

Pacific Regional Meeting to Follow-up on Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy

Apia, Samoa, 17-19 October 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Monday, October 17

10.00am – 10.30am: Official Opening Ceremony

10.30am – 10.45am: Coffee break

10.45am – 1.00pm:

Panel presentations on Pacific priorities (presentations by PIFS Chair and others, coordinated by CROP) and policy dialogue amongst participants on critical challenges and opportunities to be addressed by the region in the implementation of the MSI. *Objective: to begin to distill the priorities among the range of issues addressed in the MSI that should be the focus of the first implementation period.*

1.00pm – 2.30pm: Lunch

2.30pm – 5.30pm: Introduction of the Programmes to Operationalize the MSI prepared by DESA, and the CROP Agencies. Consideration of regional and sub-regional programming possibilities, involving the contributions of all regional organizations, agencies of the UN system and civil society with government representatives. This should include a review of the status of regional projects/programmes introduced at the IM (selected case studies to be coordinated by CROP. UN agencies are invited to bring their relevant programmes also).

Tuesday, October 18

9.00am – 10.30am: Consideration of national mechanisms and frameworks for most effective implementation of the BPOA/MSI,

and strategies to meet the monitoring and reporting obligations of the BPOA/MSI and other development platforms such as the MDGs. Linkages to other initiatives such as the UNDP MDG reporting framework will be discussed, as well as the Pacific NSDS project. *Objective: to secure the commitment of national decision-makers for more integrated, inter-disciplinary planning and programming, and more effective monitoring and reporting for sustainable development, with the support of appropriate national authority. The session should also focus on issues raised in paragraphs 82 and 84 of the MSI.*

10.30am – 10.45am: Coffee Break

10.45am – 1.00pm: Partnership discussion on partnerships for enhanced implementation, with opportunity for group consultation on specific initiatives, projects, programming. *Discussion on reporting requirements and assistance with data collection, database development and maintenance and related issues should be encouraged.*

1.00pm – 2.30pm: Lunch

2.30pm – 3.45pm: Partnership discussion on partnership initiatives with a view to including these in a regional indicative programming schedule for the first biennium. The active participation of representatives of civil society and the donor community is to be pursued during the entire morning session. *Intended to elicit stakeholder and donor response to the thematic priorities identified and partnership initiatives proposed for early attention.*

3.45pm – 4.00pm Coffee Break

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Review of the regional mechanism/ consultative framework for most effective coordinated, coherent implementation of the BPOA/MSI. *Objective: to ensure the best institutional arrangement that will provide broadest support for the region's sustainable development agenda.*

Wednesday October 19

9.00am – 10.30am: Consideration of integrated approaches to the implementation of the MSI – linkages and synergies between sectors, using the themes for CSD14/15 as example (climate change, energy, atmosphere and industrial development). *DESA will moderate a discussion on the linkages and synergies between these sectors, with a view to utilizing the outcome of this discussion as critical input to the special SIDS report to CSD-14 and to future CSD sessions, as well as to other UN meetings and conferences. Discussions should also be held on the manner in which non-CSD thematic areas that are part of the MSI will be discussed in future CSD sessions on the implementation of the MSI.*

10.30am – 10.45am: **Coffee Break**

10.45am – 1.00pm: Discussion on the role the Inter Agency Consultative Group (IACG) will play in support of national and regional sustainable development efforts and the regional structures required, including the participation of regional structures in the IACG.

1.00pm – 3.30pm: **Lunch**

3.30 pm – 5.00pm

Conclusion of the meeting

Broad elements of agreement will be discussed and recorded. Consideration and adoption of the meeting's report.