

CDC Progress Report:

- 1. Project title:** National Capacity Self Assessment Project
- 2. Executing Agency:** Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- 3. Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment & Ministry of Finance (Implementing Partner)

4. Background:

Over the past years, Samoa has been involved in various environmental programmes and projects at the regional and international levels. This saw a significant increase in the number of international and regional agreements and protocols Samoa has become a contracting party to. With the high demand placed on Samoa to meet the various obligations and requirements of these agreements and protocols, problems and constraints have been observed and experienced hence the National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA) project was adopted.

The general objective of NCSA is to ensure that all aspects of environment management and conservation are effectively assessed and analysed in order to achieve sustainable development goals in respect to obligations of regional and international programmes and protocols.

5. Project Objectives:

The objective of NCSA for Samoa is to carry out an assessment of Samoa's capacity to address global and local environmental issues and to develop a plan for implementation of key activities to achieve capacity building needs identified. These capacity needs relate to Samoa's obligations under the United Nation Convention on Biological Diversity; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

6. Summary of Overall Project Progress to date:

The project involves 5 phases in which it obligates to submit reports for each phases after they're completed. These 5 phases are (1) Inception phase; (2) Stocktaking phase; (3) Thematic Assessment Phase; (4) Cross-cutting phase and (5) Action Plan. The outcomes of the project are in the form of reports per phase as previously stated. The project thus far has achieved most of its outcomes with 2 outcomes remaining which are the Action Plan and the NCSA technical report to be completed before the year ends.

This CDC report will report on progress of the project particularly activities to achieve remaining outcomes:

- (1) Inception Phase**
Completed

- (2) **Stocktaking Phase**
Completed
- (3) **Thematic Assessment Phase**
Completed
- (4) **Cross-cutting Phase**
Completed
- (5) **Action Plan**
- Conduct a 3 day workshop for the write up of the Action Plan in November 2006
 - Produced first Action Plan draft report which was called the 'Samoa's Capacity Development Strategy' (SCDS) after the workshop
 - Project Management Unit (PMU) sub-committee held a 1 day workshop on 22 February 2007 to refine 1st Draft SCDS
 - Produced 2nd Draft SCDS after the workshop and was renamed as 'Environmental Capacity Strategy' (ECS)
 - ECS was re-submitted for further inputs from PMU sub-committee. Further comments were submitted producing the 3rd Draft ECS
 - PMU had a meeting on 12 April 2007 to discuss 3rd Draft ECS. Recommendations and suggestions were provided that the 3rd Draft ECS should be discussed with identified Ministries on their respective Project Profiles to confirm relevant actions to implement identified activities in the Action plan.
- (6.) **NCSA Technical Report**
- Activities implemented to achieve the NCSA process are noted for the report

7. Financial Update:

The NCSA has achieved an approximate of 75% delivery rate for the project so far which corresponds to the achievements of outcomes as per Annual Workplan and in compliance with UNDP monitoring and evaluation mechanism.

8. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the CDC approved this progress report.

9. Signature of Executing Agency



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10. Date

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