



**MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS**

# Minutes for NIE Working Group Meeting

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**Date:** Monday 11 August 2014, 2pm

**Attendees:** Edward Parker (EP), Lavinia Tama (LT), Ana Tiraa (AT), Vanessa Jenner (VJ), Boyd Ellison (BE), Miimetua Nimerota (MN)

**Absent:** Josh Mitchell(JM), Petero Okotai (PO), Edward Herman (EH), Michelle Aisake (MA)

## 1. Status Report

- USAid ADAPT conversation with Chris Manu noted possible readiness support once AFB application process is begun and feedback on areas of need identified.
- Green Climate fund (GCF) meeting noted deferred decision of application timing for GCF until after October meeting.
- UNEP contract received in-country for signature. Advice on LoV for Frankfurt/Akairo (VJ, EP)
- NIE Bangkok meeting in September – confirmed attendance of Ana and Lavinia
- USAid ADAPT meeting attendance discussed with Ana for follow up (AT)

## 2. Procurement

- MFEM website testing in progress, comms to follow
- Crown Law working on Terms and Condition changes in next few weeks
- Complaints process sitting with Janine for feedback
- Consider complaints process integrated into ACC work? (RN/EP)

## 3. AMC

- Akairo/Frankfurt meetings to discuss requirements for environmental and social safeguards
- Consultation document prepared and being finalised. Engagement workshops to be held with key stakeholders
- NB – DCD trial workshop on Wed 13 August

## 4. Anti-corruption Committee

- Letter of Variation needs to be completed (VJ)
- Note drafted to go from Richard to stakeholders enabling Frankfurt to directly contact (VJ)

## 5. Next Meeting –

- Workshop Monday 18 August, 2-4pm MFEM Conference room;
- Monday 25 August, 2pm at DCD offices.

## 6. Issues Register

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Response</i>	<i>Status</i>
Audit of all Govt Ministries	Audit is being fasttracked for MFEM, but we do not yet have clarity on need for audited accounts across government for NIE <i>and</i> PEFA	Frankfurt to give advise on NIE requirements Edward to update on overall plan	Report circulated C/Acts – Provide status check (LT)
Dates of Board meetings unknown	The board meeting timeline is not published for 2014 so there is no way to confirm the board meeting to ensure we meet the 3 month deadline	Frankfurt to follow up with accreditation panel	
Caretaker Government	Budget delays and PEFA delays	Delay submission to Q3	Decision taken to delay submission until end November. Revisit once elections have occurred
Dual process for AFB and GCF	Resource to manage application process for both funds	Seek further funding for Frankfurt support	Await decision for October Board meeting