



PACIFIC AGRICULTURE POLICY PLANNERS WORKSHOP

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The agriculture sector has great potential as an engine of growth and poverty reduction in the Pacific Islands region. Governments have a key role to play in enabling the sector to achieve its potential, including through the setting of an appropriate policy framework, and well targeted expenditure.

This European Union (EU) supported workshop brings together agriculture policy planners from the governments of Cook Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, and Vanuatu, together with technical experts from the World Bank and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), to discuss and plan for a work programme to improve agriculture policy planning in the region.

Day 1 - Tuesday, 22 September

Agriculture Public Expenditure Review

Location: Holiday Inn Suva Hotel, Suva, Fiji.

The objectives of Day 1 of the workshop are to:

Inform policy planners about the role of agriculture sector public expenditure review (AgPER) and plans for the World Bank and SPC to conduct AgPERs in partner countries.

Plan a timetable for reviews to be completed in eight PICTs over the next two years.

Develop a plan for a learning event on AgPERs in the Pacific that will be documented to form the basis of knowledge products.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)/ Presenter(s)	Reference Document(s)
09:00 - 09:45	Workshop Opening. ↗ Welcome from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the European Union (EU). ↗ Welcome from the Government of Fiji.	Mr. Shaheen Ali, PS for Industry & Trade, Fiji. Mr Vili Caniogo, PAPP Team Leader, SPC.	
09:45 - 10:00	Objectives of the workshop	Mr Vili Caniogo, PAPP Team Leader, SPC.	
10:00 - 10:30	Morning Tea		

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10:30 - 11:15	<p>Introduction to agriculture public expenditure reviews.</p> <p>This session will explain what AgPERs are, why they are necessary, and how they are done, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Role of well targeted government expenditure in strengthening the growth and poverty reduction potential of the agriculture sector in the Pacific. ➤ World Bank's framework and approach. ➤ Types of activities that can be undertaken as part of country agricultural public expenditure analysis: Basic Agricultural Public Expenditure Reviews, specialised country public expenditure analyses, and Agricultural Public Expenditure Outcomes Links Analysis. 	<p>Mr Kofi Nouve, World Bank.</p>	
11:15-12:00	<p>Budgeting for Sustainable Growth</p> <p>The Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) is an office of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Its objective is improved economic management and sustainable economic growth across the Pacific Island Countries. This session focuses on aligning economic and budgetary policy to sustainable economic growth and development objectives, including in the agriculture sector.</p>	<p>Mr Ron Hackett, Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre, IMF.</p>	
12:00 - 12:45	<p>Agriculture Public Expenditure Reviews: Experiences around the world.</p> <p>The World Bank is experienced in supporting and conducting AgPERs around the world. This session will focus on case studies and examples of the application of AgPERs in other regions of the world, focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Strengthening National Comprehensive Agricultural Public Expenditure in Sub-Saharan Africa program. ➤ The World Bank's experience in Africa and other regions of the world on AgPERs. ➤ How is the World Bank's AgPER work in the rest of the world applicable to the Pacific. 	<p>World Bank.</p>	<p>Strengthening National Comprehensive Agricultural Public Expenditure in Sub-Saharan Africa Training Workshop Module 1: Overview Annex 1.</p>
12:45-13:45 Lunch			

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)/ Presenter(s)	Reference Document(s)
13:45 - 14:45	<p>Agriculture Public Expenditure Reviews in the Pacific.</p> <p>This session focuses on how AgPERs are conducted, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How to determine what types of support is needed in different countries in the region? ➤ A look at the Practitioner's Toolkit for Agriculture Public Expenditure Analysis. ➤ An explanation of the template Terms of Reference for different types of public agriculture expenditure reviews activities. 	<p>Mr Kofi Nouve, World Bank.</p>	<p>Practitioners' Toolkit for Agriculture Public Expenditure Analysis (World Bank, 2011). Template Terms of Reference for: Basic Agricultural Public Expenditure Diagnostic Review; Expenditure Component Impact Evaluation; Public Expenditure Tracking Survey; and Sectoral Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Development.</p>
14:45 - 15:45	<p>Afternoon Tea / Discussion of plan for conducting AgPERs in Pacific Island Countries and Territories.</p>	<p>Chair: Mr Vili Caniogo, PAPP Team Leader, SPC</p>	
15:45 - 16:00	<p>Wrap up of Day 1.</p>	<p>Mr Vili Caniogo, PAPP Team Leader, SPC</p>	

Day 2 – Wednesday, 23 September

Agriculture Public Expenditure Review – Country Consultations

Location: Holiday Inn Suva Hotel, Suva, Fiji.

The objectives of Day 2 of the workshop are to enable representatives from individual countries to meet with World Bank and SPC representatives to determine each country's AgPER needs.

Time	Topic	Convenor(s)	Reference Document(s)
09:30 - 09:50	<p>Presentation from SPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pacific Agriculture and Forestry Policy Network (PAFPNet) ➤ New Agriculture Policy Bank 	SPC	
09:50 - 10:00	<p>Arrangements for the day</p>	<p>Mr Vili Caniogo, Team Leader – PAPP, SPC.</p>	
10:00 - 10:30	Morning Tea		
10:30 - 11:15	<p>Bilateral meeting 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Country representatives and representatives from World Bank and SPC PAPP. 		
11:15-12:00	<p>Bilateral meeting 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Country representatives and representatives from World Bank and SPC PAPP. 		
12:00 - 12:45	<p>Bilateral meeting 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Country representatives and representatives from World Bank and SPC PAPP. 		
12:45-13:45	Lunch		

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13:45 - 14:30	Bilateral meeting 4: ➤ Country representatives and representatives from World Bank and SPC PAPP.		
14:30 - 15:15	Bilateral meeting 5: ➤ Country representatives and representatives from World Bank and SPC PAPP.		
15:15 - 15:45	Afternoon tea		
15:45 - 16:30	Bilateral meeting 6: ➤ Country representatives and representatives from World Bank and SPC PAPP.		

Day 3 – Thursday, 24 September
Policy, Extension, and Markets I
Location: Holiday Inn Suva Hotel, Suva, Fiji.

The objective of Day 3 is to provide information on the SPC's work in major areas of agricultural policy in the Pacific region, including the development of a regional agricultural policy framework, an extension policy, and on markets.

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9:00 - 10:00	Regional Extension Policy Mr Gibson Susumu, Food Security Technical Officer at SPC's Land Resources Division (LRD) will speak on the development of a Regional Extension Policy.	Mr Gibson Susumu, Food Security Technical Officer, SPC.	Pacific Agriculture Policy Baseline Review.
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea		
10:30 - 11:30	Regional Policy for Organic Markets Ms Karen Mapusua, Coordinator of the Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community at SPC will speak about the development of the organics sector and the accompanying policy framework.	Ms Karen Mapusua, POETCom Coordinator, SPC.	
11:30-11:45	Break		
11:45 - 12:45	Regional Agriculture Policy Mr Bruce Chapman has been tasked by the SPC with developing a revised Pacific Agriculture Policy Framework. This session will focus on the results from his baseline study on the state of agriculture policy in the Pacific, as well as progress in and the process involved in the development of a new Pacific Agriculture Policy Framework.	Mr Bruce Chapman, Consultant, SPC.	
12:45-13:45	Lunch		

<p>13:45- 14:45</p>	<p>A Regional Framework for Agriculture</p> <p>Presentation on the objectives and rationale for a regional framework for agriculture, and outline of some potential component areas.</p>	<p>Mr Tim Martyn, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).</p>	
<p>14:45- 15:00 Afternoon Tea</p>			
<p>15:00 - 15:30</p>	<p>General Discussion</p>	<p>Mr Vili Caniogo, PAPP Team Leader, SPC</p>	
<p>15:30 - 16:00</p>	<p>Workshop Closing</p> <p>➤ Workshop wrap up.</p>	<p>Mr Vili Caniogo, PAPP Team Leader, SPC</p>	