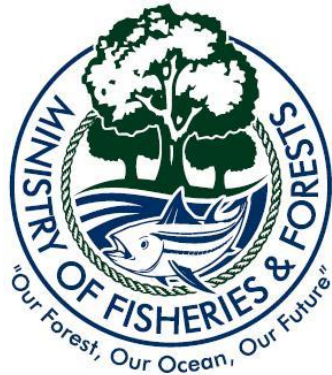


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# Fiji National REDD+ Programme Experience on KM and Communications Work



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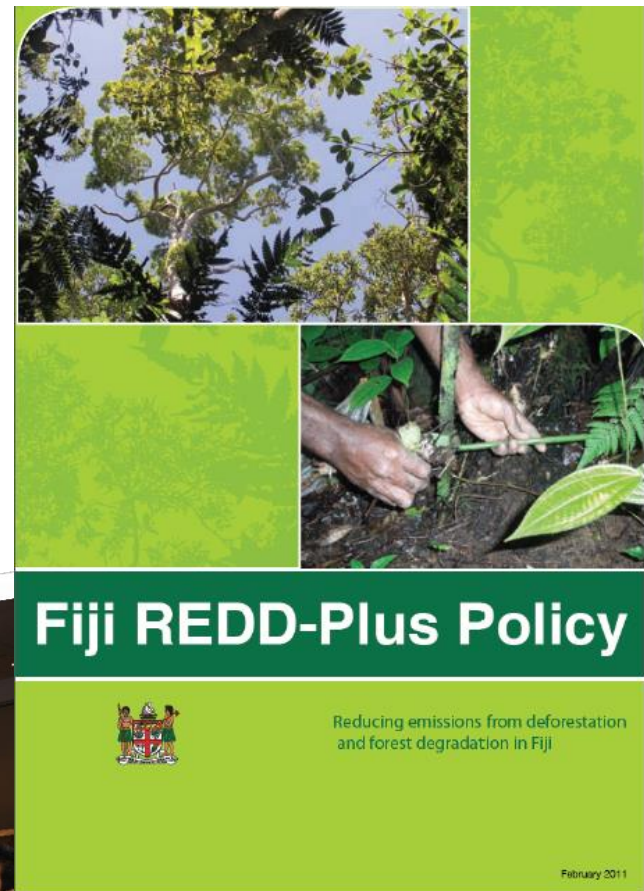
# Background of the Fiji National REDD+ Programme

- Fiji National REDD+ Programme 2009
- Focal Agency : Department of Forestry (REDD+ Unit)  
Ministry of Fisheries and Forests
- Implementation of the Programme guided by the REDD+ Steering Committee composed of members from various sectors and agencies
- REDD+ Secretariat (GIZ & REDD+ Unit support RSC)



# 2010 – 2011 Drafting of Fiji REDD+ Policy through Multi Stakeholder Consultation

- Launched in 2011





# 2010 - ongoing REDD+ and Climate Change Awareness & Information exchange

- Community awareness programs
- Awareness to various stakeholders
- National awareness programmes
- National, Regional, International awareness on Fiji REDD+
- Study tour to Fiji by Solomon Islands REDD+ team



# 2010 – ongoing Awareness & Capacity Building for local communities

- Wide awareness-raising and training of local community groups especially youth and women groups





# Development of an array of awareness and informational materials



## Learn about greenhouse gases



### What are greenhouse gases?

Greenhouse gases (GHG) have the ability to capture heat radiated from the Earth's surface and keep it warm. Without greenhouse gases, the temperature of the Earth would be too cold to support life. GHG are important to life on Earth, but we have to capture the excess greenhouse gases that are being released into the atmosphere.

### Global warming

Global warming will bring about changes in the number, patterns, seasons and intensity of weather. It will also cause a rise in sea level due to the melting of glaciers and ice sheets.

### Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) is a greenhouse gas

Methane is released from natural sources such as wetlands and oceans, and from human activities such as agriculture and landfills.

### Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) is a greenhouse gas

The main source of nitrous oxide is produced by the soil. It is also produced by the combustion of fossil fuels. Nitrous oxide is a powerful greenhouse gas and contributes to global warming.

## Growing crops in a changing climate



Growing crops on slopes

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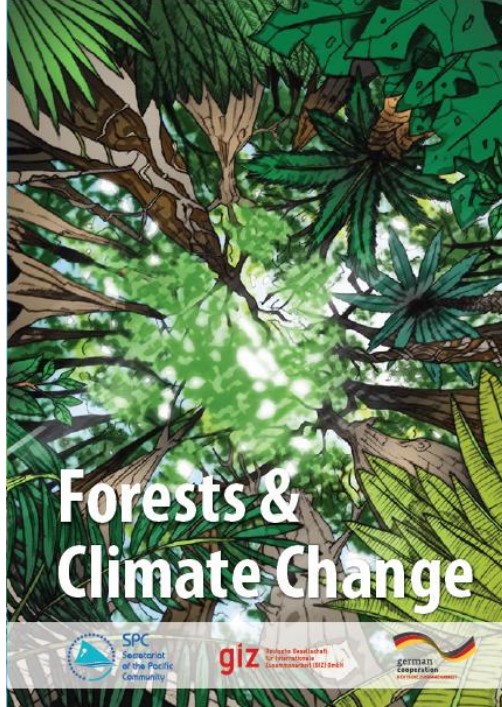
Agroforestry farming system

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## Forests & Climate Change

## Forests, Climate Change & REDD-Plus



## Forests, Climate Change & REDD-plus

### What is Climate Change?

Climate change is caused directly or indirectly by human activity that changes the composition of the global atmosphere and is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods.

### What causes climate change?

More greenhouse gases are accumulating in the atmosphere due to human activities. Greenhouse gases (GHGs) trap heat in the atmosphere and send it back to Earth. These gases occur naturally and keep the Earth at a temperature that allows life to thrive.

However, human activities, such as the use of fossil fuels, are releasing more GHGs into the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is the main anthropogenic (man-made) GHG emitted. As GHGs accumulate in the atmosphere, more heat is trapped and the temperature increases. This contributes to global warming which brings about changes in our climate.



## THE FIJI REDD-Plus Policy

The Fiji REDD-Plus Policy was endorsed by Cabinet on December 2011. The Policy will be implemented through a Fiji REDD-Plus Programme which will involve the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

- ### POLICY OBJECTIVES
- The Fiji REDD-Plus Policy has the overall objective of enhancing the national forest-based carbon balance by:
- Supporting and strengthening initiatives that address the drivers of forest-based carbon emissions; and
  - Encouraging the drivers of forest-based carbon sinks

### SAFEGUARDS

The following will be ensured for all REDD-Plus initiatives and projects in Fiji:

- The knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples will be protected and respected.
- Full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and other relevant stakeholders.
- Equitable distribution of benefits to high earners.
- Gender issues will be considered in all phases of planning and implementation.
- Clearer lines will be established to all phases of planning and implementation.
- Will result in the conservation of cultural heritage and promote the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and to enhance other social and environmental benefits.
- Consultation and cooperation with the objective of the Fiji Sustainable Economic and Employment Development Strategy (SEEDS) and relevant international commitments not withstood.



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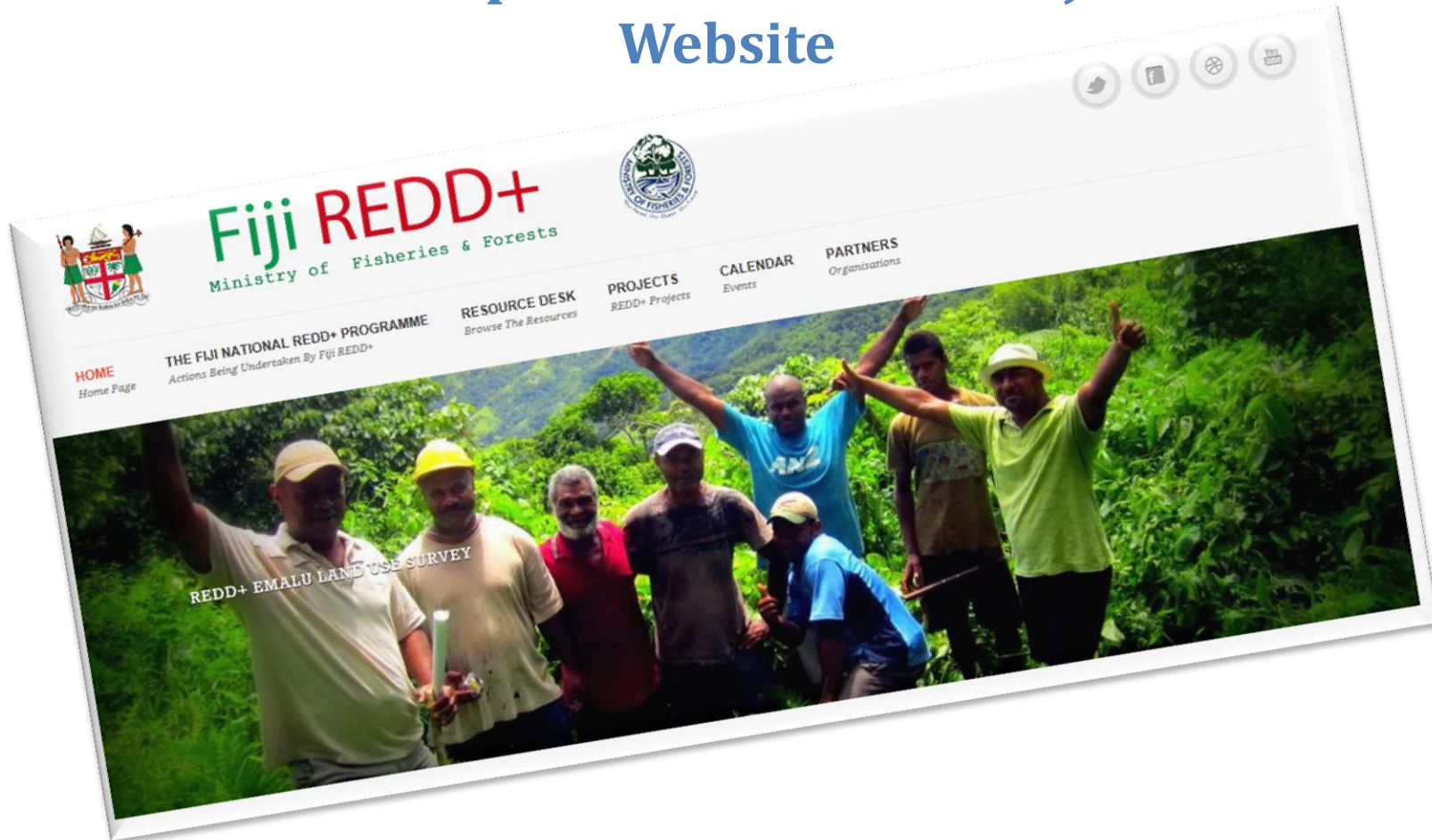
The National REDD+ programme is approved by the Executive of the Pacific Community (SPC) and German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)







# 2013 Development & Launch of Fiji REDD+ Website



- <http://fiji-reddplus.org/>

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- ADAPTATION** is essential plan to help people and nature withstand
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# 2013 -2015

## Fiji becomes FCPF participant country

- Fiji successfully submits readiness preparation proposal (RPP)
- Fiji RPP ranked in top 3
- USD3.8million grant committed to Fiji 2015 – 2019



# Communications Strategy Workshop May 2016





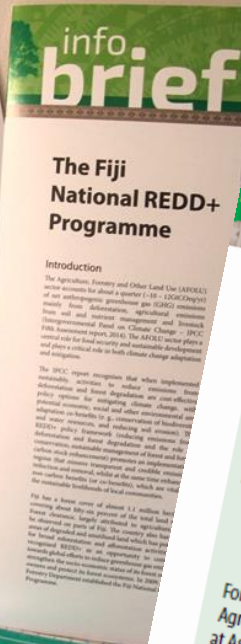
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## Opening of Fiji REDD+ Office



### Message from the Permanent Secretary for Fisheries and Forests, Mr Samuela Lagataki



**Bula Vinaka & Greetings.** I am honoured on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Forests Mr Owen Naisiga, to welcome you to the very first quarterly newsletter for the Fiji National REDD+ Programme under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which is geared towards sustainable forest and land use management to mitigate climate change. The National REDD+ program started in 2010 following the endorsement of the Fiji REDD+ Policy aligned well with most of the national policy instruments including Fiji's 2005 Rural Land Use Policy, the 2007 National Forest Policy, the 2014 National Growth Framework, the 2010 National Green Policy Agenda and the recently developed Sustainable Development Agenda 2020.

The overall objective of the REDD+ Program is to strengthen Fiji's efforts in managing our forest resources sustainably while at the same time mitigating national forest-based carbon balance for climate change by enhancing the supporting and strengthening initiatives that discourages the drivers of forest-based emissions at the same time encouraging take ownership.

The program has also put in place supporting institutional and legal frameworks to ensure transparency, good governance and observance of safeguards such as protection of the rights of indigenous resource owners.

The national REDD+ program is also addressing the technical components of

achievement of the time in Fiji culminated with the REDD+ Unit Office on the 22nd at the Management (MSD) in Colo-I-Suva. Secretary for the Ministry and Forests, Samuela Lagataki at the opening said that the Unit is to act as a contact point public on REDD+ issues, the National REDD+ Steering Committee and the Forestry Department, Development and Implementation (National REDD+ Programme, and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility) grant.

He said, includes the development of mechanisms to monitor forest carbon stocks, the development of social and environmental safeguard information systems and to facilitate awareness-raising and learning programmes on REDD+.

"These activities are all geared towards starting Fiji to participate in forest carbon trading mechanisms."

Mr Lagataki expressed his special appreciation for the amount of work that stakeholders had invested in the National REDD+ Programme in the past 7 years. "The committee is one of the most functional multi-sectoral bodies in Fiji and a great success story, which is even being recognised at international conferences and meetings."

Other guest speakers on the afternoon of the opening were Dr. Wolf Kilmann, Pacific Director of GEF (Coorman Agency for International Cooperation), and Mr. Saifur Raziq, Deputy Director of the Land and Resources Division of the Pacific Community (SPC). They gave an overview of the long and successful history of technical cooperation with Fiji in the forestry sector, which began in the 1980s, and reassured their commitment for further engagement.

The REDD+ Unit also houses the Forestry Department's REDD+ Capital





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## Push for sustainable development

Charlene Lanyon  
Thursday, August 04, 2016

DEVELOPMENT work in the country must be sustainable in order to limit the negative effects on the environment, says permanent secretary for the Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Meleti Bainimarama.

Speaking at the opening of the awareness workshop on climate change and the REDD+ program, Mr Bainimarama said the success of development projects depended on its sustainability.

"The programs that you are now doing in the field are very different from 20 years ago; there was no talk about climate change then," he said.

"We just did the development projects and moved on to the next place but the reason for this workshop is for us to get a grasp of what the relationship is between development projects and the sustainable use of the environment.

"This is to protect us from the ravages of climate change which is going to happen whether we like it or not because of the development of developed countries, we are going to feel the effects."

Mr Bainimarama said sustainable development was a national issue and all stakeholders needed to work together to address the issue.



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*Permanent Secretary for Rural & Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Meleti Bainimarama and participants of the Awareness Workshop on Climate Change and REDD+, at the Holiday Inn yesterday. Picture: JONA KONATACI*

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## Land use strategies

Charlene Lanyon  
Friday, August 05, 2016

HAVING a clear understanding of development programs and issues faced in various communities was important when formulating land use strategies.

Fiji's Conservator of Forests Eliko Senivasa made this statement whilst addressing participants at the awareness workshop on climate change and the REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) program in Suva on Wednesday.

"It is about the people and their livelihood, about good land management and so it is very important that this platform be used to raise awareness on our operations," Mr Senivasa said.

"REDD+ is focused on holistic land use planning and natural resource management, providing positive incentives to reduce pressure on forests, promoting alternative income sources and sustainable agricultural and forest management, targeting forests under threat and policy interventions and enforcement of legislation.

"In this platform we are bringing in people who are there on the ground who can move things on the ground as we want to scale this out to the national level."

Mr Senivasa said the programs and objectives of the REDD+ program needed to be the same as the national plan of the country.



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*Fiji's Conservator of Forests Eliko Senivasa (left) and deputy team leader, GIZ Coping with climate change in the Pacific Islands Christine Feng share ideas at the REDD+ workshop at Holiday Inn in Suva. Picture: JONA KONATACI*

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# Challenges encountered

- Tailor making REDD+ information to suit relevant target audiences
- Ensuring continuous support from Government partners, Civil Society Organizations, private sector etc.
- Ensuring continuous media support for dissemination of relevant information on REDD+



# Support requested from regional KM/Comms Specialist

- Training on Communications at sub regional level (Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands)
- Training on Knowledge Management
- Sharing of best practices of implementation of Communications Strategies
- Sharing of Lessons learnt, experiences shared on implementation of Communication activities





# Thank You

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