



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

# Minutes for NIE Working Group Meeting

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**Date:** Thursday 3 July 2014, 11am

**Attendees:** Edward Parker (EP), Tina Newport (TN), Peter Tierney (PT), Michelle Aisake, Edward Parker (EP), Lavinia Tama (LT), Charmaine Dolan (CD), Nanise Okotai (NO)

**Apologies:** Ana Tiraa (AT), Vanessa Jenner (VJ), Kevin Carr (KC)

**Absent:** Petero Okotai (PO), Josh Mitchell (JM), Mii Nimerota (MN), Jeanine Daniel (JD), Teu Teulilo (TT), Edward Herman (EH)

## 1. Status Report

- AMC stakeholder note distributed
- Acknowledgement of Climate Change Cook Islands (CCCI) now being focal point for Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- Kevin working on code of conduct support to PSC and Anti-Corruption Committee (ACC) documentation (KC)

## 2. Procurement

- Further training support over June for specific ministries (EP)
- RN to sign off on updated templates and policy post debrief meeting (EP)
- Possibility of further training brought forward to half day in September (EP)
- Complaints process – Waiting on response (EP)
- Crown law – standardising CI contracts
- Website Improvements with OPM

## 3. AMC

- Local knowledge panel review conducted – Indigenising framework “Te Ato Vaka” metaphor (TN)
- 1 August - draft for consultation will be available (Akairo)
- Working Group, Akairo and DCD plan for consultation (BE)

## 4. Follow up action items

- Follow up funding sources/technical assistance for capability building (VJ/Frankfurt)
- Review of capital expenditure - old report (VJ/Akairo/PT)
- Follow up on Samoa NIE experience (Frankfurt/VJ)

## 5. Next Meeting

Monday 14 July, 2pm at DCD offices

Agenda to include a continuation of discussing how to approach the GCF NIE and funding process

## 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	