>Panel Session 3A. Role of IKM and Social Media in strengthening capacity of agricultural REAS for better impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current extension media for information dissemination, and what are potential ICT/IKM platforms for the future for use in extension (CTA Media/ICT) • National Extension Services linkages to ICTS (Solomon Islands/Hoota, Samoa/Tommy, and Tonga/ Mo’ale) • ICT Tools and applications (FFS/Malcolm, Plant Health Clinics/Grahame Jackson; WIBDI/Felolini, METTI/Vermullen) • ICTs for Livestock – Lessons from Samoa MAFF/Laumata, Dr Nime Kapo (PNG) • Media organisations: the role of private media organisations in complementing national extension providing agriculture information (TV Samoa CEO/Faisea, radio, TV; Lance Polu/Talamua Media, news agency, on-line) • Regional organisations use of extension media/IKM 	<p>Emil Adams and Anju Managl</p>	<p>Panel Session 3B. Strengthening Partnerships in REAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Good Practices on Extension (GFRAS) • From Past Experience and Opportunities for Strengthening RAS in the Pacific – New Opportunities for EAS from ACIAR (ACIAR) • New Opportunities for the Region to Empower Communities through Strengthened EAS (IFAD) • FAO Partnership Opportunities (FAO) • Partnership Through Land Grant Programs (Nat) • Challenges & Way Forward 	<p>Valerie Tuia & Gibson Susumu</p>



	platforms to disseminate and manage information and knowledge - SPC/Emil/Anju, SPREP/Makelesi and Nanette, FAO/Crichton, Digicel/ICT platforms			
3:30 – 3:45	NETWORKING TEA BREAK			
3:45 – 4:45	<p>Session 4: Plenary Feedback Session: Outcomes from Parallel Sessions (Room A)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Session 1a. Private Sector REAS Needs and Opportunities (Mr. Sanfred Smith) 2. Session 1b. Addressing REAS Training Needs (Mr. Dean Solofa) 3. Session 2a. Research and Extension Linkages through IKM (Mr. Emil Adams) 4. Session 2b. Partnership and Networking Opportunities (Ms Valerie Tuia) 5. Session 3a. Livestock REAS Priorities/Needs (Dr. Ilagi Puana) 6. Session 3b. Agroforestry Needs/Priorities (Maria Elder) <p>DISCUSSIONS</p>			SPC
4:45 – 5:00	Wrap Up/Close			SPC
6:00 – 7:00	Side Event: International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture			Ms Valerie Tuia



DAY 3 WEDNESDAY – MILLENNIA HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOMS

PARALLEL SESSIONS		
	ROOM A (EXTENSION)	ROOM B (RESEARCH)
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	Registration
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Session 1A: Extension today: New roles and responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The New Extensionist Presentation on Global Extension Strategy and (GFRAS) <p>DISCUSSIONS</p>	<p>Session 1B: Research Inventory</p> <p>Inventory of Research Needs for Policy Development by Sub-sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crops Agroforestry Animal Welfare, PAPGREN
9:00 – 10:00	<p>Session 2A: Pacific Extension Strategy Formulation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Extension Strategy – Pacific Regional Context and Stakeholder analysis (SPC and Consultant) General comments and feedback 	<p>Session 1B: Pacific Research Priorities</p> <p>Analysis and Prioritisation of Research Needs for Policy Development by Sub-sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crops Agroforestry Animal Welfare PAPGREN
10:00 – 10:30	NETWORKING TEA BREAK	NETWORKING TEA BREAK
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Session 3A: Group Work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Defining ideal strategy Policy Purpose, Goals, Objectives, Priorities and Implementation Arrangements Contrasting ideal strategy to current practice to identify opportunities and constraints Sub-regional best practice and knowledge gaps 	<p>Session 1B Continues</p> <p>Analysis and Prioritisation of Research Needs for Policy Development by Sub-sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crops Agroforestry Animal Welfare, PAPGREN
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:00	<p>Session 4A. Feedback Session</p> <p>a. Group Presentations</p>	<p>Session 2B: Pacific Scientific Forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions on Pacific Scientific Forum for Horticultural Crops (SPC and Graham Jackson)
2:00 – 3:00	<p>Session 5A: Reviving PIRAS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on PIRAS and Its Linkages to APIRAS and GFRAS (SPC & GFRAS) Group Discussions - Defining PIRAS TOR and Operations 	<p>Session 2B Continues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Scientific Forum Discussions Continue
3:00 – 3:30	NETWORKING TEA BREAK	NETWORKING TEA BREAK
3:30 -4:30	<p>Session 5A Continues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adopting PIRAS TOR and Governance Structure 	<p>Session 2B Continues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Scientific Forum
4:30 – 5:00	WRAP UP and CLOSE	
7:00 – 9:00	SIDE EVENT: PIRAS LAUNCHING	



DAY 4 THURSDAY – FIELD TRIP

Thursday	Topics
8:00 – 10:00	FIELD TRIP 1. Visit to Nu'u Research Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taro Breeding Program Vegetable promotion program
10:30 – 12:30	FIELD TRIP 2. SPC/MAF IACT Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Access Project site 3. Women in Business Development Incorporated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCO and Banana Processing
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH
	4. Field Trip to SPC/MAF Savaiia Project Sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated approach to promote resilient Food and Livelihood Security SPC/MAF Soil Improvement project site 5. Samoa Olomanu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coconut Breeding Centre 6. Scientific Research of Samoa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value added research programs and private sector linkages
4:30 – 5:00	Return to Hotel

DAY 5 FRIDAY – HOTEL MILLENNIA CONFERENCE ROOMS

Friday	Topics	Moderator
8:00 – 9:00	Registration	
Session 1 9:00 – 9:30	Session 1: Strengthening Extension in the Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension Priorities and best practice models (Mr. Dean Solofa) PIRAS Network operations and linkages (Mr. Gibson Susumu) DISCUSSIONS	Mr. David Hunter, CEO, MAF
9:30 – 10:00	NETWORKING TEA BREAK	
Session 2 10:00 – 11:00	Session 2: Regional Extension Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Extension Strategy Framework (Dr. Salend Kumar) DISCUSSIONS	Mr. David Hunter, CEO, MAF
Session 3 11:00 – 12:00	Session 3: Regional Extension Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Discussions on Extension Strategy Framework (Dr. Christine King) DISCUSSIONS	Mr. David Hunter, CEO, MAF
12:00 – 1:30	LUNCH	
Session 4	Session 4: Research Priorities	Mr. Vili Caniongo,



1:30 – 2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National & Regional Research Priorities (Dr. Siosiua Halavatau) <p>DISCUSSIONS</p>	Team Leader, PAPP
2:00 – 3:00	<p>Wrap up (SPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Background Paper and Recommendations for HOAFS/MOAF Link to EDF-11 Opportunities Way Forward 	Mr. Vili Caniongo, Team Leader, PAPP
2:30 – 3:00	NETWORKING TEA BREAK	
3:00 – 3:30	<p>OFFICIAL CLOSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Inoke Ratukalou, Director, LRD, SPC Ms. Natalie Ernst, DES, GFRAS EU Representative MAF – Government of Samoa 	Mr. David Hunter, CEO, SROS