

**FIVE YEAR REVIEW OF THE MAURITIUS STRATEGY FOR FURTHER
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BARBADOS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SIDS (MSI+5)**

PACIFIC HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE
Port Vila, Vanuatu, 8-9 February 2010

Jointly organized by ESCAP/DESA

Background

In accordance with UNGA Resolution 63/213 (February 2009), ESCAP through its Pacific Operations Centre in conjunction with others is coordinating the preparation of National Assessment Reports (NARs) and a Regional Report for Pacific SIDS. This work will continue through November to mid January in preparation for the Regional Meeting in Port Vila 8-9th February 2010.

Following discussion and endorsement by the participants at the Vanuatu meeting, the final Regional Report will be submitted to: a) the ESCAP Commission meeting in Korea in May through the Special Body on the Pacific, as well as b) the UN Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) meeting also in May in New York for consideration at the SIDS Day which will act as the Preparatory Committee for the High level Meeting on MSI+5 review at the General Assembly at its 65th session later in September 2010.

The vulnerability of Pacific SIDS is without question, as has been recently demonstrated by the adverse impacts of the current global financial and economic crisis, coming on top of the 2007/2008 food and fuel crises, and the 2009 natural disaster events including the floods in Fiji in January, and the earthquake and tsunami in American Samoa, Samoa and Tonga in September, and the early January 2010 earthquake and tsunami in the Western Solomon Islands impacting an area which is still reconstructing infrastructure following similar events less than three years ago. Also during 2009 there have been two inter-island ferry disasters in Kiribati and Tonga, each with a substantial loss of life. Added to these is the deep concern shared by Pacific SIDS of the adverse impacts of climate change, including climate variability, increase in frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and sea level rise.

The MSI 5-year review process provides an opportunity to assess policy measures to address the adverse impacts of these events, including the degree of alignment of these responses with achievement of MDGs and the development of national sustainable development strategies.

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 8 February 2010 – Day One

08.00 – 08.45	Registration
08.45 – 09.30	Official Opening
	Opening Prayer
	Welcome and Opening of the Meeting (Prime Minister of Vanuatu)
	Keynote Address (Executive Secretary of ESCAP)
	Statement on behalf of Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Secretary General)

Election of Chair for the meeting

Statement on behalf of UNDESA
including a brief overview of historical perspectives

Appointment of Drafting Committee for Outcome Statement
[ESCAP to introduce]

09.30 – 10.00

Morning Tea

10.00 – 10.15

Session 1a: Introduction of Regional Report

[ESCAP]

10:15 – 12.00

Session 1b: National and Regional Enabling Environment (Covered in Regional Report CAP 2.1 – 3.5)

[Moderator - PIFS; Respondent - Palau]

Invited statements from Ministers will follow a brief introduction to the relevant sections of the Regional Report by UNESCAP staff; then facilitated discussions for Pacific SIDS delegates on ongoing and planned national and regional activities, including progress with National Sustainable Development Strategies or the like and the Pacific Plan, in further advancing MSI implementation, including governance and inter-agency coordination. Interventions from Observers will be integrated into these discussions.

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch

13.00 –15.00

Session 2: Assessments of MSI Implementation in addressing vulnerability in the Pacific SIDS region (Chapters 1-5 of the MSI, covered in Regional Report CAP 4.1-4.5)

[Moderator – ESCAP; Respondent – Solomon Islands]

Invited statements from Ministers will follow a brief introduction to the relevant sections of the Regional Report by UNESCAP staff; then facilitated discussions for Pacific SIDS delegates on ongoing and planned national and regional activities, focusing on Chapters 1-5 of the MSI. Interventions from Observers will be integrated into these discussions.

15.00 – 15.30

Afternoon Tea

15.30 –17.30

Session 3: Assessments of MSI Implementation in addressing vulnerability in the Pacific SIDS region (Chapters 6-9 and 17 of the MSI, covered in Regional Report CAP 4.6-4.11)

[Moderator – SPC; Respondent – Tonga]

Invited statements from Ministers will follow a brief introduction to the relevant sections of the Regional Report by UNESCAP staff; then facilitated discussions for Pacific SIDS delegates on ongoing and planned national and regional activities, focusing on Chapters 6-9 and 17 of the MSI. Interventions from Observers will be integrated into these discussions.

18.00 – 20.00

Reception

08.30 – 10:30 **Session 4: Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues including means of implementation of particular significance in MSI Implementation (Chapters 10-16, 18-19 and Chapter 20 of the MSI, covered in Regional Report CAPS 5 & 6)**
[Moderator – SPREP; Respondent – Kiribati]

Invited statements from Ministers will follow a brief introduction to the relevant sections of the Regional Report by UNESCAP staff; then facilitated discussions for Pacific SIDS delegates on ongoing and planned national and regional activities, focusing on Chapters 10-16, 18-19 and Chapter 20 of the MSI to improve on capacity-building efforts and international support in addressing vulnerabilities and in further advancing MSI implementation. Interventions from Observers will be integrated into these discussions.

10.30 – 11.00 **Morning Tea**

11.00 – 12.00 **Session 5: Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues including means of implementation of particular significance in MSI Implementation (contd)**
[Moderator – UNFPA; Respondent – Tuvalu]

Invited statements from Ministers will follow a brief introduction to the relevant sections of the Regional Report by UNESCAP staff; then facilitated discussions for Pacific SIDS delegates on ongoing and planned national and regional activities, focusing on Chapters 10-16, 18-19 and Chapter 20 of the MSI to improve on capacity-building efforts and international support in addressing vulnerabilities and in further advancing MSI implementation. Interventions from Observers will be integrated into these discussions.

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**

13.00 – 15.00 **Session 6: Recent trends and emerging issues**
[Moderator – UNDESA; Respondent – Samoa]

Invited statements from Ministers will follow a brief introduction to the relevant sections of the Regional Report by UNESCAP staff; then facilitated discussions for Pacific SIDS delegates on ongoing and planned national and regional activities to address the adverse impacts of recent multiple crisis, including the global financial crisis, the 2008 food and energy crisis, and including progress with the MDGs. Interventions from Observers will be integrated into these discussions.

15.00 – 1530 **Afternoon Tea**

15.30 – 17.30 **Session 7: Consideration of A Way Forward; (Endorsement of Meeting Outcome Statement and Regional Report)**
[Moderator – ESCAP; Respondent – Nauru]

Facilitated discussions for Pacific SIDS delegates on priority actions for the region in further advancing MSI implementation, including policy options, partnerships, etc.

17.30 – 18.00 **Closing:**

- Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Secretary General)
- ESCAP/DESA (Executive Secretary)
- Closing Address of the Pacific High Level Dialogue (President of Kiribati)

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