

AGENDA

FIJI CROPS FORUM: EMBRACING THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE FIJI CROPS SECTOR

Introduction

The agriculture sector plays an important role in Fiji's economy. It offers both employment and opportunities for sustaining livelihoods and there are strong linkages between the sector and the rest of the economy. Fiji requires an inclusive development framework for its agriculture economy to move forward by addressing new domestic and global challenges in line with food and nutrition security, climate change, feedstock for renewable energy, the utilization of water resources for aquaculture, agriculture export and the rehabilitation of its traditional agriculture export industries, the sugarcane and the coconut industries.

Hence, the formulation of the Fiji 2020 Agriculture Sector Policy Agenda, which compliments the National Green Growth Framework, seeks to pursue sustainable development with an inclusive approach that will modernize Fiji's Agriculture Sector by 2020. It also creates the right atmosphere and incentive for stakeholders in particular the local farming communities and the private sector.

Meeting Objectives:

1. To raise awareness of stakeholders on:
 - a) The Fiji 2020 Agriculture Policy Agenda
 - b) The Draft Industry Plans for Crops
2. To obtain stakeholder inputs on identified Crop Industry Plans including key results to be achieved over the next five years.
3. To determine best option industry structures to drive these Industry Plans, including Working Group formation.
4. To form Industry Plan working groups that will finalise the specific Industry plans for validation by March 2016 and launching by June 2016.

DAY 1

Objective: To provide an overview of Fiji 2020 Policy Agenda in conjunction with Crop Industry, current perspective of Fiji's Crop industry, opportunities and challenges of the Crop Industry along the value chain.

| Session # | Time | Monday 23 November 2015 | Speaker/Facilitator | Chair |
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| | 8:00-9:00am | Registration | Sifoki Gonerogo & LaTanya Gwilliam | |
| 1 | 9:00-10:00am | Welcome and devotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introductory Comments by SPC ➤ Official opening by the Acting Permanent Secretary for Agriculture ➤ Introduction of participants | MC Deputy Director LRD, Trade and Agribusiness programme: Dr Ken Cokanasiga MC | MC – Mr. Pauliasi Tuilau |
| | 10:00-10:30am | Morning Tea and group photo | | |
| 2 | 10.30 – 10.50am | Overview of the crop industry in Fiji (2020 Policy Agenda) | Mr. Pauliasi Tuilau, Acting Chief Economist, MOA | Mr. Tomasi Tunabuna |
| | 10.50 -11:10am | Introduction to the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objectives of the workshop ➤ How the Forum will be structured ➤ Expected Outcomes – 3 Industry Plans (Dalo, ginger, rice), Agri-Tourism Strategy, Value Addition Strategy ➤ What is an Industry Plan? Objectives/Overview of the Industry Plans (Consultant) | Consultant | |

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| | 11.10-11:20am | Macro Overview ↗ Linkages of Crop Industry Plans to national policy documents | a) Min of Strategic Planning (Green Growth, NDP) b) Min of Industry & Trade (Domestic initiatives for agribusiness) <i>(15 mins each)</i> | |
| | 11:20am – 12:30pm | Financial Sector Overview ↗ Institutional perspectives on challenges to the Fiji's crops landscape, and opportunities for accessing Finance for Agriculture Development | a) Reserve Bank of Fiji (macro overview) b) Fiji Development Bank c) HFC d) Bank of South Pacific <i>(10 mins/speaker) and Q&A for Session 2</i> | |
| 3 | 12:30 – 1:00pm | Production/Organic & Research ↗ What are the gaps in production, research and opportunities to develop the crop industry | MOA – Ms. Saidi Achari POETCom – Ms. Karen <i>(15 mins /speaker)</i> | Dr. Apaitia Macanawai |
| | 1.00-2:00pm | Lunch | | |
| | 2:00 – 3:00pm | Seeds & Inputs ↗ What are current situation and future opportunities for seed and input production for Crops | Pacific Feeds – Mr. Anal Prasad MOA – Mr. Shalendra Prasad PIFON – Mr. Kyle Stice <i>(15 mins per speaker and Q&A for session 3)</i> | |
| | 3.00-3.30pm | Afternoon Tea | | |
| 4 | 3:30- 4:15pm | Niche Markets & Value Addition (Overview) ↗ What are opportunities and plans for value addition and potential markets for crop products | Joe's Farm – Mr. Save Waqainabete Kaiming – Mr. Kaiming Foods Pacific – Mr. Ajay Bajaj <i>(15 mins/speaker)</i> | Mr. Pauliasi Tuilau |
| | 4:15 – 4:45pm | Agri-Tourism (Overview) | | |

| | | ➤ Where do the opportunities lie in Fiji's Agri-Tourism | USP – Prof. Greg Conwell <i>(15 mins/speaker) and Q&A for Session 4</i> | |
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| | 5.00pm | End of Day 1 | | |
| | 6.00-7.00pm | Cocktail | | |
| <u>DAY 2</u> | | | | |
| Objective: To provide an overview on key challenges for export/import of Fiji's Crop commodities, opportunities to review pathways, roles of youths, farmers' networks and associations, to identify issues and opportunities along the value chain of key crop industries and group discussions to develop 5 year strategic industry plans. | | | | |
| Session# | Time | Tuesday 24 November 2015 | Speaker/Facilitator | Chair |
| 1 | 8:30-8.45am | Recap of Day 1 | Mr. Vinesh Kumar (PAO) | Mr. Jone Sovalawa |
| | 8.45 – 9:30am | The role of farmer organisations ➤ What roles farmer organisations play in crop industry plans? | PIFON – Mr. Kyle Stice FCLC – Mr. Simon Cole Teitei Taveuni (Youth) – Mr. Peter Kjaer <i>(15 mins/speaker)</i> | |
| | 9.30 – 10.00am | Youth in Agriculture ➤ Role and opportunities for youth to develop the agriculture sector | Navuso Agriculture School – Rev. Malakai TRTC - Fr Petero Matairatu <i>(10 mins/speaker and Q&A for session 1)</i> | |
| | 10.00-10.30am | Morning Tea | | |
| 2 | 10:30 – 11:15am | Biosecurity ➤ Key challenges (cases), opportunities and pathways for BQAs | Biosecurity Fiji – Mr. Nilesh Chand PHAMA – Losalini Leweniqila Ministry of Agriculture New Zealand – Mr. Nacanieli Waqa <i>(15 mins/speaker)</i> | Mr. Simon Cole |
| | 11.15 – | Import Substitution & Food Security | | |

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| | 11.45am | ➤ What are the issues and key priorities of crop industry to address food security | SPC – Mr. Gibson Susumu Grace Road Food – Mr. Daniel Kim <i>(15 mins/speaker)</i> | |
| | 11:45- 1.00pm | Export Markets ➤ What are overseas buyers looking for, where are the opportunities | Nature’s Way Cooperative – Mr. Malvin Nandan Sunrise Produce – Ms. Ranjini Kaushal NZ Importer (Ben’s Trading) – Mr. Peni Moi <i>(15 mins/speaker) and Q&A for Session 2</i> | |
| | 1:00 – 2:00pm | Lunch | | |
| 3 | 2:00 – 2:30pm | Data & statistics ➤ Current data availability and key constraints (rice, dalo and ginger) | MOA Stats – Ms. Sera Bose FCLC (farmer registration current status) – Simon Cole <i>(15 mins/speaker) & Q&A</i> | Mr. Nacanieli Waka |
| | 2:30 – 3:00pm | Explanation on Group Work activities, expected actions and outputs | MOA + Consultant | |
| | 3:00 – 3:30pm | Afternoon Tea | | |
| 4 | 3:30 – 5:00pm | Group Work on Industry Plans Groups: 1. Root/Tuber Crops 2. Tree Crops 3. Fruit Crops 4. Assorted Vegetables 5. BQA Crops | ➤ Dalo, Yam, cassava and kumala ➤ Cocoa, Coconut, Breadfruit ➤ Papaya, Mango, Banana, Pineapple ➤ Tomatoes, Chinese & English cabbage, beans, cucumbers, carrot, lettuce, capsicum ➤ Eggplant, chili, okra | Consultant & Group Leaders to facilitate discussion and filling in of template with stakeholders |

| | | 6. Cereals 7. Beverage & Spices | ↗ Rice ↗ Ginger, Yaqona | |
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| | 5.00pm | End of day 2 | | |
| <u>DAY 3</u> | | | | |
| Objective: To identify issues and opportunities along the value chain for key crop industries, draft 5 year strategic plan for key commodities. | | | | |
| Session# | Time | Wednesday 25 November 2015 | Speaker/Facilitator | Chair |
| 1 | 8.30-9.00am | Recap of Day 2 | Ms. Jiu Daunivalu | |
| | 9.00am – 10.00am | Group Work continues | Group Leaders | |
| | 10.00-10.30am | Morning Tea | | |
| | 10.30-1.00pm | Group Work continues | Group Leaders | |
| | 1.00-2.00pm | Lunch | | |
| | 2.00-3.00pm | Group Work continues | Group Leaders | |
| | 3.00-3.30pm | Afternoon Tea | | |
| 2 | 3.30-5.00pm | Groups present back to the Forum ↗ Industry groupings report back on their discussions and Industry Plans | Group Leaders <i>(4 groups present; 20 min per group)</i> | Mr. Jone Sovalawa |
| | 5.00pm | End of Day 3 | | |

DAY 4

Objective: To discuss and identify challenges and opportunities for value addition and agri-tourism to develop strategies.

| Session# | Time | Thursday 26 November 2015 | Speaker/Facilitator | Chair |
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| 1 | 8.30-9.00am | Recap of day 3 sessions | Mr. Apaitia Macanawai | |
| | 9:00 – 10:00am | Groups present back to the Forum ↗ Industry groupings report back on their discussions and Industry Plans | Group Leaders <i>(3 groups present; 20 min per group)</i> | Mr. Jone Sovalawa |
| | 10.00-10.30am | Morning Tea | | |
| 2 | | NGOs and Development Partners in Crop industry ↗ How are NGOs and development partners supporting crop sector stakeholders to address value addition & agri-tourism | IFAD – Mr. Sakiusa Tubuna PCDF – Mr. Tevita Ravumaidama Teitei Taveuni – Mr. Peter Kjaer <i>(15 mins/speaker and Q&A for Session 1)</i> | Mr. Pauliasi Tuilau |
| | 10.30-11.40am | Value Addition and Agri-Tourism ↗ Challenges and opportunities, case studies, etc | PGS-Sigatoka Group – Dr. Rob Erskine-Smith Takimai – Mr. Zane Yoshida <i>(20 mins/speaker) and Q&A for Session 1</i> | |
| | 1.00-2.00pm | Lunch | | |
| 3 | 2.00-5.00pm | Field Trip ↗ (Nature's Way, Papaya farmer Rajeshwar, Sant Kumar) | Participants will be taken for field trip around Nadi area to witness production, export and value addition opportunities. | |
| | 5.00pm | Return to Venue & End of Day 4 | | |
| | 6.30-8.30pm | Cocktail hosted by Ministry of Agriculture | | |

DAY 5

Objective: Presentation of Draft Workshop document outcomes, formation of Industry Plan Working Groups and discussion of their TORs.

| Session # | Time | Friday 27 November 2015 | Speaker/Facilitator | Chair |
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| 1 | 8.30-9.00am | Recap of Day 4 and General Discussion | Mr. Jone Sovalowa | |
| | 9.00-10.30am | Presentation of draft Forum Outcomes Document | Consultant | Mr. Vili Caniogo |
| | 10.30-11.30am | Morning Tea | | |
| 2 | 11.30am-12.00pm | Finalization of Outcomes Document | MoA and Consultant | |
| | 12.00-12.30pm | Formation of Crops Working Groups and way forward | Groups will be formed for Crop Industry Plans | |
| | 12.30 – 1.00pm | Workshop Closing ➤ Closing of the Workshop | | |
| | 1.00-2.00pm | Lunch | | |