EDF 10 Intra ACP PAPP

Policy Lessons Workshop

23 -24 May, 2018

Why?

(Fiji Livestock Sector Development Strategy)
(Fiji BTEC Strategy)

- No Existing Policies/Strategies
- Need To Update Policy/Strategy
- New Areas Of Interest , Approaches e.g.. Climate Change, Disaster Prep And Response, building resilience, Agri-tourism , value chain approaches etc.
- High Staff Turn-over/New Staff /Young Farmers…need to Revisit work procedures and establish/document Policies And Strategies
- New Governments Coming In- New Manifestos
- Development partner requirements for focused assistance

Process

Preparation

- Clear focused purpose

- Inclusive of stakeholders(farmer associations, youth, gender reps, peripheral ministries/agencies, Rural Develpmt. e.g. TLTB, Min Lands, FDB, legal reps)

- Be careful of biased selection of stakeholders by civil servants - esp excluding perceived difficult stakeholders- manage through good facilitators

- Collect relevant information:
  - Draft Agenda:
  - Old policies
  - Scope the issues of interest to be covered ,
  - higher govt visions that you need to link/align to,
  - available research based evidences/data to inform discussions

- Invite relevant overseas experts to present on specific issues esp, how they addressed challenges to guide discussions

Good Facilitator

- Key to achieving objective of consultation
- Be well briefed
- Engage all effectively
- Manage participants with “special agendas”
- Manage perceived difficult stakeholder's
- Maintain interest
- Time management - esp for private sector people –time is $$ e.g. dairy farmers schedules

Good rapporteurs

- Effectively capture discussions, key issues, and associated discussions
- Important to have an agreed draft strategy framework at the end of the consultative session to show stakeholders what has been agreed and achieved to date
- maintains interest , trust, collaborative attitude
- Commit to progressing this progress (task force etc) – post forum

Validation process

- Always recommended
- Shows accountability to stakeholders and decision makers of the integrity of the process
- Helps build goodwill amongst stakeholders
- Opportunity - signing off of stakeholders - consensus /agreement in the process involved , and the draft policy /strategy itself

Issues

- Draft Policy/Strategy – acceptance by Minister/Cabinet (decision maker), not quarantined
- evidence based arguments
- Minister exposed to other arguments from other peripheral stakeholder groups, communities,
- Appreciate there are political interests
- Competing with these other interest groups
- Expect considerations of amendments and comments from Minister/Cabinet
- Counter arguments or amendments?
- Integrity of process builds confidence and collaborative attitude of stakeholders to working with you

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