



# FSM NDA Office Newsletter



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## Upgrading FSM skills in project preparation for the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund



FSM National Designated Authority Office in collaboration with the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), the USAID Climate Ready Project, and the Nature Conservancy (TNC) held a Climate Change Adaptation Project Preparation workshop from 14-18 May 2018 at the Island Palms Hotel Conference Room in Pohnpei. Participants from the four state governments, NGOs, and the national government, came together for an in-depth training on how to prepare climate change adaptation projects. There were a total of 28 participants and half of them are women. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Keith Bettinger, Adjunct Fellow, Research Program from East-West Center through technical assistance supported by the US Climate Ready project. The workshop provided a full overview of the process and took each island “team” through logic models and boilerplate exercises to further develop a specific climate change adaptation project for each state. The five day training workshop aims to boost the ability of the FSM to access climate finance.

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## FSM to Host the Green Climate Fund Structured Dialogue with the Pacific from July 30 – 2 August 2018

The FSM National Government, supported by the FSM Congress, will be hosting the Green Climate Fund Structured Dialogue with the Pacific from July 30th through August 2nd here in Pohnpei. This will be an opportune time for us in the FSM to showcase to GCF and all other visiting development partners of our ongoing efforts to build adaptive capacity and at the same time have them witness existing and potential climate threats to our people so that they can understand what we try to articulate in our Country Program funding proposals.

We hope the people of FSM will come together and show GCF and all of the meeting delegates the warm hospitality of our Micronesian people.

For queries related to this upcoming meeting, you may contact the FSM NDA Office for the Green Climate Fund at 320-3944 or fsmgcf@gmail.com.

## GCF Empowering Direct Access Workshop 29 May – 1 June 2018, Songdo, Korea

The FSM team comprised of Ms Belinda Hadley from FSM NDA Office, Executive Director, Mr. Willy Kostka, and Assistance Director, Ms. Lisa Andon from MCT as FSM's Direct Access Entity. The workshop focused on supporting direct access entities to develop strong project proposals and aims to strengthen NDAs and direct access entities.

MCT is currently working on two 10 million dollar proposals for the Green Climate Fund. One is FSM Food and Water Security project through the Simplified Approval Process (SAP). This project will be piloted across the nation with the plan that the UN Food and Water Organization will follow it up with a scaled up version. Communities around the nation will benefit from the project as we implement adaptation projects to counter the conditions that climate change will bring to our islands. The second project will cover FSM, Marshall Islands and Palau in its scope to build capacity in the communities and NGOs across Micronesia to help implement climate change adaptation projects. This project proposal titled "Preparing the Enabling Environment and Building Organizational Capacity for the Implementing and Executing Agencies in Micronesia" and will be submitted through GCF's Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) facility

MCT is working intensively with key partners to target the Food and Water SAP concept note to the GCF Secretariat later this year.



## Training Program on Developing Climate Change Adaptation Projects for the Green Climate Fund

The Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT RRC.AP) conducted a Training Programme on Developing Climate Change Adaptation Projects for the Green Climate Fund on 11-15 June 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. The objective was to develop the capacity of Direct Access Entities and NDA representatives as well as project developers from countries in Asia and the Pacific eligible for GCF support in developing GCF Simplified Approval Program (SAP) Concept Notes in the area of climate change adaptation. Ms. Belinda Hadley of the FSM NDA Office attended the training along with Assistant Secretaries Elina Paul and Alissa Takesy of the FSM National Government along with the Micronesia Conservation Trust's Tamara Greenstone Alefaio. The SAP procedure consists of a streamlined proposal approval processes. Funding proposals are eligible for the SAP if they meet the following three main eligibility criteria:

- The proposal is ready for scaling up and having the potential for transformation, promoting a paradigm shift to low- emission and climate-resilient development;
- A request for financing to GCF of up to USD 10 million of the total project budget; and
- The environmental and social risks and impacts are classified as minimal to none



MCT is working on a nationwide \$10 million proposal for Food and Water Security in the FSM and will be launching their inception workshops on this project with the FSM Government on July 3rd, followed by workshops in each of the FSM states with appropriate stakeholders. MCT is looking to also submit this proposal to the GCF Secretariat by December 2018.

# FSM Climate Finance Assessment Validation Workshop

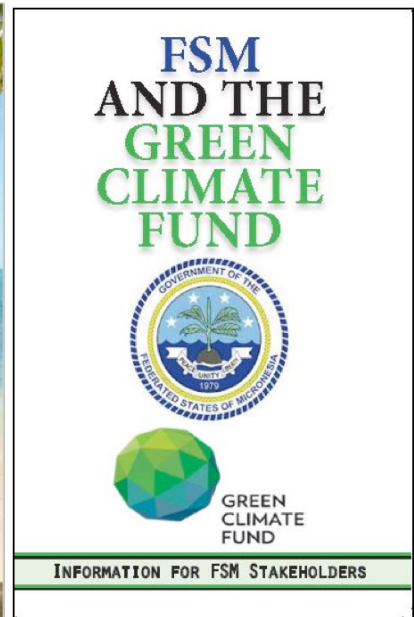
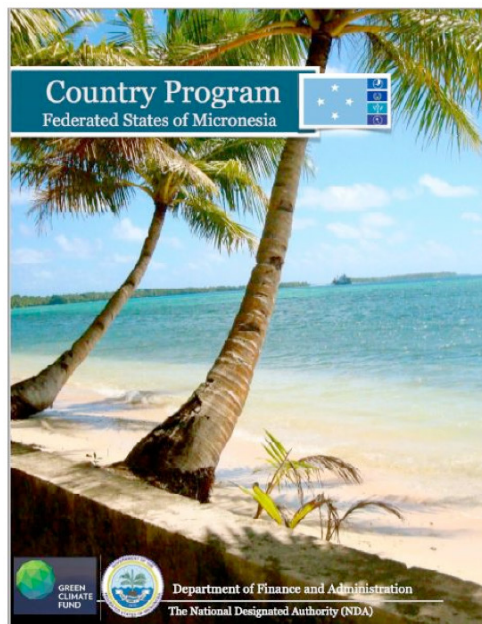
The FSM NDA Office was present for the FSM Climate Finance Assessment Validation workshop that was presented by SPC, the USAID/SPC Institutional Strengthening in Pacific Island Countries to Adapt to Climate Change (ISACC) Project, the USAID Climate Ready Project and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in late April, 2018. The one day workshop was done following the initial Climate Change and Disaster Risk Finance Assessment done back in January/February by the team.

The preliminary findings presented by the team show that FSM is currently accessing climate change and disaster risk finance. Most of our external support for climate change and disaster risk activities comes from bilateral sources, with a large focus on climate change mitigation directed at the energy sector. FSM is the first Pacific Island Country to have developed its Green Climate Fund (GCF) Country Program and the Micronesian Conservation Trust has already obtained accreditation as a Regional Implementing Entity to the GCF. According to a PIFS release, “our government has demonstrated its seriousness to address climate change and disasters with the recent establishment of a new Department for Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management. There are also a range of national and state policies and plans, which supports the national and state governments in their engagement with donors and other stakeholders.”



The final report and action plan will assist our Government to strengthen its access to international and domestic resources to implement climate change and disaster risk reduction priorities and will be made available sometime in June/July 2018.

**The FSM GCF Country Program along with our Information Brochure are now available online at the FSM Department of Finance & Administration’s website: <https://dofa.gov.fm/gcf/> and can be downloaded for your reference.**



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