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Provisional Agenda

Start Time	End Time	Agenda Item	Description	Session Facilitator/ Authors/Presenters
DAY 1				
Monday, 15th February 2021				
6.00am	9.00am		Reading Session – and breakfast	All
08.30am			Participants log in and undertake audio/ video check	Secretariat
09.00	9.20	1	Prayer & Welcome	tbc
		1.1	Opening Remarks	Chair (Prof. M. Sheaves)
		1.2	House keeping	Secretariat
9.20	11.35	2	Session 1 – Overview	Prof. M. Sheaves
		2.1	Where are we in R2R implementation?	Secretariat (Sam)
		2.2	RSTC-5 & RSC-4 Decisions	Secretariat (Sam)
10.30am	10.45am		MORNING TEA/ GROUP PHOTOS	All
11.35	3.00pm	3	Session 2 – National R2R Demonstrations	Sam
		3.1	STAR funded research in Fiji – forest rehab.	SPC LRD (J. Mateboto)
		3.2	STAR funded research in Fiji – biological assessments in Ba and Labasa, Fiji	IAS-USP (Mr Tomasi Tkoibua)
		3.3	STAR funded research in Fiji – Biorap assessments in Tunuloa, Fiji	IAS-USP (Mr Tuverea Tuamoto)
		3.4	Update of Fiji STAR R2R funded research work by IAS-USP – progress of implementation & results	IAS-USP (Mr Teddy Fong)
		3.5	STAR funded work in RMI – coastal/marine biological and socio-economic assessments in RMI	UNDP-RMI (Mr Francis Wele & Ms Amelia Raratabu)
1.00pm	2.00pm		LUNCH	
2.00pm	2.15pm	3.6	IW R2R National Demonstrations – an update	Secretariat (John/George)
2.15pm	3.00pm	3.7	Discussion and Decisions	Inga/ Sam
3.00	5.00pm	4	Session 3 – Regionally-led Project Outcomes	Sam
3.30pm	3.45pm		AFTERNOON TEA	

3.00pm	3.45pm	4.1	Mainstreaming R2R consultancy – prelim. results	Dr Ernie Guiang, Secretariat
3.45	4.00pm	4.2	Capacity needs assessment in R2R participating PICs - consultancy	Dr Tess Martin, Secretariat
4.00pm	4.15pm	4.3	Lessons learned in several R2R participating PICs - consultancy	Ms. Seema Deo, Secretariat
4.15pm	4.30pm	4.4	Overview of the Status of Gender equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) work for Regional IW R2R project	Ms. Aliti Vunisea, Secretariat
4.30pm	5.00pm		Discussion and Decisions	Shaleh
DAY 2				
Tuesday, 16th February 2021				
09.00	11.30	5	Session 4 - Research and Information Management	Dr Isoa Korovulavula
		5.1	Coast Spatial Systems & Dbase (enhancement & training national GIS/Data Practitioners)	Mr Sachin Kumar Mr Pene Conway
		5.2	R2R environment, governance and socio-economic baseline assessments using EGS and DPSIR Approaches	Mr Sachin Kumar Dr Hilda Sakiti-Waqa Dr Salome Taufa
		5.3	Website content management system and related online tools (WCM and PMIS)	Secretariat (Shaleh)
		5.4	Discussion and Decisions	Shaleh/Sam
1-2pm			LUNCH	
2.00pm	4.00pm	6	Session 5 - R2R Science-Policy Framework	Sam/Hilda
		6.1	(Modified) R2R science-policy technological interface	Secretariat (Sam)
		6.2	Country status & challenges	Secretariat (John/George)
		6.3	Science specialist support consultancy – delivering on science deliverables & lessons	RSTC Consultants Dr Hilda Sakiti-Waqa Dr Antoine N'Yeurt
		6.4	Further testing of spatial prioritization procedures	RPCU Consultant Mr Nick Metherall
		6.5	Discussion and Decisions	Antoine/Sam
DAY 3				
Wednesday, 17th February 2020				
09.00	12pm	7	Session 6 - Looking ahead post R2R	Sam
		7.2	Scoping/ initial project formulation of next phase of R2R	Secretariat (Shaleh, Sam)
		7.3	Indicative list of knowledge products from RSTC participants	Secretariat (Shaleh)
		7.4	Discussion and Decisions	Prof. M. Sheaves
12.00	12.05	8	Closing remarks by Vice Chair of RSTC	Vice-Chair (Dr Isoa Korovulavula)
			Evaluation (online)	Nav, Sam, Secretariat

SESSION 1 – OVERVIEW

What is it about?

Session Facilitator, Prof. M. Sheaves will present brief overview of the briefing session stating clear purpose and expected outcomes.

Purpose – Participants will use the opportunity at the 2.5 days of the workshop to review the R2R workplan considering new timelines, and also engage further in technical discussion on range of topics relevant to deliver on the project outcomes.

Expected Outcomes –

- (i) Revised science-policy workplan that can be considered in the broader preparation of the regional project MYCWP.
- (ii) Training plan for R2R funded workshops – e.g., GIS/Data Officials on the application of R2R coast spatial systems
- (iii) Draft plan for EGS trials for national demonstrations
- (iv) Revised drafts of lessons learned as contributions to the R2R framework document
- (v) Peer-reviewed research findings, draft manuscripts and related work from consultants and researchers who are undertaking funded project activities.
- (vi) Several drafts of the science-policy framework deliverables (diagnostic reports, SoC and SAF) will be prepared and progressed at the workshop.
- (vii) Draft ToR of WG responsible to progress work on the next phase or project of R2R
- (viii) Indicative list of knowledge products from RSTC members and observers

Session 1 also covers briefing on where things are on implementation since last discussion on this subject during last RSTC and RSC formal meetings in October 2020. Key to note in this session are the relevant decisions from these meetings to guide discussion.

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion.

DISCUSSION

Guiding question

- (I) *Given the new timelines of 6-months of no cost extension, what practical implications would that have on delivering the project outcomes? Focused discussion on realistic completion of priority deliverables.*
- (II) *Can we do things differently? Example: streamline the revised MYCWP and set up working groups that can be tasked to work on specific deliverables (TORs)*

SESSION 2 – NATIONAL R2R DEMONSTRATIONS

Session Facilitator, Mr Samasoni Sauni will, following brief introductions, invite authors of selected papers for agenda items 3.1 to 3.4 to introduce their papers (7-10 minutes each). Participants are encouraged to read up on full papers in the meeting folder, which will be posted online. Presentations will follow according to the agenda items. The Facilitator may allow quick questions at the end of each presentation, or, allow defer questions to agenda 3.5 for discussion. Three guiding questions will help inform discussion in agenda 3.5.

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion and consolidate clear recommendations for plenary, if any.

DISCUSSION

Guiding questions: -

- (i) How are the research findings contributing the success rate of the country project contributions to the overall GEF Pacific R2R Programme? Say something on short-medium impacts and benefits to local communities.*
- (ii) Identify priority challenges and suggest possible mitigation measures?*
- (iii) Discuss possible lessons learned (from conceptual design to analysis of results & reporting) that could be further explored as regional strategic lessons useful in the consideration of upscaling future R2R investments?*

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion.

SESSION 3 – REGIONALLY-LED PROJECT OUTCOMES

Session Facilitator, Samasoni Sauni will provide an overview for the session, which allows workshop participants to consider and critically evaluate preliminary outcomes of research and consultancies commissioned by the RPCU. The authors will make brief presentations (7-10mins) on their work, with UNDP and SPC will jointly present relevant details on project closure and terminal evaluation.

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion and consolidate clear recommendations for plenary, if any.

DISCUSSION

Guiding questions: -

- (i) Assess the efficacy and acceptability of the methods employed and adopted by the Consultants to deliver on the specific requirements of the ToRs?*
- (ii) How useful are the consultancy preliminary findings contributing to improving understanding and realisation of potential gaps and means to fixing such gaps in future R2R investments?*
- (iii) Discuss possible lessons learned (from conceptual design to analysis of results & reporting) that could be further explored as regional strategic lessons useful in the consideration of upscaling future R2R investments?*

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion.

SESSION 4 – RESEARCH & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Session Facilitator, Dr Isoa Korovulavula will provide brief overview and invite brief presentations on reference papers. She will advise participants that the Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion and consolidate clear recommendations for plenary, if any.

DISCUSSION

Guiding questions: -

- (i) Discuss and provide technical inputs into the use and application (incl. training of national GIS/ Data Officials) of the R2R coastal spatial systems?*
- (ii) Identify means for linking with existing databases, the R2R baseline assessments (environment, governance, socio-economic, cultural) using EGS and DPSIR approaches in future R2R investments?*

- (iii) *Identify and prepare concepts to advance work from current data systems to commercial projects as part of or in isolation of future R2R investments?*
- (iv) *Reflect on implementation and challenges for the R2R PMIS and recommend appropriate measures to enhance achievement of project outcomes?*

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion.

SESSION 5 – R2R SCIENCE-POLICY FRAMEWORK

Session Facilitators, Mr Samasoni Sauni and Dr Hilda Sakiti-Waqa will welcome participants and briefly present an overview of the session. There will be three working papers and brief presentations to generate discussion on this session of special topics.

DISCUSSION

Facilitator will invite discussion based on the following guiding questions: -

- (i) Reflect on the (modified) approved R2R Science-Policy theory of change adapting to changing circumstances, and review draft workplan under a 6-months no cost extension of the project, recognising practical difficulties and challenges;
- (ii) Reflect on the utility of land-sea modelling as a decision support tool and provide inputs into plans to trialling the spatial prioritization procedures further in other participating project countries, including mix of high and low-lying atoll countries;

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion.

SESSION 6 – LOOKING AHEAD POST COVID-19 AND R2R

Session Facilitator, Mr Samasoni Sauni will welcome participants and provide brief overview of the session. This session aims to encourage strategic discussion on the next step into the future, with respect to scoping out and preparing initial formulation of a follow up phase or project supporting future R2R investments and ICM planning, as endorsed at the last RSTC-5/RSC-4 meetings. Two (2) relevant papers from past meetings to guide discussion in this session:

- (i) RSTC Chair's report 2020 – highlights, challenges and opportunities, *GEF IW R2R/RSTC/WP. 02*
- (ii) What's next, post R2R and COVID-19, *GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP. 15*.

Discussion

Facilitator will invite discussion on the presentations and guided by the following questions: -

- (i) Based on discussion on this subject at the RSTC/ RSC meetings in October 2020, revisit discussion and outcomes of discussion in these meetings plus the last technical consultation, and firm on the list of priorities of technical streams of work.
- (ii) Discuss the need for a working group with limited representation of both RSTC Committee and participating countries and prepare a clear ToRs for the group. Prepare a paper on this for the next RSTC-6 meeting later in the year.
- (iii) Use the outcomes of (i) and (ii) to prepare a new iteration of the concept paper on this subject, which was approved at the RSTC-5 meeting.

- (iv) Discuss the initiative to work towards preparation of knowledge products specific to work the RSTC. Participants are requested to discuss and support establishing working groups of persons willing to work together and prepare these knowledge products. Revisit progress and discussion in the next RSTC formal session later this year.

Secretariat will prepare outcome of discussion.