



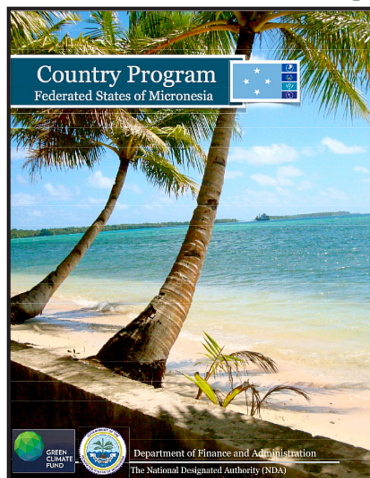
FSM NDA Office Newsletter



FSM endorses its Country Program for the Green Climate Fund - 1st in the Pacific and 4th globally

The Federated States of Micronesia has completed its Country Program for the Green Climate Fund and President Peter M. Christian has endorsed the document. FSM is the first Pacific country to submit a Country Program to the Green Climate Fund, and is now set to start developing its nationwide priority projects and begin accessing climate change financing from the Fund.

The FSM Country Program has been in development since the inception workshop in November 2016. A final workshop to validate the 'green growth' oriented Country Program and its projects portfolio was held in August 2017 in Pohnpei State. The Country Program is an outcome of nationwide stakeholders' engagement in addressing the FSM's financing needs for resilient development. For the first time, FSM has a consolidated framework to develop large scale, cross-sectoral projects and programs which can transform its economy into a 'green economy' and make sure our communities thrive while adapting to climate change.



The FSM is one of the 46 countries that have received GCF readiness grants to strengthen their engagement with the Fund. Upon finalization of its Country Program, the FSM joined Zambia, Antigua & Barbuda and Rwanda as one of only four countries in the world to have a country program that will maximize access to the largest climate fund in the world. With over USD 10 billion in pledges, the fund is almost twice the size of the Adaptation Fund, and three times larger than the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) trust funds.

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The FSM National Designated Authority Office for the GCF has recently conducted project development workshops in each of the FSM states and has a priority list of projects. Accredited Entities to the Green Climate Fund will now be sought to further develop proposals and take the FSM closer to its climate change goals.

A copy of the FSM Country Program can be downloaded at
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1fyaNu0B3uhaiLMbNsKAZpm2bkiaE0L3E>

GCF Project Development ongoing in FSM

Taking a step further, the FSM's National Designated Authority (NDA) Readiness Program Team conducted a project development workshop in the four FSM states from December to February 2018. These project development workshops were aimed at moving the state priority projects a step towards GCF funding by getting Accredited or Direct Entities engaged. The following projects were identified for the first round of project development:

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Title & Description	Estimated Cost Amount: USD
1. Climate Proofing the Dehketik Road Project – Our objective is to climate proof the road to the port and to improve the flow of water through culverts so that the tides can once again assist in the proper flow of water out of the Dehketik area. We would like to elevate the road and insert 5 culverts along the man-made stretch that connects the port to Kolonia. Amount: USD \$9,951,885.00	\$9,951,885.00
2. Kosrae State Inland Road Completion project -This project is a continuation of the Adaptation Fund's (AF) funding of phase 1 of this project. The entire rest of the project is listed as a state and national priority project and should be developed into a full GCF proposal. \$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
3. Kosrae, Malem Water System Improvement -The municipality of Malem currently uses a non-potable piped water distribution system to its residents. The objective of the project is to provide storage and treatment for sedimentation, and new transmission and distribution mains, service lines and metering for each household. \$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
4. Yap Resilient Infrastructure for Health and Education Delivery - which would see septic tanks and compost toilets built for vulnerable communities, along with a new recycling and solid waste management program and community education. \$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
5. Yap Community and Coastal Protection Programme - see the water infrastructure on the main island of Yap improved and a community education project around climate change and disaster risk reduction issues. \$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
6. Yap State Resilient Critical Transport Infrastructure Program - a consolidated list of priority transport infrastructure projects to move forward, including multi role vessel, airstrip improvements, and roads. \$102,648,586	\$102,648,586
7. Chuuk Community and Coastal Protection Programme - that would see the dock infrastructure on 9 lagoon islands improved and a coastal protection project around the dock facilities to climate proof the surrounding environment, plus the purchase of a multi-role vessel \$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
8. Chuuk State Resilient Critical Infrastructure Program – Phase 1” which would see Phase 2 of the Weno road project completed, along with road infrastructure done on the lagoon islands. \$90,000,000	\$90,000,000
9. Pohnpei State Resilient Tourism Sector Development Project - targeting ecotourism development as well as agroforestry	\$3,100,000

The NDA Readiness Team would like to thank all state stakeholders that participated in the meetings. Our focus now is to assist project proponents to develop priority project ideas to the level where Accredited Entities can take on and develop full proposals for the Green Climate Fund.

Pipeline GCF Projects for the FSM

While the NDA Readiness Team was holding project development workshops in the states, two of our nationwide priority projects are already on the move toward proposal development. Since 2017, FSM joined a regional initiative with ADB as the Accredited Entity for a Renewable Energy program estimated to be \$125M for all four FSM states. The Energy Sector Development Program steering committee has been diligently working on developing an FSM Energy Master Plan which will be completed this year and would help direct work under the FSM Renewable Energy program under development with ADB for GCF. The proposal is to be completely packaged and ready for submission by ADB to the GCF Secretariat in 2019 for funding consideration.



Asian Development Bank

The other nationwide project ready to move is the FSM's Food and Water Security project. Our national Accredited Entity, the Micronesia Conservation Trust, has agreed to work on a Simplified Approval Process (SAP) for the Food & Water Security project led by the FSM Department of Resources & Development. This project will be piloted across the nation with the plan that the UN Food and Agriculture Organization will follow it up with a scaled up version once MCT's pilot has been completed. Communities around the nation will benefit from the project as we implement adaption projects to counter the conditions that climate change will bring to our islands.



MICRONESIA CONSERVATION TRUST

NDA Office Welcomes Project Development Specialist

The FSM NDA Office for the GCF wishes to welcome Mr. Patrick Blank, our new Project Development Specialist. The NDA Office opened this position to help move forward the nation's priority projects closer to being submitted to the Green Climate Fund for full project proposals. Mr. Blank's background is on grant writing and project development. He lives locally in Pohnpei and over the next 8 months will assist the four FSM states and the National Government to further develop their projects and identify appropriate Accredited Entities to take on project development of appropriate climate change related projects in the FSM.



FSM NDA Office says “Goodbye” to two inspirational team members



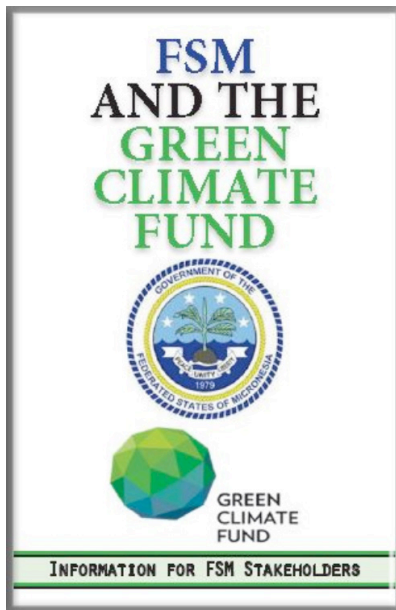
Saying goodbye is never easy so we will go with ‘until then.’ Last September, the FSM NDA office said “until then” to the two most incredible team members—Kensley Ikosia and Leah Briones. Our office has been fortunate to have such great minds working for the NDA to enhance FSM’s capacity to access and benefit from, the Fund. Despite the numerous challenges we have managed to embark on a journey to developing large scale, cross-sectoral projects and programs towards a ‘Green and Prosperous FSM.’ This would not be possible without Kensley’s wisdom and skill-set combined with Leah’s cheerful attitude



and passion to help the people of FSM. If any success is attributed to Green Climate Fund readiness program, it would be because of the Readiness team under the NDA’s guidance and support. The ups and downs throughout the journey have been a rewarding learning experience and we will always be thankful for your great contribution to our nation.

Thank you Kensley! Thank you Leah! Best wishes to you and until then.

New Information Brochure Available



The FSM NDA Office has updated our FSM Brochure which outlines the application process for Green Climate Fund financing for FSM Stakeholders. It contains information about the internal processes that the NDA office follows as a project idea gets developed towards a “No Objection Letter” that allows it to be submitted to the GCF Secretariat for funding. The new Brochure can be downloaded from the FSM Department of Finance’s website at: <http://dofa.gov.fm/gcf/>

Dates of the Upcoming GCF Board Meetings

The dates proposed are as follows:

1. B.20 takes place from Sunday, 1 July to Wednesday, 4 July 2018; and
2. B.21 takes place from Tuesday, 30 October to Thursday, 1 November 2018.

All 2018 Board meetings are scheduled to take place in Songdo, Republic of Korea.

