Pacific Islands Ridge to Reef
National Priorities – Integrated water, land, forest and coastal management to preserve biodiversity, ecosystem services, store carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihoods

Session 1: Information & Orientation

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Session 1 – Information & Orientation
Virtual Meeting, October 6 & 7, 2020
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Session 1: Objectives and Expected Outcomes

- Engage and socialise R2R participating countries’ managers and coordinators to the information and working papers relevant for the RSTC and RSC meetings.
- Ensure managers are prepared for the broader discussion at panel/breakouts, RSTC and RSC formal sessions.

DISCUSSION
Guiding question - What do you consider critical issues of the project needing focused discussion at the RSTC and RSC meetings?
Session 2: GEF Focal Areas and Lessons Learned from Programmatic Implementation

1. Discuss the success rate of project contributions to the overall GEF Pacific R2R Programme.

2. Discuss lessons learned from programmatic implementation.

3. Identify thematic areas emerging from lessons learned presented that could be consolidated and further explored as regional strategic lessons useful in the consideration of upscaling future R2R investments.
1. What are the dates for project closure and terminal evaluation?

2. What are the Terms of Reference for the terminal evaluation?

3. What are the roles of the Project Managers/ Coordinators, SPC Regional Programme Coordination Unit, and Implementing Agencies (IAs)?
Session 4: A stock-take of the work with COVID-19

1. Clarify matters that critically impact implementation projects and delivering on joint steering and programmatic implementation, data and information sharing and results reporting?

2. Reflect on implementation and challenges for the Regional IW R2R project and recommend appropriate measures to enhance achievement of project outcomes?
1. Discuss and ask questions for clarifications on timelines, specific tasks and associated outputs?

2. Discuss and provide inputs into the concept paper, whether or not there is interests to support designing a more streamlined R2R project in upscaling future R2R investments and ICM planning?
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH
Information Session:
Outcomes
Session 1: IW R2R Project (Key Outcomes)

DISCUSSION

Guiding question - What do you consider critical issues of the project needing focused discussion at the RSTC and RSC meetings?

- Project design overly ambitious
- COVID-19 pandemic direct impact on implementation
- Procurement processes are time consuming & lengthy thereby impact on implementation
- Need more time – national & regional activities
- Need more funds – regional activities
- Local capacity to implement technical assessments and related work of science-policy
Session 1: STAR R2R Project (Key Outcomes)

DISCUSSION

**Guiding question** - What do you consider critical issues of the project needing focused discussion at the RSTC and RSC meetings?

1. GEF Pacific R2R Program and 15 child projects (14 STAR + 1 Regional IW) way too ambitious and relatively poorly designed
2. Programmatic approach maybe universally considered best practice, however, remain challenging and practically difficult to apply in PICs
   - What are the common grounds?
3. Projects are at different level of implementation – some just started and others closing
4. What exactly is expected from STAR R2R projects – particularly from the Regional IW R2R Project?