

6.5 APPENDIX – Participant Profiles

PARTICIPANTS PROFILES

Question asked: “Why is KM important to agriculture in your country?”

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Deputy CEO

Min. of Agriculture, Food, Forest & Fisheries

TONGA

KM is important in Agriculture because information can become easily accessible and more so, easily accessible for any user- be it a farmer, stakeholder, agricultural staff or a researcher. We need KM to capture data and information that would otherwise be lost from our future generations.

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Reshmi Kumari

Acting Senior Economic Planning Officer

Min. of Agriculture, Food, Forest & Fisheries

FIJI

The Information sections of our Agricultural sectors need to share knowledge in a clear and concise manner. How information can be shared to stakeholders and farmers will guarantee that products reach intended users and speed up the implementation of our policies.

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Evolini Sakalo

Biosecurity Officer

Min. of Agriculture, Food, Forest & Fisheries

TUVALU

We already have knowledge in our Agricultural department, but the system of passing that information is not working well. It is not used between farmers, stakeholders and Agriculture staff. We only use communication when there is a problem that needs solving, but should also use it to help each other adapt to changes. Farmers also need to be educated on KM as indigenous knowledge from past generations can be documented, competitions can be turned to healthier situations and farmers can learn to share knowledge to help others.

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Maria SinaitaagaSolofa

Information Officer for Publications

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

SAMOA

Agriculture is the key backbone for our country's economy. Therefore the country is looking at agriculture to promote enough technical and skilled people to assist in raising the standards of our agricultural products. KM is a good way to improve our livelihoods, so that each party involved knows the goals that we need to work towards.

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Information Officer in Media

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

SAMOA

Our Agricultural sectors also have communication sections, where people can go to look for different information relating to agriculture, to improve its development in the country. We therefore need to talk to our Senior Officers about KM and use it to implement better ways of passing on information to its users.

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Mark Sheehy

IT Communications Officer

Pacific Island Farmers Network (PIFON)

FIJI

If we understand KM properly, then we can do our separate jobs in Agricultural sectors well. We can become more economically developed, thus it is important that farmers put KM into practice. To do this, we need to break down cultural barriers, assist individual farmers and increase internet access for those in remote areas.

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Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

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Knowledge is when all the information, skills and experience is understood well. How we store this and disseminate it to its users is also very important. We need KM to help identify gaps and adjust and solve the issues we are facing furthermore, we need to reflect, assess and review the systems and processes within our Agricultural organizations; take on stakeholders' opinions to consider and in cooperate with our work plans.

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Samson VilvilFare

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ARD Policy, CTA

NETHERLAND

Knowledge Management is important for Agriculture in any country because it is essential for the better dissemination of information to its intended users.

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NooroaToraki

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Ministry of Agriculture

COOK ISLANDS

KM for Agriculture can help us know how to work out data and pass on information well. We need both theory and practical to balance, and the management of this to be effective. After all the research, the planning and the practical, we need KM as it is important for the implementation of our goals. Without it, something will still be missing.

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PALAU

KM is important for Agriculture in many ways – measuring the outcome of work implemented, services provided, budget-based performances, the sustainability and upgrade of services and even reporting. KM can help us to better store our data before sorting it to information that can be used. We thus also need specific human resources for this task as Data Officers.

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KM is important for Agriculture so that we can plan things out, implement policies effectively and the sharing of information can be enforced, so that others receiving the knowledge- be it policy makers, enforcers or farmers- can benefit from it.

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Frances Kavirere

Project Senior Officer

Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry

VANUATU

KM is important to Agricultural sectors as it is the overall view of the organization. Strong roots is a good foundation for linkage and will enable accurate flow of information for blooming fruits and products. All parts of an organization depend on strong roots and KM is needed to pass on information correctly to others.

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Mark Vurobaravu

Principal Agriculture Officer

Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD)

VANUATU

KM is vital for Agriculture as it can be used effectively when passing on information to stakeholders and farmers. It can be used for better discussions and coordination so that time is not wasted in duplicated work. How we manage information is also important so that everyone on all levels of the organization are kept in the loop of what is happening and improves visibility.

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Peter Iesul

Farming System Officer

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KM is a vital part of Agriculture because we need to manage information to pass on to farmers in rural and remote areas. Information on new methods and technology, adaption to climate change and others more need to be passed on to farmers and we can do this effectively when considering KM methods that are essential.

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Mathias Bule

Information Officer

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VANUATU

The set-up of the KM tree is already done in our departments of the agriculture sector. However, the strengthening and implementation part is the problem. Methods and tools of KM of agriculture are not having an impact on its intended audience. Some activities are being done, but in isolated areas, it is very expensive to travel there. Thus, KM can help us to link with NGOs available and use them in partnership to promote agriculture visibility and give more impact.

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Dorin Kaitip

Border Control Officer

Biosecurity Vanuatu

VANUATU

In my understanding of KM during this workshop, it is important for a department to give out information to interested parties. For Biosecurity in Vanuatu, we have to continuously give out information on imports and exports, but there are no

policies on what is the best way to communicate this information. We need KM to improve and implement the dissemination of this information to improve biosecurity in Vanuatu.

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Lindon Tari

Compliance Officer

Biosecurity Vanuatu

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KM is important because information needs to be managed. Agricultural resources and data are available, but need to be put in place for easy access by anyone who wants to use it. We need to have a system for information in place so that we can refer back to it in the future.

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Animal Health Officer

Department of Livestock

VANUATU

The KM tree displays the process of communication well and clearly. The nutrients of the soil are fundings and sources. However feedback is needed to strengthen the process so that agriculture trainings can reach the lower levels. We need to pass on information, but in a structured way so that the knowledge can enable us to talk in one language and improve agriculture in our country.

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Charles Tari

Livestock Officer

Department of Livestock

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KM is important because we need to manage Agricultural organizations to reach out to stakeholders and farmers. We need to understand the tasks that are set before us and more so, understand each other. We need to learn to speak one language so that our goals and visions can be accomplished.

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Jude Tari

Regional Forest Officer – Southern Region

Department of Forestry

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KM is vital because knowledge is an important tool when adapting to climate change. How we manage our information is imminent for how we move forward. A central information system is needed to pass it out, otherwise agriculture will be useless for our economy. Our aim for a bigger production for a higher economy needs a commission and a commitment to work together in collaborating and sharing information. KM is therefore needed for this particular reason.

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Km is important in Agriculture as everyone associated with it needs to understand their role and information can flow easily. An analogy that can be used here is that of a boat – even though the captain is one responsible for directing its focus route, many others are involved in its progress – such as the sailors who work together in order to reach their destination. KM helps us to understand our roles, map correctly to reach our goals within the set time frame.

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ICT Specialist – Peacecorps Response Volunteer

OGCIO (Min of Agriculture)

VANUATU

KM is extremely important in the Agricultural field as farmers are set in remote locations and are far apart from each other. Information can be stuck in one place and moved around. But it is critical to overcome pests, know pricings, different weather conditions, methods to us and basically what is going on in other places. We need KM to adapt and overcome problems in Agriculture.

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Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

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Policy Research Officer

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The backbone of the Pacific's economy is set in Agricultural sector, which has potentials to be reached, productions to be improved and support needed from different sources. We can get all this through KM, which communication is a big part of.

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Research Officer

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Moses Nambo

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KM is important to Agriculture because when you know and understand information correctly, then you can implement this to farmers effectively. When this takes place, then everything is applied right, throughout all sectors of Agriculture and the country's economy can bloom.

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Charity Alick

Malampa PAO

Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD)

VANUATU

In Agricultural work, our main target is the farmers and their best interests are our main focus. This is where we base our main activities. KM can help us to understand and assort our data, assess our priorities and change our methods to adapt. The information is already there, but we need to use effective KM measures so that less repetitions will be required.

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Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD)

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KM is important for Agriculture because we need communication of information to grow our economy through this sector. Without the proper management of our data, the proper channels and methods for passing on information, our daily tasks will be wasted and ineffective.

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Principal Extension Officer

Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD)

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Information is not being filtered properly through our levels of agricultural organizations and other sectors involved- from policy makers, to transformers, to implementers, to officers, to stakeholders and farmers. We need KM for proper consultation and collaboration of data and information. We need to educate our farmers to be willing to share information, as everything has to do with networking and communication.

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Representative

Farmers Association (linked to PIFON)

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Farmers need to learn to adapt to climate change and therefore need to be involved in this network of KM. For the sustainability of Agricultural methods and practices, monitoring and evaluation is also a very important part.

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Howard Aru

Director General

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock, Fisheries & Biosecurity

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KM is helpful to effectively manage our work in Agriculture. It is new, but it has value. Management of information is needed to organize our work efficiently and use certain measures to improve our information system.

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Hanington Tate

Director of Forestry

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We need KM to collect data to create information and impart knowledge. How we impart Agricultural knowledge to different targeted audiences depends on both the presenters and the recipients. The outcome of its effectiveness will have an impact on our societies and the country as a whole.